

# Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 5th June 2026

## Headteacher's Notes:

Our 'Healthy Lifestyles and Sports Day' week 2026 has been a real success over the last few days and it has been fantastic to see all of our year groups embodying the 'proud to work together' mantra that is part of our EJ Way. As well as the daily 'Mission Me' activities and challenges that have been taking place across all year groups, the year group Sports Day events have, once again, been a particular highlight.

Thanks to the hard work and organisation of our Year Six pupils, each Sports Day was a great opportunity for students to demonstrate the skills of teamwork, determination and competition. The support and encouragement from the large crowds of friends and family that attended was also brilliant - and made a tangible difference to so many pupils so many times.

I would like to extend a personal thank you to all parents, staff and pupils for the positive 'can do' attitude that we saw each day despite the changeable weather conditions at times! The feedback and support we received for proceeding as planned was much appreciated. It is always a difficult decision to make when it comes to the British summer weather, and I hope that we got it about right this time around!

*Mr. Henson*

## ESJ at a Glance

- All classes had photographs taken on Wednesday as part of our 'Class Photos' day. Purchase information should follow from the suppliers next week.
- School Sports Days were really well attended this week by family and friends. Thank you!
- The Friends non-uniform day on the final day of last half term was enjoyed by all and helped to raise nearly £400. A great effort!
- Y2 pupils enjoyed a fantastic 'Great Fire of London' experience as part of their History work on the Wednesday before half term. Many thanks to the History Off the Page team and our parent volunteers!
- We're looking forward to the annual Friends 'Summer Fair', taking place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June (11am - 2pm). We hope to see you there!

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# Updates and Information

## St. John's Road Park - A Reminder

Given the longer summer days and (hopefully!) the better weather, it is always great to see St. John's Road Park being used by families and pupils after school each day. We would definitely encourage the opportunity to use the park given its proximity to school and the good facilities that it offers.

Alongside this, however, I would like to remind everyone that our EJ Way behaviour expectations continue after the school day and beyond the school gates. In particular, unsupervised independent use of the park by our older pupils is a privilege granted by families and should be considered as such. We have had reason to speak to a small number of pupils and families in the last few weeks where our expectations of polite, courteous and safe use of the park have not been met. We would appreciate all families reinforcing this with your children over the next few days - thank you.



We always appreciate parents getting in touch with us (via the school office email address) around any issues that take place outside of school that you feel that it is important for us to be aware of. We are very proud of the community that we find ourselves in here at ESJ, and want to ensure that we advise, support and grow together in everything that we do.

## Lost Property - and naming items!



Please be aware that our lost property boxes in reception are currently nearly overflowing with 'lost' items. If your child has lost an item of clothing or other belongings, please do come and check!

We would like to make an additional plea for all clothing and other personal items to be clearly named. Naming everything makes such a difference and ensures that things get delivered back to the correct individual - please do check! Thank you.

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

# ELY ST JOHN'S SUMMER FAIR

Sunday 14 June  
11am - 2pm

**£1 entry fee per family**

PERFORMANCES	
11:30	Rosewood Ballet
12:45	Choir
13:30	Lane Academy

- BBQ & Drinks
- Bouncy Castle
- Face Painting
- Fire Engine
- Family Photography
- Sweet Stall
- Ice Cream Van
- Stallholders

# Calendar

## Upcoming Dates:

### June

#### Mon 8<sup>th</sup>

- EYFS visit to Ely Stained Glass Museum (a.m.) (Mrs. Lloyd's Class)

#### Tue 9<sup>th</sup>

- EYFS visit to Ely Stained Glass Museum (a.m.) (Miss. Driver's Class)

#### Wed 10<sup>th</sup>

- Y6 Residential Trip 2027 (Hilltop) - Parent Meeting (2:20pm)

#### Sun 14<sup>th</sup>

- Friends Summer Fair (11:00am - 2:00pm)

#### Wed 17<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup>

- Y6 Residential Trip (Caythorpe Court)

#### Wed 17<sup>th</sup>

- Y2 Visit to Oliver Cromwell's House + Ely Stained Glass Museum
- New Y4/5 Classes - Parent Information Meeting (6:00pm)

## Long Term Dates:

### June

#### Sat 27<sup>th</sup>

##### Friends Event

- 'A Pirate Adventure' Viva Performance (in school Hall) (3:30pm)

### 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:

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