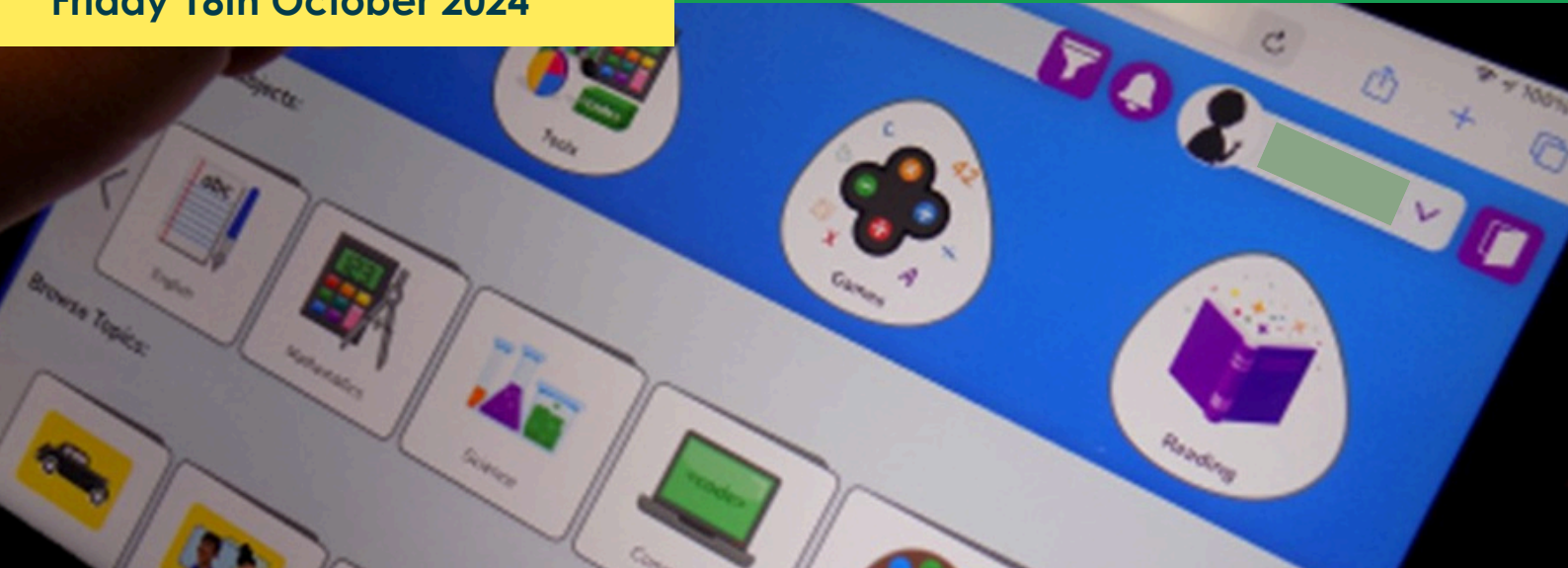


# Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 18th October 2024



## Headteacher's Notes:

As I have done previously at this stage of the year, I have been meeting with groups of pupils from each year group at lunch-time this week to discuss their start to the school year and to discuss how they feel they are doing. These conversations have been fantastic and extremely useful for me to discover aspects of 'pupil voice' that I might otherwise miss.

Top positives mentioned repeatedly this week include practical science experiments, outdoor P.E. sessions, Computing lessons, the number of after-school clubs on offer and Maths! I've also listened to constructive feedback about how lunch-times could be improved, how assemblies could be made more exciting and how we could do more singing! I have promised to share all my notes with the School Council at their next meeting.

This busy half term continues tonight with our Friends 'Film Night' Thank you for your support with all the fabulous Friends events - I know I will see you lots of you there!

Mr. Henson

## ESJ at a Glance

- The first of twelve tours of the school for our new intake Foundation Stage 2025 began this week.
- Our first Friends 'Film Night' of the year is today!
- Information about the new online sign-up system for Parent Consultations was sent out to parents.
- After the success of the EYFS Phonics Parent Information event, next up is the Y2 Maths Parent Information event (Tue 22nd Oct - 6pm)
- We hit 300 followers on our 'X' (Twitter) feed - follow us @ESJ\_Primary

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# Updates and Information



## Parent Consultations

As you will be aware from the letter sent to parents earlier today, we are using a new online system for booking Parent Consultation times with your child's class teacher. We very much hope that this will make the booking process much more efficient and easier to access for families.

Parent Consultations will be taking place in the week beginning Monday 11th November, and the booking system will go 'live' next week - a further email will be sent out to confirm the exact time for this.

As with any new system, if you experience any problems or difficulties, please do get in touch and we will be happy to help out.

## ESJ School Football Teams

Our first sporting update of the new school year comes in the form of our Y5/6 football teams.

Massive congratulations and well done to the Boys team who finished a brilliant second in the ten team Ely area tournament two weeks ago. A great team effort boys!

Good luck to the Girls team who are taking part in the Girls Ely area competition next week. We are sure you will do the school proud!



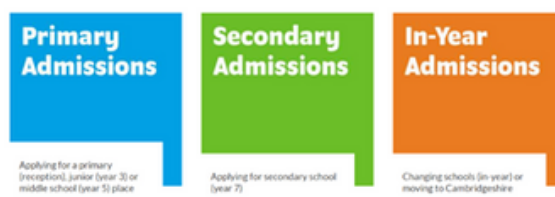
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## Secondary School Applications for September 2025

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](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions)



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# Updates and Information



From The Friends



## Friday 18th October – Children's Film Night



Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and to all the parent volunteers who are helping out. It is all set to be a fantastic evening!

Next up...

## Friday 8th November

Join us for our inaugural ESJ PTA does BINGO Night!

Bring your own drinks and bring your friends for what promises to be a great night out - it's just £8 per person or £7 if you book a table for 6, with all funds raised supporting our school. We'll also have soft drinks and crisps for sale, but you're welcome to bring your own drinks and snacks (no nuts).

There are big cash prizes to be won over 4 games - £20 for the first full house and a fiver for the first full line in each game. Grown-ups only, so have a night off and join us for some fun. Everyone is welcome!

Sign up at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/esj/>

## 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



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# Calendar

## Upcoming Dates:

### Tue 22nd Oct

- Y2 Parent Information Event - Maths (6pm)

### Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov

- Half Term Week

*Please note - during half term*

### Thur 31st Oct

- Secondary School Application deadline

### Mon 4th Nov

- Training Day (School Closed)

### Tue 5th Nov

- Y6 visiting Careers Fair at Ely Cathedral

### Fri 8th Nov

- Photograph Day



## Long Term Dates:

### November

**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' non-uniform day

**Wed 20th** - Y5 Trip (Cambridge Science Centre)

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

### December

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

**Wed 18th** - Autumn Term Music Concert

**Thur 19th** - School Christmas Dinner day

**Fri 20th** - Last Day of Term



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

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