

# Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 3rd October 2025



## Headteacher's Notes:

In order for a school to be run well, to ensure pupil progress, to support staff and maintain a continued drive for improvement there are many elements that need to work well together. One key part of this is our school governing body - a group of dedicated and skilled volunteers who support the leadership team in every aspect of strategic school management. Governors play a vital role in the leadership of the school by providing both support and challenge to school leaders. This includes oversight of statutory obligations, approval of significant changes, monitoring of pupil progress as well as visits to see the school in action.

The governors are currently looking for any parents in our school community who might be interested in finding out more about the role of a governor and potentially putting themselves forward for a position within the team. If there is significant interest we may need to run a parent governor election - watch this space!

If this does interest you, please contact the school office via our email address - [office@elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk) It would be helpful if you could share a bit about yourself, why you are interested in becoming a governor and what skills you would be able to bring to the role. Thank you!

Mr. Henson

## ESJ at a Glance

- Our Y6 football team won the Ely Area Active Play football tournament against eight other schools last week. Well played team!
- We welcomed Rev. Matthew from St. Mary's Church on Thursday for our special Harvest assemblies for all year groups.
- Ely Foodbank were able to collect a school record amount of donations from us on Monday. Thank you to everyone who was able to donate!
- The NHS Flu Vaccination team visited us last week and carried out over 300 vaccinations for pupils.
- We are excited to be starting our new intake EYFS parent tours next week - the school is looking great!



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# Updates and Information

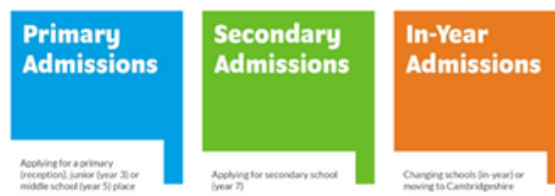


## Parent Consultations

Our first Parent Consultations of the school year will be taking place in the week before half term on Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (the consultations for Mr. Poli's Year 3 class will, however, take place in the week after half term). The online booking system will go 'live' on Wednesday next week - an email will be sent out at the start of next week to confirm the details of how to book a slot and which days each class teacher is available. Foundation Stage pupils and any other new starters will receive a hard copy letter with how to complete this process.

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

## Secondary School Applications for September 2026



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 2025**. 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)

## New Intake Reception 2026 Parent Tours

Please see opposite for a reminder of the dates and times for upcoming tours. Please share with anyone you know with a child starting primary school in September 2026.

## ESJ School Football Team

Our first sporting update of the new school year comes in the form of our Y6 football team.

Massive congratulations to the team who won the nine team Ely Area tournament last week, playing some fantastic football. A great team effort!





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

**Do you have a child starting Reception in September 2026?**

The team at Ely St. John's Primary School warmly invites prospective parents to join us on one of the dates below to tour our school and see for yourselves what makes our school community special.

**Wednesday 8th October—1:30pm**  
**Thursday 16th October—6:00pm and 6:45pm**  
**Thursday 23rd October—9:30am**  
**Wednesday 5th November—1:30pm**  
**Thursday 6th November—9:30am**  
**Thursday 13th November—6:00pm and 6:45pm**

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

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*Contact the school office to book your place now!*





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## From the Friends



There's lots going on in the next few weeks - see opposite...

Also, don't forget that the Friends are holding an informal drop-in on Monday 6th October at The West End pub from 7pm. To find out more, please email Fran at [thefriendsofesj@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thefriendsofesj@hotmail.co.uk) and we'll send you the details

Please do visit our webpage for any further Friends information or to purchase tickets for our events <https://www.pta-events.com/esj/>



## 'Art for Schools' Competition

Look out for the 'Art in Schools' vouchers now being published each week in the Ely Standard. The more we can collect, the more chance ESJ will have in receiving a share of the £10,000 of fantastic art resources! Thank you!

Collected vouchers can be posted into one of the Friends boxes - located in the school foyer or outside on the external wall between Y2 and Y3.



## Smartphone Free Childhood Event



Guest Speaker: Amy Ruffell,  
Cambridgeshire's Lead for  
Smartphone Free Childhood

*Worried about your child's smartphone use?*

*Wondering when to give them their first  
smartphone?*

*Keen to chat to other parents about phones?*

Come along for an open, honest, non-  
judgmental conversation about the impact of  
smartphones on childhood



### When

7.30pm,  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>  
October 2025

### Where

Ely St Johns  
Community Primary  
School  
St John's Rd, Ely CB6  
3BW

FREE EVENT



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# Calendar

## Upcoming Dates:

### October

#### **Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Oct**

- Y3 Cambridge Trip

#### **Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Oct**

- Smartphone Free Childhood - Ely Parent Event at ESJ (7:30pm)

#### **Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Oct**

- Friends AGM Meeting (7:00pm)

#### **Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Oct**

- Friends Non-Uniform Day

#### **Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Oct**

- Y2 Ely Library Visit

#### **Tue 21<sup>st</sup> - Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct**

- Parent Consultation Days

#### **Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct**

- Friends Halloween Disco Night

## Long Term Dates:

### October

#### **Mon 27<sup>th</sup> - Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Oct**

- Half Term Break

### November

#### **Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov**

- School Closed - Teacher Training Day

#### **Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Nov**

- Autumn Term Resumes

#### **Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Nov**

- Friends Christmas Fayre

### December

#### **Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec**

- Last Day of Autumn Term



Term dates and staff training days for the 2025/26 academic year can be found on our website:

**[www.elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk/website/term\\_dates/232278](http://www.elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk/website/term_dates/232278)**



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