

Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 5th September 2025



Headteacher's Notes:

I would like to use these first notes of the new academic year to welcome you all to the 2025/26 school year and say how impressed I have been with the first few days of the term. Having been able to visit all classes and year groups, I have seen engaged and excited pupils keen and ready to learn across all years. Staff have commented on the calm and purposeful atmosphere around the school and I have seen our 'EJ Way' in action everywhere I've been. I'd like to extend a particular welcome to all of the children and families in our new Foundation Stage year group. It was lovely to see all of our newest pupils in class today and, judging by the smiles and laughter at pick up time, it has been a very positive start all round.

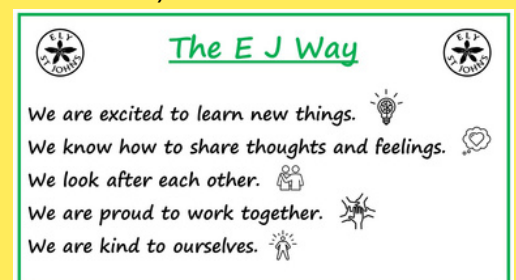
Please can I urge all families (as mentioned on page 3 of this newsletter) to let the school office know of any personal updates that are required. Lots can change over the summer break and it's vital that we have current contact, medical and other details for all pupils. Thank you!

As always, please do email me or come or speak to me on the playground with any questions or feedback about anything at all. Here's to a fantastic year ahead - I'm looking forward to it!

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- We have started the new school year brilliantly in all of our year groups and new routines and expectations are well underway.
- Our new suite of Friends funded pupil laptops have arrived in school and are starting to be used in Key Stage 2 already!
- The Foundation Stage team have completed home visits for all our new Reception pupils this week - and the children spent their first time in school with us today!
- My assembly theme for this week - our EJ Way...



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Updates and Information

Safe Access to the School Site (Lane Gate Entrance)

Many of you will have already seen that work took place over the summer break to clear the overgrown hedge on the path next to the 'Lane Gate' entrance at the front of the school. The hedge has been fully cut back to the fence and the whole of the path is now visible.

This path and area does get very busy at the start and end of the school day so please take care and stick to the path! We have been working with the local residents to make sure that safe vehicle access to their properties is maintained at all times and we thank you for your co-operation with this.

A final reminder that the lane is a private road and should not be used by any parents or school visitors in cars. Thank you.



From the Friends



Summer Reading Challenge

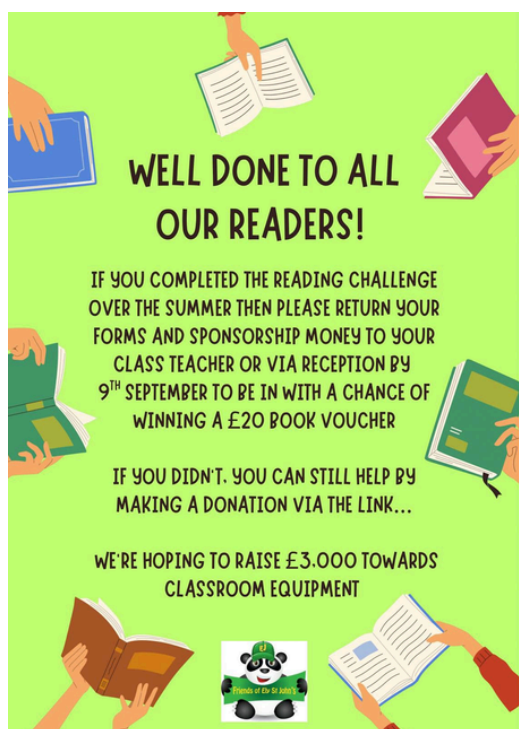
Thank you to everyone who took part! As the poster opposite says, please return any forms and sponsorship money by Tuesday 9th September - thank you!

The link for donations to the Friends to support the work we do is...
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/esjclassrooms>

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/>

Information about events for this term will be shared very soon!



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Family Updates

As we begin the start of the new year, please let the school office know of any important updates in contact, family or medical information. It is essential that all of our school records are as up to date as possible and that any changes from last academic year are recorded.

With this in mind, please email office@elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk with...

- any changes to contact details (especially updated email addresses and mobile phone numbers);
- any planned changes from last year with your child's school dinner patterns;
- any updated dietary requirements or new allergies;
- any medical updates.



If you have any questions or other information that you feel it would be useful for school to be aware of, please do get in touch. Thank you!

Safeguarding at Ely St. John's

Here at Ely St. John's, we are committed to the vital contribution that all staff and governors make to safeguarding and the protection and welfare of our children.

We aim to foster an atmosphere of trust, respect and security by providing a caring, safe and nurturing environment which promotes the social, physical and mental welfare of all our children. All safeguarding and welfare concerns are handled sensitively, professionally and in ways that support the specific needs of the individual child. Should you have any concerns at any time, please speak to a member of staff or ask to see one of the school designated safeguarding leads.

Please visit our dedicated pages of the website for further information on all matters safeguarding and child protection.

The Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Staff
at Ely St. John's are...



Mr. Henson
(Designated Safeguarding Lead)



Miss. Lloyd
(Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)



Mr. Preston
(Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Nominated Governors for Safeguarding and Child Protection:
Lis Every and Vickie Jameson

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Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

Mon 8th Sept

- EYFS in school until 11:45am.

Tue 9th Sept

- EYFS in school until 11:45am.
- Y2 Raptor Foundation in school visit

Wed 10th Sept - Fri 12th Sept

- EYFS in school until 1:15pm.

Mon 15th Sept

- EYFS in school full-time from today

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).

Term Dates 25/26:

Autumn Term 2025

Training Day (School Closed)	Monday 1 st September
Autumn Term opens	Tuesday 2 nd September
Half Term	Monday 27 th Oct. – Friday 31 st Oct.
Training Day (School Closed)	Monday 3 rd November
Autumn Term ends	Friday 19 th December

Spring Term 2026

Training Day (School Closed)	Monday 5 th January
Spring Term opens	Tuesday 6 th January
Half Term	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February
Spring Term ends	Friday 27 th March

Summer Term 2026

Training Day (School Closed)	Monday 13 th April
Summer Term opens	Tuesday 14 th April
May Day (School Closed)	Monday 4 th May
Half Term	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May
Summer Term ends	Friday 17 th July
Training Day (School Closed)	Monday 20 th July



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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