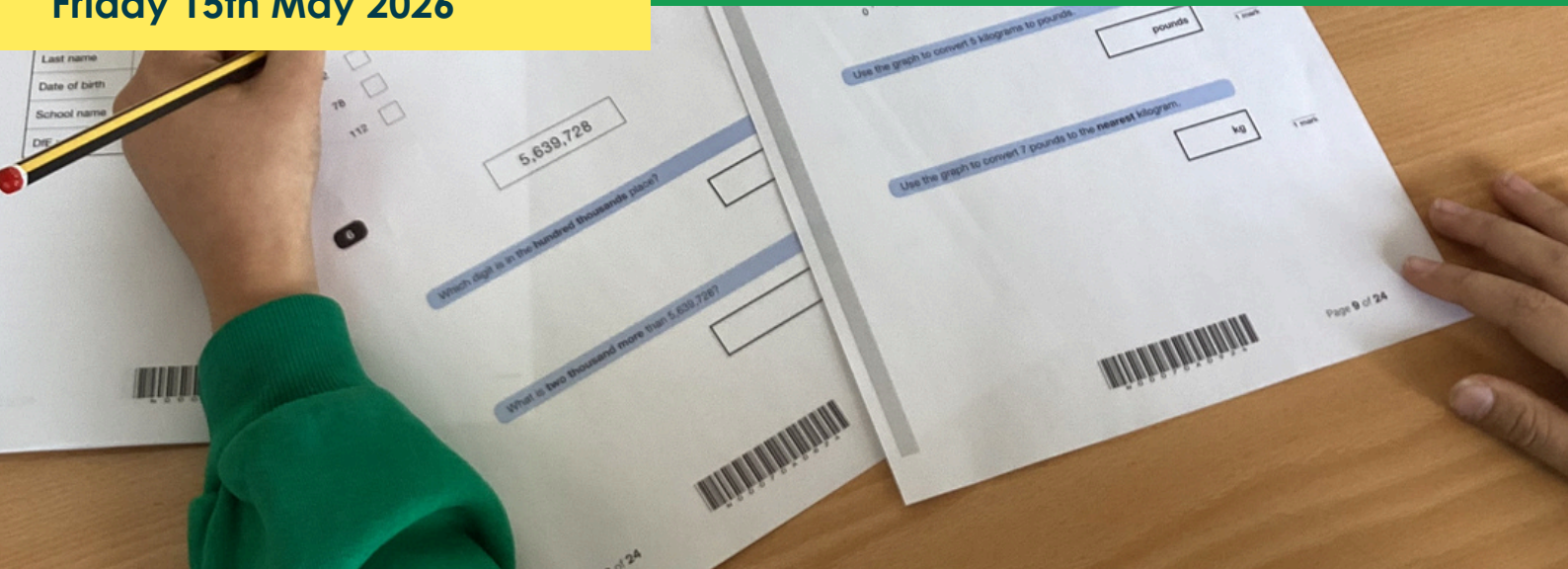


# Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 15th May 2026



## Headteacher's Notes:

At Ely St. John's, we always expect pupils to work hard, try their very best and bring a positive attitude to all that they do. Assessments that pupils are required to attempt are no different and we are always hugely impressed with the attitude and application of all our pupils no matter what their year group. I would like to say a massive well done to all of our Year Six pupils for their efforts this week in taking part in each of the Key Stage 2 national tests in English and Maths. You should all feel very proud of yourselves!

Testing is, however, only one very tiny part of our broad and balanced curriculum offer. All staff place the emphasis very much on learning opportunities, curriculum engagement, personal progress and individual development in all areas of school life. We aim for ESJ to embody the values, attitudes and behaviours that we feel create a life-long love for learning.

We take on the challenges that the government asks of our pupils and staff with enthusiasm and commitment, but certainly never let it steer us away from what we believe is our core purpose - to provide the very best education that we possibly can.

Mr. Henson

## ESJ at a Glance

- It is now the final week for collecting 'Book Voucher for Schools' tokens from the Ely Standard. Please hand in all tokens by Thursday next week (21<sup>st</sup> May).
- In P.E. lessons, and often supported by the Y6 Sports Leaders, each of our year groups have started their preparation work for Sports Days after half term.
- The Y5 Swimming Booster sessions at The Hive pool have now started and all of the pupils taking part have impressed the team with their positive attitude and ever-improving skills.
- We're looking forward to another great Friends 'Movie Night' tonight - it is always one of our most popular after-school events. Nearly 150 tickets have been sold!



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# Updates and Information

## ESJ Sports Days and Healthy Lifestyles Week (Monday 1st June - Friday 5th June)

We are excited to have shared with you information about our year group Sports Day events, which will be taking place as part of 'Healthy Lifestyles' week in the week after half term - Monday 1st to Friday 5th June. See dates and times below...

<b>Foundation Stage:</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June (1:45pm – 2:45pm)
<b>Year One:</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June (10:50am – 11:50am)
<b>Year Two:</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June (9:15am – 10:15am)
<b>Year Three:</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June (10:50am – 11:50am)
<b>Year Four:</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June (9:15am – 10:15am)
<b>Year Five:</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June (1:45pm – 2:45pm)
<b>Year Six:</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June (1:45pm – 2:45pm)



Parents and family members are welcome into school for the Sports Day events. Gates will be opened ten minutes before the start time of each event. We hope to see you there!

This year, the theme of our Healthy Lifestyles week this year is 'Mission Me' - our mission being to learn more, do more and understand more about healthy diet, exercise and all aspects of physical and mental well-being.

## 'Books for Schools' Vouchers

There is one more week to collect as many 'Books for Schools' vouchers that we can! Vouchers, printed in the Ely Standard each week, must be handed in to school by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at the latest.

Vouchers can be handed in to the school office or posted into one of the two Friends post boxes in school. Thank you!



## Update from all Ely area secondary schools

### Smartphones and Secondary School - What you need to know

All of the Ely area secondary schools have issued a joint statement of policy in regard to mobile phone use in their schools. As a feeder primary school for all four schools, we wanted to share this with our parent cohort as well. Just visit this link on our website to see a copy of the letter, [https://www.elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk/mobile\\_phones](https://www.elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk/mobile_phones)



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## From the Friends

### Community Day 2 - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**The Friends of Ely St John's**

# SCHOOL Community Day!

Let's come together to make our school a beautiful place to learn and grow.

**07 JUNE | 10AM - 12PM**

**PUPILS, PARENTS & FAMILIES ALL WELCOME!**

**TOGETHER, WE CAN:**

- Sort out the potting shed (clean, sort, group pots, dispose of items that don't belong)
- Weed and tidy
- Ensure pots are stable
- Cut back overgrown bushes
- Relocate plants in need
- Remove a decomposing raised bed
- Painting
- Hedge trimming
- Wall cleaning

Many hands make light work!

**Make new friends, have fun, and help our school thrive!**

*Thank you!* Your time makes a huge difference to our children and our school.

After the success of our first 'Community Day' back in March, we are once again looking for volunteers to help out in and around the school site.

Just email [thefriendsofesj@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thefriendsofesj@hotmail.co.uk) if you are able to come along. Thank you!

See below for other upcoming events...

**FRIDAY 22 MAY 15**  
**Non Uniform Day**  
WHOO! WHOO!  
Suggested £1 donation at drop off

**ELY ST JOHN'S SUMMER FAIR**  
Sunday 14 June  
11am - 2pm  
Free Entry

BBQ  
PLENTY FOR EVERYONE!

### Summer Fair - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June

If you are interested in having a 'seller table' at the Summer Fair (£15 per table) just visit the Friends website to book a spot... <https://www.pta-events.com/esj/>

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# Calendar

## Upcoming Dates:

### May

#### Wed 20th

- Y2 Great Fire of London Day (in school)
- Y6 Caythorpe Residential Trip - Parent Information Briefing (3:15pm)

#### Fri 22nd

- Friends 'Non-Uniform' day
- Y5 Swimming Session
- Final day of the half term

#### Mon 25<sup>th</sup> - Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May

- Half Term Break

### June

#### w/b Mon 1st June

- Healthy Lifestyles Week + Year Group Sports days

#### Wed 3rd

- Class Photographs

#### Thur 4th

- Y4 Residential - Burwell 2027 trip - Parent Information Briefing (3:15pm)

## Long Term Dates:

### June

#### Fri 5<sup>th</sup>

- Y5 Swimming Session

#### Sun 7th

- Friends Community Day (10:00am - 12:00pm)

### Summer Term 2026

May Day (School Closed)	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
Summer Term ends	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Training Day (School Closed)	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July

### Autumn Term 2026

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



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](http://www.elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk/website/term_dates/232278)