



Starting School at ESJ in September 2026 Transition Programme

May

We will be in contact with nurseries to find out about the children and to support their transition programme in any way we can. We will work with nurseries to arrange transition meetings for individual pupils where needed.

We will be uploading information and resources to the 'Starting School' page on the school website throughout the month. Key documents will also be emailed. If you require paper copies of these documents, please contact the school office so this can be organised.

June

Thursday 4 th	Information for Parents Meeting 18:00 Ely St John's Primary School Hall At this meeting, you will hear about the Foundation Stage Curriculum and a typical day in the Foundation Stage classroom, meet some of the staff, visit the classrooms and have an opportunity to ask any questions. If you are unable to attend, the information will also be available on the school website.
Wednesdays 10 th , 17 th , and 24 th	Story Sessions 14:30 - 15:00 You are invited to join us on any or all of these dates for a song and story session in the school hall. More information will be shared towards the end of May.
Week beginning Monday 22 nd	Class information We will notify you of your child's class teacher by email.

July

Tuesday 30 th JUNE & Tuesday 7 th July	Stay and Play sessions 15:15 – 16:00 For children with birthdays in the months September to February An opportunity for you to visit the school with your child and to join in with a play and story session led by the class teachers. You are invited to attend both sessions. More information will be sent when you are notified of your child's class teacher. Please let us know if you cannot attend the allocated sessions.
Wednesday 1 st & Wednesday 8 th	Stay and Play sessions 15:15 – 16:00 For children with birthdays in the months March to August An opportunity for you to visit the school with your child and to join in with a play and story session led by the class teachers. You are invited to attend both sessions. More information will be sent when you are notified of your child's class teacher. Please let us know if you cannot attend the allocated sessions.

August

We will contact you via email with any changes to September's transition plan. Please ensure that you notify the school office of any changes to your contact details.

Your child will receive a letter from their new class teacher, welcoming them to school.

September

Wednesday 2 nd , Thursday 3 rd & Friday 4 th	Home visits These individual visits are an important part of our transition programme as they provide an opportunity to meet with you and your child individually and to discuss any questions you may have. The final arrangements for this will be confirmed before the end of the Summer term with a time and date being given to each family.
Monday 7 th & Tuesday 8 th	Morning sessions in school for all children Children will attend school 08:45 to 11:45, entering and leaving by their own classroom doors.
Wednesday 9 th , Thursday 10 th & Friday 11 th	Morning sessions and lunch for all children Children will attend school 08:45 to 13:15, taking part in morning activities and having lunch at school.
Monday 14 th	All children to attend school full time 08:45 to 15:00 from this date Prior to these dates, we will have conversations with individual families to agree a longer part-time transition if it is needed for your child. We are very happy to do this.

Full term dates for the academic year 2026-27 can be found on the school website:

https://www.elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk/term_dates

If you have any questions about the transition programme, please contact the EYFS team via the school office. We look forward to meeting you and your child.