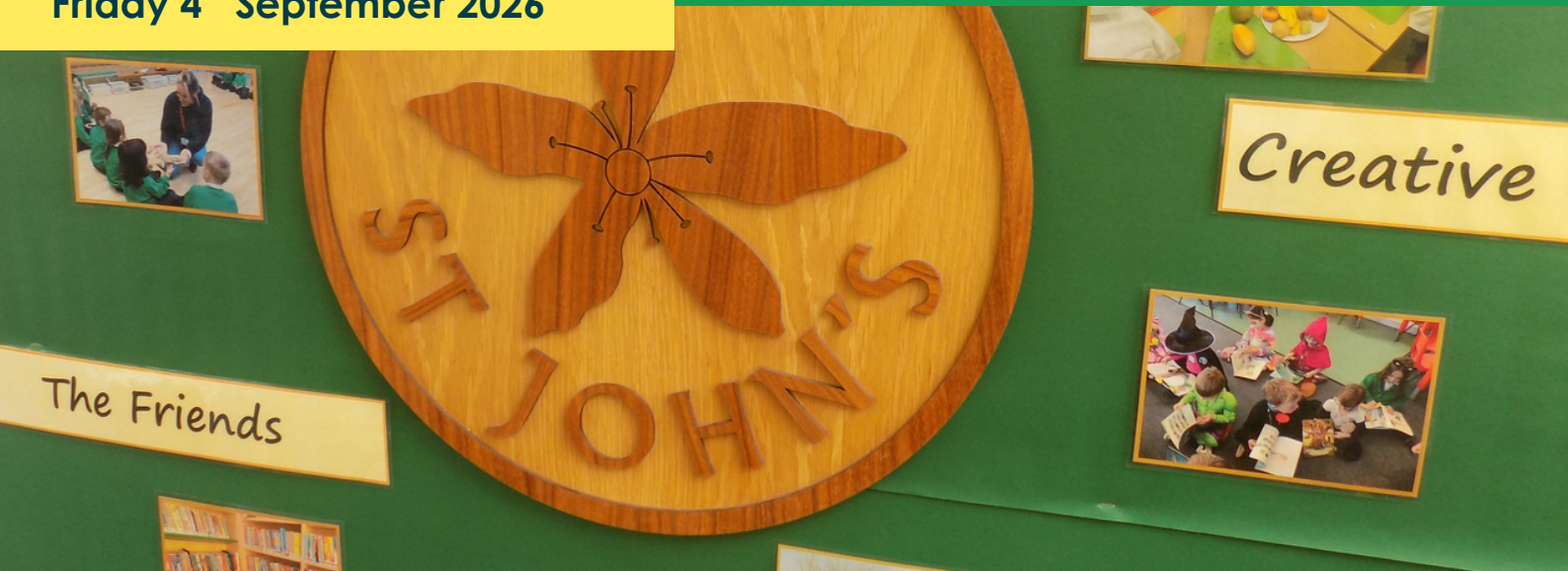


Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 4th September 2026



Headteacher's Notes:

In my notes today, I would like to welcome back all pupils, parents, staff and the wider school community to what I am very sure will be a fantastic year for Ely St. John's. We have so much planned for all of our year groups and are very much looking forward to sharing more about all of the learning, activities, clubs, trips and visits with you over the coming weeks. Having been so quiet in school over the summer break, it has been wonderful to hear the excited buzz of learning in our classrooms once again. In my conversations with pupils over the last three days, I have heard all about the adventures that have taken place over the summer break and what they are looking forward to this year! On every occasion, seeing friends again, meeting new teachers and learning new subjects/skills have featured as particular highlights of coming back to school. We can't wait to get started!

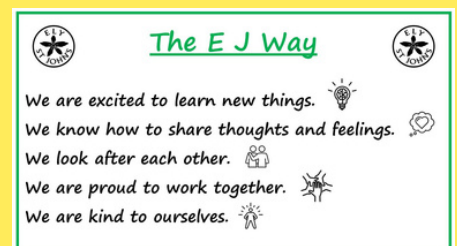
Please can I remind all families (as mentioned on page 3 of this newsletter) to let the school office know of any personal updates that are required. Lots can change over the summer break and it's really important that we have current contact, medical and other details for all pupils. Thank you!

As always, please email me or speak to me on the playground with any questions or feedback about anything at all. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- We have started the new school year brilliantly in all of our year groups and new routines and expectations are well underway.
- Thank you to all the staff for the work over the summer in getting classrooms, corridors and outdoor areas ready and welcoming for our first days back.
- The Foundation Stage team have completed home visits for all our new Reception pupils this week - it has been lovely to meet all our new pupils and their families!
- My assembly theme for this week - our EJ Way...



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Updates and Information

Thank You, Mrs. Taylor!

ESJ has said goodbye over the summer to the wonderful Mrs. Deborah Taylor as she has stepped away from her role as a Teaching Assistant after a fantastic 26 years of dedicated service to the school. The school governors and I would like to express our thanks for the hard work, commitment and care that she has given throughout her time at ESJ. Thank you Debbie - we will miss you!



After-School Clubs

A reminder that all after-school **clubs do not start until the week beginning Monday 14th September** - there are no clubs next week. Thank you!



From the Friends



Summer Reading Challenge

Thank you to everyone who took part! Please return any forms and sponsorship money by Friday 11th September - thank you!

The link for online donations for this is...

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/coolerclassrooms>

Cash can be dropped off into the Friends postbox in the school entrance foyer.



Uniform Donations

Donations of school uniform (branded items - jumpers/cardigans - with the school logo only, please) are always much appreciated and support our uniform sales during the school year. Items can be dropped off to the donation box in the entrance foyer or on the playground.



Friends Website

Don't forget to visit our webpage for any further Friends information or to purchase tickets for our events - <https://www.pta-events.com/esj/>

Information about events for this term will be shared very soon!



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Updates and Information

Family Updates

As we begin the start of the new year, please let the school office know of any important updates in contact, family or medical information. It is essential that all of our school records are as up to date as possible and that any changes from last academic year are recorded.

With this in mind, please email office@elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk with...

- any changes to contact details (especially updated email addresses and mobile phone numbers);
- any planned changes from last year with your child's school dinner patterns;
- any updated dietary requirements or new allergies;
- any medical updates.



If you have any questions or other information that you feel it would be useful for school to be aware of, please do get in touch. Thank you!

Safeguarding at Ely St. John's

Here at Ely St. John's, we are committed to the vital contribution that all staff and governors make to safeguarding and the protection and welfare of our children.

We aim to foster an atmosphere of trust, respect and security by providing a caring, safe and nurturing environment which promotes the social, physical and mental welfare of all our children. All safeguarding and welfare concerns are handled sensitively, professionally and in ways that support the specific needs of the individual child. Should you have any concerns at any time, please speak to a member of staff or ask to see one of the school designated safeguarding leads.

Please visit our dedicated pages of the website for further information on all matters safeguarding and child protection.

The Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Staff
at Ely St. John's are...



Mr. Henson
(Designated Safeguarding Lead)



Miss. Lloyd
(Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)



Mr. Preston
(Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Nominated Governors for Safeguarding and Child Protection:
Lis Every and Vickie Jameson

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Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

Mon 7th Sept

- EYFS in school until 11:45am.

Tue 8th Sept

- EYFS in school until 11:45am.

Wed 9th Sept - Fri 11th Sept

- EYFS in school until 1:15pm.

Mon 14th Sept

- EYFS in school full-time from today
- After-school clubs start this week

Tue 29th Sept

- Flu Vaccination Day for pupils

Fri 2nd Oct

- Harvest Festival Donations for Ely Foodbank

w/b Mon 19th Oct

- Autumn Term Parent Consultations this week

Term Dates 26/27:

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

Summer Term 2027

Training Day (School Closed)	Monday 12 th April
Summer Term opens	Tuesday 13 th April
May Day (School Closed)	Monday 3 rd May
Training Day (School Closed)	Friday 28 th May
Half Term	Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June
Summer Term ends	Wednesday 21 st July



Term dates and staff training days for the 2026/27 academic year can be found on our website:

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