

# Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 2nd October 2026



## Headteacher's Notes:

I would like to say a massive thank you to the whole school community for the amazing amount and number of donations for Ely Foodbank that we have received today. We had so many items that the foodbank had to request extra 'back-up' crates to manage it all. The display of all the items in the school entrance hall was truly spectacular! The foodbank team have asked me to share their appreciation of the school community's efforts - I know they were overwhelmed with what had been gifted to them.

The theme of sharing and food has been present throughout this week as the whole school have been thinking and learning about Harvest and how it is celebrated in different ways. At the centre of this was the concept of being thankful for all of the gifts that the world gives us. Our visitors from St. Mary's Church were particularly impressed with the knowledge and thoughtfulness they encountered in the assemblies that they led and were able to answer questions from children in all year groups.

We have lots of events upcoming between now and the half term break in three weeks' time, please check the calendar page and the updates in today's newsletter carefully - thank you. We don't want anyone to miss out!

Mr. Henson

## ESJ at a Glance

- We have been celebrating 'Harvest' this week in school - with activities, assemblies and our donations to Ely Foodbank.
- We have welcomed lots of new families to ESJ as part of our tours for prospective new EYFS intake for September 2027. And there's plenty more tours to come!
- Over 300 pupils had their flu vaccination here in school on Tuesday. A big thank you to the fabulous NHS team who worked throughout the day to make sure everyone was seen.
- Y2 enjoyed an exciting and informative visit from the Raptor Foundation last week as part of their work in Science.
- The booking system for our Parent Consultations goes 'live' on Wednesday (7th Oct) next week.



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# Updates and Information

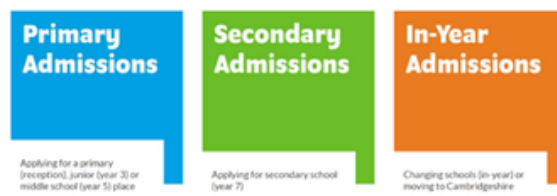


## Parent Consultations

Our first Parent Consultations of the school year will be taking place in the week before half term on Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October. The online booking system will go 'live' on Wednesday next week - an email will be sent out at the start of next week to confirm the details of how to book a slot and which days each class teacher is available. Foundation Stage pupils and any other new starters will receive a hard copy letter with how to complete this process.

As with anything, if you experience any problems or difficulties, please do get in touch and we will be happy to help out.

## Secondary School Applications for September 2027



A reminder for all of our Year Six parents that the application window for applying for a secondary school place is ending soon - the **deadline is 31st October 2026**. If you have any questions or concerns about the process, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us. We are always here to help. If you have not yet applied for a place, please visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions)

## New Intake Reception 2027 Parent Tours

Please see opposite for a reminder of the dates and times for upcoming tours. Please share with anyone you know with a child starting primary school in September 2027.

## ESJ School Football Team

Our first sporting update of the new school year comes in the form of our Y6 football team. Well done to the team who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall (only missing out on 1<sup>st</sup> by goal difference) in the Ely Area tournament this week, playing some fantastic football. A great team effort!





Tours for Prospective Parents at  
**Ely St. John's Primary School**

**Do you have a child starting Reception in September 2027?**  
The team at Ely St. John's Primary School warmly invites prospective parents to join us on one of the dates below to tour our school and see for yourselves what makes our school community special.

**Wednesday 30th September at 9:30am**  
**Thursday 1st October at 1:30pm**  
**Wednesday 7th October at 9:30am**  
**Thursday 8th October at 1:30pm and 6:15pm**  
**Wednesday 14th October at 9:30am**  
**Thursday 15th October at 1:30pm and 6:15pm**

We look forward to meeting you!  
Each tour has limited places, so please book in advance.

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**Contact the school office to book your place now!**



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## From the Friends



### Lego Competition - Ely Standard

Please look out for the 'Lego for Schools' vouchers now being published each week in the Ely Standard. The more we can collect, the more chance ESJ will have in receiving a share of the £1,000 of fantastic lego education resources! Thank you!

Collected vouchers can be posted into one of the Friends boxes - located in the school foyer or outside on the external wall between Y2 and Y3.

### Friends AGM

A reminder that the Friends AGM is being held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October (7pm here at school). We hope to see you there!



## Reporting Pupil Absence - A Reminder



Please remember that if your child is absent from school due to illness, please telephone us at school before 9.15am and leave a message for our office team stating your child's name, class and reason for absence. The office number is 01353 612780. Failure to do so will result in a text being sent to those parents of pupils for whom there is no known reason for absence. Please also give us notice of hospital, dental or doctor's appointments prior to the day of the absence, supported by an appointment slip/confirmation.

For any other forms of absence, please ensure a 'Leave of Absence' request form is completed available from the school office or from the school website in the 'Parents' tab (Forms section) on the home page.

## Sickness and Diarrhoea



A reminder that should your child experience sickness or diarrhoea, the recommendation is that they remain absent from school until 48 hours after the last episode. Thank you for your understanding with this - it really does help to slow the spread of bugs through the school.

# Calendar

## Upcoming Dates:

### Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Oct

- Parent Consultations Booking System goes 'live' for bookings

### Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Oct

- Friends AGM - 7:00pm

### Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Oct

- Y1 Superhero Day

### Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Oct

- Friends Halloween Discos

### Tue 20<sup>th</sup> - Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct

- Autumn Term Parent Consultations this week

### Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Oct

- Y2 Harevst Performance (2:15pm)

### Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct

- Friends Non-Uniform Day
- Y2 Harvest Performance (9:30am)

## Term Dates 26/27:

### 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                            |

### Spring Term 2027

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|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Training Day (School Closed) | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January                             |
| Spring Term opens            | Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January                            |
| Half Term                    | Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February |
| Spring Term ends             | Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March                            |

### Summer Term 2027

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



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

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