

Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 21st November 2025



Headteacher's Notes:

In preparation for one of our upcoming school governors' meetings, I have been working on all aspects of pupil attendance. With this in mind, I wanted to highlight to you all both the importance of good attendance and the impact on lost learning that poor attendance can have. There are times when we are all not well, and being absent from school to rest and recover is the best option, and we obviously do recognise and support that. For your information though, many studies have shown the correlation between good attendance and academic attainment and progress - something we fully endorse here at ESJ. National guidelines for attendance and the impact of late arrivals across are shown below..



Thank you for your support in being here, on time, every day - it really does make a difference!

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- Our non-uniform day for 'Children in Need' was a great success and raised nearly £500 for the charity!
- As part of our 'Anti-Bullying Week' work, Y4, 5 and 6 welcomed performers from King's Ely School to share with us their anti-bullying message and role-play of different school scenarios.
- Also in Anti-Bullying Week, our 2025 'Odd Socks Day', celebrating individuality and diversity was our best ever - there were too many socks to count but it was certainly a record breaking year!
- Thank you for all of the many donations today for the Friends 'Tombola' stall at the Festive Fair.
- Just eight days and counting until our fabulous 'Friends Festive Fair' next Saturday..!

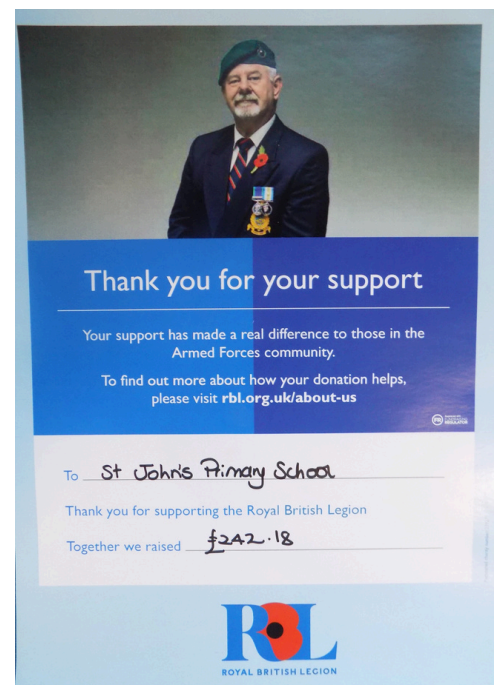
Updates and Information

Amazing Support for our charities – thank you!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our whole school community for the generous donations that we have received over the past two weeks for both 'Children in Need' and the Royal British Legion's 'Poppy Appeal'. Both charities have been in touch with us to share just how grateful they are for the fundraising that we have done.

Alongside the money raised, it has also been fantastic to see the children in school learning about remembrance and why we recognise this every 11th November, as well as finding out about lots of the charities that support children in the UK today who are perhaps not as fortunate as most of us.

Thanks to your amazing efforts we raised **£242.18** for the 'Poppy Appeal' and **£497.13** for 'Children in Need'...



Winter Weather Reminder



The arrival of the first cold weather of the winter this week is a good opportunity to remind everyone to please make sure that pupils have suitable warm coats, gloves and hats in school each day. As well as being outside at break and lunch time every day, pupils will continue to have sessions outside when appropriate in their curriculum - so keeping warm is essential. Thank you!

Ely College – Mobile Phone Update



If any parents missed the update letter emailed out a few weeks ago from Ely College regarding their policy on mobiles phones in school - please visit https://www.elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk/mobile_phones Ely College no longer have phones used in any curriculum learning, and are committed to continuing their 'off and out of sight' policy throughout the school day. Please do read the letter for more details.

Updates and Information



From the Friends



We are really looking forward to welcoming lots of you to the **'Friends Festive Fair'** on Saturday 29th November. It is always a fantastic event for all the family and 2025's fair is definitely going to be the best ever!

Raffle Tickets on sale...

Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance from <https://esj.sumupstore.com/>

A reminder...

Next Friday (28th November) before school, we are collecting any donations for the Cake Stall that you are able to provide. Thank you!



See You There



Volunteers Welcome!

We are still looking for volunteers to help out with different elements of the Festive Fair next Saturday. If you are able to offer your support (it can just be for part of the fair - not necessarily the whole thing) it would be very much appreciated. Please email the Friends via the email address - thefriendsofesj@hotmail.co.uk

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

My Child's Art - Christmas Cards



A reminder that the 'My Child's Art' portal is open for orders for those who designed Christmas cards - just visit www.mychildsart.co.uk/order

The 'Early Bird' purchase discount (extra 10% off) ends on Wednesday (26th) next week, so don't delay!



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Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

November

Mon 24th Nov

- St. Mary's Church staff visiting Y6 classes

Fri 28th Nov

- Cake Donations for Friends Festive Fair (8:40am)

Sat 29th Nov

- Friends Christmas Fayre (2pm - 4pm)

December

Wed 3rd Dec

- Year 2 class (Mr. Killick) visit to St. Mary's Church

Thur 4th Dec

- EYFS Nativity Performance to parents (9:30am)

Fri 5th Dec

- Year 2 class (Mrs. Fretwell) visit to St. Mary's Church



Long Term Dates:

December

Mon 8th Dec

- Y1 Performance to Parents (2:15pm)

Tue 9th Dec

- Y1 Performance to Parents (9:00am)

Wed 10th Dec

- Y2 Performance to Parents (9:00am)

Thur 11th Dec

- Y2 Performance to Parents (2:15pm)

Fri 12th Dec

- Year 1 Christingle - St. Mary's Church

Mon 15th Dec

- ESJ at Ely Cathedral (a.m.) - Christmas Celebration
(more info to come next week)

Mon 15th Dec

- Christmas Lunch day at ESJ

Wed 17th Dec

- ESJ Music Concert (3:15pm)

Fri 19th 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



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