

Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 4th October 2024



Headteacher's Notes:

I would like to say a huge thank you to the whole school community for the amazing amount and number of donations for Ely Foodbank that we received on Monday this week. We had so many items that the foodbank couldn't take everything in one go and are coming back for a second trip today! The foodbank team have asked me to share their appreciation of the school community's efforts - I know they were overwhelmed with what had been gifted to them.

The theme of sharing and food has been present throughout this week as the whole school have been thinking and learning about Harvest and how it is celebrated in different ways. Our visitors from St. Mary's Church were particularly impressed with the knowledge and thoughtfulness they encountered in the assemblies that they led and were able to answer questions from children in all year groups.

Please do check out the 'Calendar' page of the newsletter this week as there are lots of upcoming events and dates to be aware of - thank you!

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- We received a record-breaking number of donations for Ely Foodbank on Monday - thank you!
- We hosted visitor assemblies with Reverend Phil from St. Mary's Church as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations.
- Governors visited school to monitor safeguarding protocol and procedure.
- Our first 'Coffee Morning' event for parents was well attended and hosted by Family Worker, Michelle West.
- We had our first fire drill of the academic year - thank you to all year groups for keeping yourselves and others safe.

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Updates and Information

Primary and Secondary Applications for September 2025

Although it seems early to be thinking about the start of next academic year, the application deadlines for new intake primary and secondary pupils is rapidly coming up. Please share this information with anyone you can think of to whom this applies.

Primary School Applications - place for Foundation Stage (September 2025)

The application window for a place in Foundation Stage (starting school in September 2025) is already open and the deadline is 15th January 2025.

Visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions to apply.

We are excited to be having a number of tours of the school in the coming weeks for families thinking of applying for a place here at ESJ.

Please spread the word!



Tours for Prospective Foundation Stage Parents at Ely St. John's Primary School

We warmly invite parents of children starting Reception in September 2025 to join us on one of the dates below to tour our school and see for yourselves what makes our school community special.

Wednesday 16th October – 1:30pm
Friday 18th October – 9:00am and 1:30 pm
Wednesday 23rd October – 1:30pm
Friday 25th October – 9:00am and 1:30 pm
Thursday 7th November – 1:30pm
Friday 8th November – 9:00am and 1:30 pm
Thursday 14th November – 1:30pm
Friday 15th November – 9:00am and 1:30 pm

We look forward to meeting you!
Each tour has limited places, so please book in advance.

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Consult the school office to book your place now!



Secondary School Applications - place for Year Seven (September 2025)

A reminder for all of our Year Six parents that the application window for applying for a secondary school place is ending soon - the deadline is 31st October 2024. If you have any questions or concerns about the process, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us. We are always here to help. If you have not yet applied for a place, please visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions



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From The Friends



Friday 18th October – Children's Film Night



To secure a place/places for your child/children ,
book your ticket here:
www.pta-events.co.uk/esj

The cost is £3.00 per child, which includes a snack bag containing crisps, a chocolate snack and a drink. The deadline for the pre-event price is Wednesday 16th October.

Friends – Summer Reading Challenge

A huge well done to all of the children who took part in the Friends 'Summer Reading Challenge' and were sponsored to do so.

We raised over £1,500 - money which will go towards supporting hundreds of new books for the library. Thank you!



Upcoming Friends dates/events...

Fri 15th November - (before school 8:35am - 8:50am) Tombola Donations for Friends Christmas Fayre

Sat 30th November - (2:00pm - 4:00pm) Friends Christmas Fayre

Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

Wed 16th Oct

- Start of new intake EYFS Parent tours (until 15th November)

Fri 18th Oct

- Friends 'Film Night'

Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov

- Half Term Week.

Please note - during half term

Thur 31st Oct

- Secondary School Application deadline



Long Term Dates:

November

Mon 4th - Training Day (School Closed)

Tue 5th - Y6 visiting Careers Fair at Ely Cathedral

Mon 11th - Parent Consultation Week

Tue 12th - Coffee Morning Event with Michelle West (Family Worker)

Fri 15th - Tombola Donations for Friends Christmas Fayre

Fri 15th - Children in Need day

Wed 20th - Y5 Trip (Cambridge Science Centre)

Sat 30th - Friends 'Christmas Fayre'

December

Fri 6th - Y2 Visit to St. Mary's Church

Wed 18th - Autumn Term Music Concert

Thur 19th - School Christmas Dinner day



Term dates and staff training days for the 2024/25 academic year can be found on our website:

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