Ely St. John's Standard

Friday 20th November 2026



Headteacher's Notes:

Our particular focus this week here in school has been linked to the national 'Anti-Bullying Week' campaign, 'Break the Silence' - supporting children and young people to speak out against unkindness and bullying. As well as being the theme of all of our assemblies, all year groups have been taking part in activities, games and lessons with a focus of how we can find ways to put a stop to all kinds of deliberate hurt - verbal and physical.

The work that children have been doing has been linked to the importance of trusted adults, both at home and at school, and how there is always someone to speak to in order to stop unkindness taking place. Speaking up is not always easy, and we have being discussing and role playing scenarios to understand how this can be done and who is there to help us. Supporting this, our 'Odd Socks' day on Monday allowed us all to recognise and embrace the the importance of difference and variety - and celebrate the fact that we are all unique!

For more info about the campaign and to find the 'Parent Carer Pack' of resources linked to Anti-Bullying Week just visit www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- *The school choir performed superbly at the Ely Cathedral Christmas Fair yesterday - see photo above!*
- *Photo Day last Friday was a real success and pictures are available for families to buy already.*
- *As part of Anti-Bullying Week, our 2026 'Odd Socks Day', celebrating individuality and diversity was our best ever - there were too many socks to count but it was certainly a record breaking year!*
- *Well done to the ESJ Y6 Dodgeball team who competed brilliantly in the School Games Festival at Soham Village College today.*
- *Raffle tickets for the Friends 'Festive Fair Raffle' are now on sale - for details see page 3 of today's newsletter.*

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Updates and Information

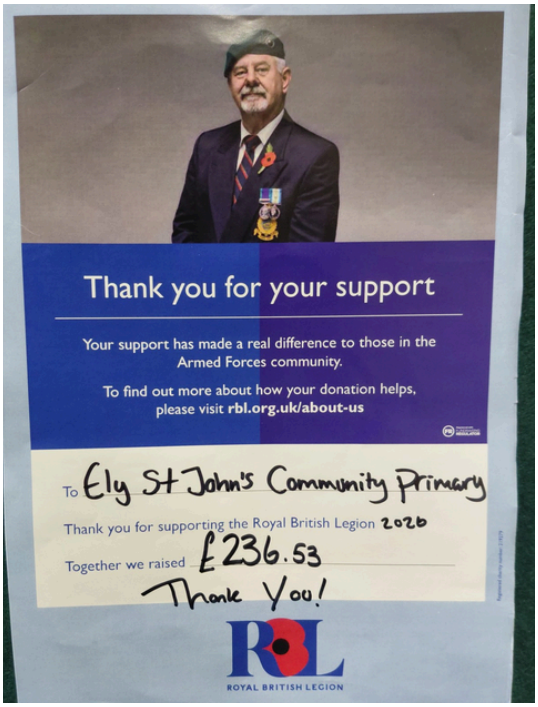
Children in Need 2026



After our colourful non-uniform day in school last Thursday, we are delighted to announce that ESJ has raised nearly £350 for 'Children in Need'. A big thank you to everyone who took part and donated.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Every ESJ pupil took part in our learning about Remembrance Day last week. The period of silence on 11th November was brilliantly observed.

Thank you to everyone who help us to raise a total of £236 for the Royal British Legion's 'Poppy Appeal'.

Lego Vouchers for Schools Competition

Please continue to look out for the 'Lego for Schools' vouchers being published each week in the Ely Standard (until 10th December). The more we can collect, the more chance ESJ will have in receiving a share of the £1,000 of fantastic lego education resources!

Post any tokens into the Friends post boxes here in school - thank you!



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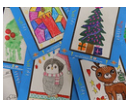
Updates and Information

From the Friends





Purchase your tickets from...
esj.sumupstore.com/product/raffle-tickets



'My Child's Art' Christmas Cards

Orders for the 'My Child's Art' Christmas cards are noew open - just visit https://mychildsart.co.uk/find-artworkusername=ElyStJohns2&access-code=4vzzh83z

Use the code ElyStJohns2X26 for a 10% discount at the checkout.





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Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

Sat 28th Nov
- Friends Festive Fair (2pm - 4pm)

Tue 1st + Wed 2nd Dec
- Y2 Class visits to St. Mary's Church

Fri 4th Dec
- Coffee Morning Event (Lunchtime Company) (9:15am)

Tue 8th Dec
- Carol Concert (Y2 - Y6) at Ely Cathedral (a.m.)

Fri 11th Dec
- Choir singing for Ely Cathedral Virtual Christingle

Tue 15th Dec
- EYFS Nativity Performance to parents (a.m.)

Wed 16th Dec
- Christmas Music Concert (3:15pm)

Fri 18th Dec
- Last day of Autumn Term

Term Dates 26/27:

Autumn Term 2026

Training Day (School Closed)	Friday 23rd October
Half Term	Monday 26th Oct. – Friday 30th Oct.
Autumn Term ends	Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2027

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

Summer Term 2027

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



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

www.elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk/website/term_dates/232278

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