

Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 7th March 2025



Headteacher's Notes:

It is always a privilege to open up the school for parents for any 'open event', but I have to say that seeing the school full of family groups reading together on World Book Day, is one of my favourite sharing opportunities.

Yesterday (World Book Day 2025) certainly lived up to my expectations and it was lovely to see so many of you in school with us - thank you. I also appreciate that not everyone can visit during during working hours and so a further thank you to all families for helping children with fabulous character costumes, shopping with 'World Book Day £1' vouchers and simply reading together as a family. All academic research on the matter points to the massive impact of parental engagement and support with reading on enjoyment and attainment in the subject.

Please do speak to class teachers or myself with any questions about supporting your child's reading development. We can signpost to a huge wealth of resources and strategies that can both support and inspire.

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- Y1 enjoyed a creature-tastic visit from the 'Animal Experience' team on Friday last week.
- The Friends Quiz Night last week raised over £400 - and everyone had a fantastic time!
- We welcomed over 200 parents into school on Thursday to read with children as part of World Book Day 2025!
- We are all looking forward to British Science Week which starts on Monday (10th).
- An advance 'thank you' to all the pupils and family who are helping out at our Nature Garden 'Working Party' event this Sunday.

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Updates and Information



From The Friends



The adult Quiz Night on Friday 28th February was a roaring success - with over £400 raised for Friends funds. A great time was had by all who took part. Look out for further quiz night opportunities in the future!



Unfortunately, the planned 'Nearly New Sale' on Saturday 22nd March is now no longer going ahead. The committee are looking to potentially organise a family car-boot sale event in the upcoming months. Watch this space!

As always, a reminder to visit the Friends website for further information and to book tickets to any upcoming events.

www.pta-events.co.uk/esj



School Hall Update



During the half term break, the school hall floor received some much needed refurbishment. As one of our most used spaces on a daily basis, the floor takes a lot of use and we are delighted with the work that has taken place. Completely re-sanded and re-varnished, the floor looks fantastic and should be able to support assemblies, clubs, activities and lunchtimes for many years to come!

Updated Parent Contact Information


You are now able to update any new contact details (including email, mobiles and address) yourself via the Sims Parent site.

Just visit www.sims-parent.co.uk



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Scholastic
Book Fair
Friday 21st
March 2025
In The Gallery
3-4pm

**READ
YOUR WAY**

Competition - Read Your Way
Send in a photo of you reading your way.
Be creative!

The winner will receive a £15 voucher to
spend at the book fair!

Please send named entries in to your
class teacher by Friday 14th March 2025.

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

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Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

March

Sun 9th - Nature Garden Working Party
(10am - 12pm)

Mon 10th - Fri 14th - British Science Week

Tue 11th - Y6 Netball Team - Ely District
Competition (a.m.)

Wed 12th - Y5 Singing in Ely Cathedral (a.m.)

Fri 21st - Scholastic Book Fair in school (3pm -
4pm)



Long Term Dates:

March

Wed 26th + Thur 27th - Y3/4 Performances to
Parents

w/b Mon 31st Mar - Y5 Bikeability week

April

Fri 4th - Last day of Spring Term

Wed 23rd - Summer Term Starts

May

Mon 5th - May Day Bank Holiday - School
Closed

Mon 12th - Thur 15th - KS2 (Y6) Test Week


Mon 26th - Fri 30th - Half Term week



Term dates and staff training days for the [2024/25](#) and [2025/26](#) academic years can be found on our website:

www.elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk/website/term_dates/232278

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