

Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 17th April 2026



Headteacher's Notes:

After this first week of the Summer Term, I would like to say a very warm welcome back to all pupils, families and staff. It has been a busy week across all year groups and it has been great to see the children back in school and excited about the learning ahead.

Looking back to the end of last term, however, I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who took part in the Friends 'Community Day' on Sunday 22nd March. The school site hasn't looked as tidy, bright, clean and welcoming for a long time. The photos below give a flavour of what was achieved - thank you!

Look out for details of the next Community Day taking place later this term - let's make it even bigger and better!



'We are proud to work together' as always - thank you!

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- A reminder that we are still collecting the **'Books for Schools' competition vouchers** printed in the Ely Standard each week.

Vouchers will continue to be printed until the middle of May.

Vouchers can be posted into one of the Friends post boxes at school or handed in to the school office.



- The lost property boxes in the reception area by the school office are very full currently! Please do come and check for any items you may be missing!

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Updates and Information

BOOKFEST

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL

★ 2:00PM - 4:30PM ★



Meet **Matty Long**,
author & illustrator
of the
**SUPER HAPPY
MAGIC FOREST**
series!



Join us for an exclusive in-person drawing session
with **Matty Long** as he shows kids how he draws
his fun characters!

FREE ENTRY!

DRAWING SESSION: £5 PER ATTENDEE

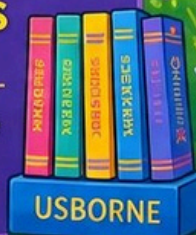
Get tickets at www.pta-events.co.uk/esj



The Friends of
Ely St John's

★ Usborne Books will be
SELLING BOOKS
on the day!

★ Refreshments, raffle
and kids' activities
all afternoon!



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Thank You, Mrs. Turner!

At the end of next week, ESJ will be saying goodbye to the wonderful Mrs. Ann Turner as she steps away from her role in the school office after a fantastic 23 years of dedicated service to the school. The school governors and I would like to express our thanks for the dedication, commitment and care that she has given us throughout her time at ESJ. Mrs. Turner has been a warm, welcoming face in the school office for over two decades and has been an integral part of the smooth running of the school year after year. Thank you Ann - you will be sorely missed!



Goodbye, Mrs. Rushmer!

Today, we are also saying good bye and good luck to Mrs. Julie Rushmer as she finishes her final day with us as part of our wonderful Midday Supervisor team. Julie has been a vital part of our lunch-time team for over 10 years and has also volunteered her time to support pupils in different classes and year groups through the school. Good luck for the future - we will miss you!



From the Friends



£26 for '26 Easter Fundraising Challenge

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the '£26 for '26' Easter fundraising challenge! We have raised over £1,000 from all of the individual sponsorship donations - a great effort! Prizes for the most successful individual and class will be announced very soon!

Bookfest 2026 - and Matty Long workshop

Don't forget to book your tickets for the session with author/illustrator Matty Long as part of Bookfest 2026 on Sunday 26th April. Tickets bookable via the website... <https://www.pta-events.com/esj/>

For a sneak peak, check out this CBBC trailer featuring his 'Super Happy Magic Forest'... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1F6P3hxgos>

Parent Coffee Morning



Please see the following page for information about our next Parent Coffee Morning event that is taking place on Friday 24th April, 9:00am. The focus of discussion will be on the topic of smartphone and social media use by young people.

We would encourage all parents to share your views about childhood smartphone use as part of the national government survey that is currently ongoing. Get your voice heard! To complete the survey, visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>



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KIDS, PHONES & SOCIAL MEDIA - LET'S TALK!

FRIDAY 24 APRIL | 9AM-10AM

**Informal Coffee Morning
for ESJ Parents & Carers**

Worried about smart phones, social media and online safety? Interested in how other parents feel?

Whether you haven't even thought about smartphones yet, or your child (or their sibling) already has one...

Share experiences and concerns in a relaxed setting, tell us what support or info would help you, and learn more about the **Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC)** movement.

**Everybody
Welcome!**

TEA, COFFEE & BISCUITS PROVIDED

ELY ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, VIA RECEPTION

Please let us know you're coming:

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Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

April

Wed 22nd Apr

- Y3 Cricket Team Tournament (King's Ely School) (a.m.)

Thur 23rd Apr

- Y5/6 Football Team Tournament (Ely District) (a.m.)

Fri 24th Apr

- Parent Coffee Morning Event (9:00am) (Smartphone Usage)

Sun 26th Apr

- Friends 'Bookfest' event in school (2:00pm - 4:30pm)

Mon 27th Apr

- Start of Ely Foodbank 'Breakfast Boost' Challenge (all week)
- Start of School Games 'Skipping Week' Challenge (all week)

Thur 30th Apr

- Y2 R.E. Trip (Peterborough) (all day)

Long Term Dates:

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

Autumn Term 2026

Training Day (School Closed)	Tuesday 1 st September
Autumn Term opens	Wednesday 2 nd September
Training Day (School Closed)	Friday 23 rd October
Half Term	Monday 26 th Oct. – Friday 30 th Oct.
Autumn Term ends	Friday 18 th December

Spring Term 2027

Training Day (School Closed)	Monday 4 th January
Spring Term opens	Tuesday 5 th January
Half Term	Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February
Spring Term ends	Thursday 25 th March



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