

Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 13th February 2026



Headteacher's Notes:

Our EJ Way statements 'We are proud to work together' and 'We look after each other' have been in action for all to see over the last two weeks - in particular through our partnership with Ely Foodbank (as you can see from the photo above!).

The School Council have asked me to say a huge thank you for your enthusiasm and generosity during our very first 'Bring-A-Tin Week' last week. The tins have all been weighed in – and we donated a fabulous 461.9kg, which equates to 1,100 meals for our local community. Ely Foodbank has called this an 'amazing achievement' and are incredibly grateful for our support.



There will be news in the coming weeks of another event later on in the year that School Council will be leading to support the foodbank. In the meantime, don't forget that we have our Foodbank Collection Point in the foyer, donations are welcome at any time!

I hope all families have a relaxing half term break next week - we look forward to seeing all pupils back in school on Monday 23rd February.

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- Our focus across the whole school this week has been on 'Children's Mental Health Week 2026' - with the theme of 'This is my Place.'



- Assemblies, lesson activities and class discussion have centred on what makes us feel like we belong, and where we consider to be 'our places' of safety, calm, and happiness.

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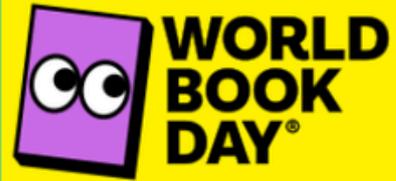
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Updates and Information

WORLD BOOK DAY!

Inspiring children to enjoy the life-changing benefits of reading for pleasure.

Thursday 5th March 2026



GO ALL IN.

National Year of Reading 2026

We're celebrating World Book Day!

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for the day.

Costumes must be suitable for school activities.

Parents - Save the date!
We would love to invite you into school to read with your child.
Information coming soon from your child's class teacher.



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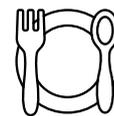


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Paid School Dinners – Key Stage 2

Advance warning that, from 1st April 2026, the cost of a paid school dinner will be increasing to £2.65 per day (from £2.60). We do all that we can to ensure that school dinners are as value for money as possible but, as you can appreciate, costs for our Lunchtime Company provider have increased over the last twelve months - hence this increase of 5p per day. Thank you for your understanding with this.



From the Friends



ESJ Community Day

Please save the date of **Sunday 22nd March (10:00am)** as we are organising a 'Community Day' to help with lots of jobs in and around the school site. Specific skills are not required - just a willing attitude and a couple of hours of your time!

More information about the event, and how to sign up, will be shared once we return after the half term break.



Adult Quiz Night



Tickets for the upcoming quiz night on **Friday 6th March** (7:00pm) are on sale very soon via the Friends website (see link below).

The quiz night is always a popular event and is a great way to spend time with friends and meet others too! We hope to see you there!

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 other upcoming events for this term will be shared very soon!

Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

February

w/b Mon 16nd Feb

- Half term break

Tue 24th Feb

- Y4 Residential - Parent Meeting (3:15pm)

Wed 25th Feb

- Y6 'Young Voices' Trip to O2 Arena

March

Tue + Wed 3rd/4th Mar

- Y1 class visits to Ely Museum

Thur 5th Mar

- World Book Day

Fri 6th Mar

- Y6 Tag Rugby - Ely Area Competition

w/b Mon 9th Mar

- British Science Week

Wed 11th Mar - Fri 13th Mar

- Y4 Residential Trip (Burwell House)

Long Term Dates:

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 2026/27 academic year have now been released and can be found on our website:

www.elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk/website/term_dates/232278