

Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 19th September 2025



Headteacher's Notes:

One of the things that we are most proud about here at ESJ is our fantastic and supportive school community. Whether it is staff, pupils, parents, the Friends, governors or our local residents, I see all groups working hard together to make sure that we can offer the very best opportunities for all the children who we welcome into school each day.

It is always a particular pleasure to welcome new families and pupils into our community and I know that they always receive a very warm welcome. With this in mind, and with the aim of extending our community even more, I would like to share with you all the upcoming dates for tours of the school for pupils who will be in Reception in September 2026. Even if this doesn't apply directly to you, if you know of any families with school starters next September, please do share out contact details with them. Thank you. Our welcome tours are always only a phone call away!

We do have a number of places in other year groups as well and always welcome the opportunity to support in-year admissions - do please share this information with any families you know looking for a welcoming, supportive and forward-looking school. We look forward to adding to our school community very soon!

Mr. Henson

Welcome to ESJ!

See below for new intake EYFS tours...



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
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to book your
place now!



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Updates and Information

Safe Access to the School Site (Drop Off Bay in Car Park)



A polite reminder that the drop off parking bay in the school car park is not for short stay parking (unless with prior permission). No vehicle should be left unattended in this area and any pupils being dropped off should walk themselves onto the school playground. We have noticed that this area has become very congested on occasions recently and been used as a car parking spot. Please help us to ensure our site is as safe as possible by adhering to the 'drop off' only expectations here - thank you.



From the Friends



Annual General Meeting - All Welcome!

The Friends of Ely St John's PTA Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 13th October at 7pm in the school staff room. Everyone is welcome – we would love to see you there!

Please come along to hear how we've supported the school this year, the fantastic fundraising we've achieved together, and how the money has been spent to benefit our children.

We are always looking for new members to join our team, either as volunteers to help at events or as Trustees of the charity. This year we are particularly keen to find people who can help with:

- Managing our social media
- Designing posters and graphics
- Helping run events

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

If you'd like to join our friendly team, we'll also be holding an informal drop-in on 6th October at The West End Pub from 7pm to find out more. Please email Fran at thefriendsofesyj@hotmail.co.uk and we'll send you the details

Friends Website

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



FRIENDS OF ELY ST JOHN'S

Information about events for this term and the ability to book tickets will be shared very soon!



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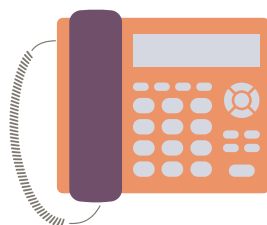
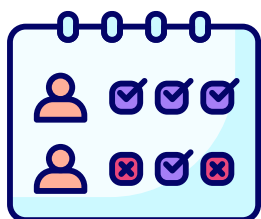
Reporting Pupil Absence



We would like to remind all parents that, if your child is unwell and off school, please phone the school office (01353 612780) by 9:15am on the day of absence to leave a message.

Failure to do so will mean that the school office will need to contact you to find out the reason for absence. In the event that the school office has not been able to ascertain the reason for absence, our policy is to conduct a 'Live and Well' check by sending a senior member of staff out to visit your home to check that all is ok.

A significant amount of office and staff time can be wasted chasing reasons for pupil absence - please support us to minimise this as much as possible! Thank you.



Smartphone Free Childhood


We are pleased to be hosting an exciting Ely-wide event for parents on Wednesday 8th October (7:30pm). If you are interested in finding out more about smartphones, have questions that you would like to ask or just want to hear from other parents, then please do consider attending. Entry is free and it promises to be a fantastic event! No tickets required - just come along!

Ahead of the meeting, you might be interested to hear from one of the new Smartphone Free Childhood ambassadors - **Sara Davies** MBE. Sara is well known as a Dragon's Den star and entrepreneur, but is also a mother of two - hear her thoughts here...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4pH2ZTmsw&t=114s>





Kids and Smartphones

an information evening for parents

Everyone welcome

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 8th
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:

September

Mon 22nd Sept

- Flu Vaccination Day for pupils

Tue 23th Sept

- Ely College 'Roadshow' at Ely College for prospective parents (5:30pm).

Thur 25th Sept

- Ely College 'Roadshow' at Ely College for prospective parents (5:30pm).

Fri 26th Sept

- Football Tournament (a.m.) (Y6 Team)

Mon 29th Sept

- Donations for Ely Foodbank - Harvest

Tue 30th Sept

- EYFS Parents - Phonics Information Session (6:00pm)

Tue 30th Sept

- Y6-7 Open Evening - Ely College

Long Term Dates:

October

Tue 7th Oct

- Y3 Cambridge Trip

Wed 8th Oct

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

Mon 13th Oct

- Friends AGM Meeting (7:00pm)

Thur 16th Oct

- Girls Football Tournament (a.m.) (Y6 Team)

w/b Mon 20th Oct

- Parent Consultations this week

Tue 21st Oct

- Y2 Ely Library Visit

Mon 27th - Fri 31st Oct

- Half Term Break



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



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