

Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 19th June 2026



Headteacher's Notes:

One of the privileges of being Headteacher, is that I am able to visit the pupils and staff on both of the residential trips that take place each year - for Year 4 and Year 6. I was able to travel to Caythorpe yesterday and spend the late afternoon and evening with the current Year 6 trip. It was fantastic to hear all of the positive comments about our pupils from the site staff when I arrived and to hear the same praise and admiration from the school staff about just how well the pupils have been doing.

The residential trips provide a wonderful opportunity for pupils to develop skills of teamworking, independence, resilience, and so much more! Talking yesterday to the staff on the trip, they described to me some moments that almost brought them to tears when pupils surpassed what even they themselves thought would be possible. It was amazing to hear the stories - and I wish I could have stayed longer!

We are always so proud of the achievements of all of our pupils, and the Year Sixes at Caythorpe this week have provided further evidence of what can be achieved when we work well together and never, ever give up! Well done everyone!

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- The Friends Summer Fair was a great success on Sunday - and raised over £3,000. Thank you everyone who helped out or attended!
- The ESJ Choir performed brilliantly this morning at the Ely Home and Gardens show at the cathedral.
- Class teacher information for next academic year has been shared with families - and our story time sessions with new teachers began on Wednesday.
- Both Y2 and Foundation Stage pupils have enjoyed fantastic visits to the Stained Glass Museum in the last two weeks - and Y2 also visited Oliver Cromwell's house.
- All of the pupils on the Y6 residential trip to Caythorpe Court (Wed - Fri) this week had a great time and enjoyed some amazing activities!

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Updates and Information

ESJ – A Nut Free School!

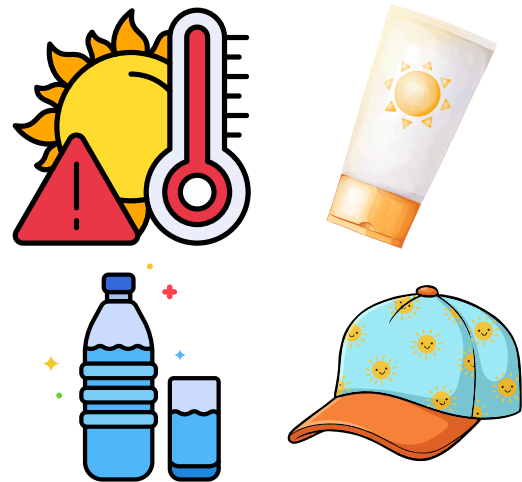


Just a reminder to all pupils and families that ESJ is a nut free school. In order to help look after all children and adults with allergies, please make sure that all snacks and packed lunch items are nut free. We have noticed and had to remove a small number of items in recent weeks (e.g. peanut butter bars, Nutella spread). Please take extra care to check any food items your child brings in to school - thank you!

Warm Weather ahead

The weather forecast for next week suggests that we are in for a prolonged period of very warm, sunny weather. Please can we remind everyone to make sure that children come to school with sun cream already applied, a full water bottle and suitable headwear.

School staff will do everything they can to make sure that children are kept hydrated and as cool and calm as possible.



Year Six residential Trip at Caythorpe Court



Government Social Media Announcement for U16s

As you will be aware from the news this week, the government has announced that there will be a social media ban for under 16s coming into force by early 2027. For more information on what this means and which platforms will be affected, please take a look at the two BBC articles below:

www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/ceqdn413jdo (Which apps will be affected?)

www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c9824zvpz9po (Five big questions)



For more information on all aspects of mobile technology and the

Smartphone Free campaign, please visit www.smartphonefreechildhood.org

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From the Friends



A huge thank you to everyone who attend the Friends 'Summer Fair' last Sunday. It was a fantastic event and all the support we received has meant that we raised over £3,000 - an amazing achievement! It was great to see so many friends and family in attendance - we really appreciate all your support and hope you had a good time!



Coming up...



SCHOOL DISCO

10 July

Foundation & Year 1:	16:00-16:45
Years 2 & 3:	17:00-18:00
Years 4 & 5:	18:15-19:15
Year 6 Leavers Disco:	19:00-20:30

Get your tickets at: pta-events.co.uk/esj/



Ely St John's Primary School
Saturday 27 June, 15:30
pta-events.co.uk/esj

£6 per ticket

We are very excited to be hosting the Viva Arts 'Pirate Adventure' performance next Saturday (27th) - please do book on before seats sell out! Tickets are for adults as well as children - get the whole family to come along! To books tickets just visit www.pta-events.com/esj/

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Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

June

Tue 23rd

- Ely Arts Festival Concert (Y3 Performing) (7:30pm)

Sat 27th

Friends Event

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

July

Wed 1st

- EYFS 'Numberblocks' day

Fri 3rd

- Y3 Ely Church Crawl Trip

Tue 7th

- Y6 Performances (Porridge) (9:15am and 1:45pm)
- EYFS South Angle Farm trip

Wed 8th

- Ely College Y6-Y7 Transition Day
- ESJ 'Moving Up' New Classes Session

Long Term Dates:

July

Fri 10th

Friends Event

- Summer Term Discos (evening)

w/b Mon 13th

- Y5 Bikeability Week (Mon - Thur)

Summer Term 2026

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



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