

# Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 17th October 2025



## Headteacher's Notes:

One of our school priorities for this academic year is to ensure that the Ely St. John's school name is known and admired not just amongst our own school community but also in the wider Ely city community. I have challenged staff and pupils (and families!) to look for opportunities for the school to get involved and contribute positively to projects, events and experiences beyond the school gates.

We've certainly hit the ground running already with this challenge so far, even though we're just a few weeks into the year. In the last two weeks we've seen the school exhibit artwork at Ely Cathedral, host an event for all schools and parents across Ely, win two local football competitions and receive a special letter of thanks from Ely Foodbank for the incredible amount of donations that were given to them by us all. What an effort already!

If any parents know of opportunities for the school and our pupils to get involved in any suitable community events or projects then do please get in touch with us via the school office - or speak to me on the playground or in the corridors of school next week at Parent Consultations! We are always looking to add to our offer and welcome your input.

Mr. Henson

## ESJ at a Glance

- Our Friends non-uniform day today was a great success! Thank you for bringing in so many bottles that can be used at the upcoming Christmas Fair (29<sup>th</sup> Nov)!
- The intake September 2026 new parent tours have started and we've received lots of positive comments from so many parents!
- Our Girls football team won the Ely Area Active Play football tournament against four other schools yesterday. Well played team!
- The Smartphone Free Childhood event ESJ hosted last week was very well attended by parents and professionals from across Ely and beyond!
- We are excited to be welcoming families into school next week for our Parent Consultations!



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# Updates and Information



## Parent Consultations – Booking Reminder!

A final reminder that our first Parent Consultations of the school year will be taking place next week on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 closes on Monday (20<sup>th</sup> October) at 10am, so please book your place over the next few days if you haven't done so already!**

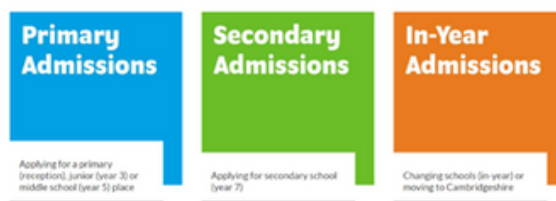
If you experience any problems or difficulties with the booking process, please do get in touch and we will be happy to help out.



## Secondary School Applications for September 2026



Apply for a school place



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)

## Ely Cathedral Harvest Celebrations

Thanks to pupils from one of the ESJ art clubs, the school was represented at Ely Cathedral's special Harvest celebrations last weekend. Schools were invited to share artistic interpretations of some of produce that farmers harvest each year. Check out our display below...



## ESJ Girls Football Team



A huge well done to the ESJ Girls football team who won the five team Ely Area tournament on Thursday. Despite it being the first time the team had played together, the girls played some superb football and fully deserved to come home with the trophy! Well played team!

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## From the Friends



As always, there's lots going on in the next few weeks - see opposite... tickets are selling fast!

**THANK  
YOU**

Thank you for all of the 'bottle' donations as part of today's non-uniform day. All the donations have been very gratefully received and will be able to be used at the Christmas Fair!



An extra big thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Friends AGM meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October. It was fantastic to see lots of new faces and to have new additions to the Trustees. Thank you! Please do visit our webpage for any further Friends information or to purchase tickets for our events

<https://www.pta-events.com/esj/>

## Smartphone Free Childhood Event

ESJ was delighted to be able to host the Ely Area Smartphone Free Childhood event last week. Over sixty parents and professionals from across Ely attended and were able to discuss all aspects of smartphone use and e-safety for young people.

You may not know that over 25% of ESJ parents have signed the 'parent pact' to delay giving smartphones to children until at least age fourteen.

The 94 ESJ families that have 'signed up' puts the school high up the county 'pledge leaderboard'.

To find out more, just visit...  
<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/sign-the-parent-pact>



| SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD                  |       |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| Leaderboard                                |       |
| School                                     | Pacts |
| Milton Road Primary School ↗               | 128   |
| King's College School ↗                    | 104   |
| Mayfield Primary School ↗                  | 103   |
| Histon and Impington Park Primary School ↗ | 97    |
| Ely St John's Community Primary School ↗   | 94    |



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# Calendar

## Upcoming Dates:

### October

#### **Tue 21st Oct**

- Y2 Ely Library Visit

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

- Parent Consultation Days

#### **Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct**

- New Intake EYFS Parent Tour (9:30am)

#### **Fri 24th Oct**

- Friends Halloween Disco Night

#### **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

## Long Term Dates:

### November

#### **Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Nov**

- School Individual Photograph Day

#### **Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Nov**

- Friends Adult Bingo Night

#### **Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Nov**

- National Child Height and Weight Measurement Programme (EYFS + Y6)

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

- Friends Christmas Fayre (2pm - 4pm)

### 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:

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