



# St. John's Standard

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### Headteacher's Notes:

No one with any links to schools will have failed to notice the national strike action from the National Education Union (N.E.U.) that has taken place this week - and previously in February and March. Following on from the strikes this week, I wanted to share with you all the important fact that those teachers from our school (and others) that have taken strike action have done so driven primarily by a desire to secure improved funding for schools, rather than purely seeking pay rises for school staff. Indeed all staff, whether able to take strike action or not, fully recognise and support the need for improved school funding. No strike action has been taken as a result of dissatisfaction with our school or the work of leaders and governors.



You will be aware that current levels of school funding are having an enormous impact on all that school leaders are attempting to do. At this time of year when budgets are being set for the new financial year, every expenditure is being examined in detail but all decisions are based on our unflinching commitment to maintaining the very best broad, balanced and engaging learning experience we can for all our pupils.

We continue to be extremely grateful for the continued support of the school by our parent community - whether financial (through fundraising), time based (through volunteering in school) or by supporting your children in their learning. It is this partnership that I believe will help our school continue to flourish in the years ahead.

Finally from me this week, I'd like to wish all members of the school orchestra and school choir the very best of luck ahead of their appearance at the '**Ely Schools Music Festival**' next week. Over thirty of our pupils will be performing at The Maltings in front of a packed audience on Monday evening. It's going to be a great evening of musical entertainment - I'm really looking forward to it!

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## Scholastic Book Fair

**When?** Thursday 23rd March - 3:00 - 4:00pm

**Where?** Gallery - in school opposite the hall

**What's on sale?** Lots of books from the Scholastic selection - check out the list at

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/>



Please do come along and visit the Book Fair on Thursday next week. The school receives 20p for every £1 you spend! Cash and card payments accepted. Enter via the school office or the door next to the rear of the hall. Hope to see you there!

## Update from 'The Friends'



Please do check out the latest 'Friends Newsletter' (March edition) for all of the recent updates from the AGM and news of exciting upcoming events.

It was great to see quite a few new faces joining the committee at the AGM and adding their support and skills to this amazing team. Thank you!

The new big fundraising challenge is to help raise money to fund an additional set of 30 iPads for school to support our Computing curriculum and access to technology across all subject areas. More info to follow next term!



**Next Event:** Easter Cake Sale - 3:00pm Friday 31st March on the playground

## For your diary...



**Mon 20th - Thur 23rd March:** Y5 'Bikeability' Week

**Monday 20th March:** Ely Music Festival (Choir + Orchestra) - 7:00pm

**Thursday 23rd March:** Scholastic 'Book Fair' in school - 3:00-4:00pm

**Tuesday 28th March:** Parent Information Event - ESJ Therapeutic  
Approach to Behaviour Management (6:00pm)

**Friday 31st March:** Friends 'Easter Cake Sale' - 3:00pm (Last day of term)

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## Clubs Update (Summer Term)

We have a fantastic range of extra-curricular clubs on offer for Summer Term 2023. Make sure you sign up early to avoid disappointment!

Monday	Years	Time
Ballet	F - 2	3.05 - 3.50pm
Modern Theatre/Jazz dance	F-6	3.55 - 4.30pm
Grade 3 Ballet	Years 4-6	4.30 - 5.20pm
Construction Club	Years 3-6	3.05 - 4.15pm
Art Creations	Years 1-4	3.05 - 4.15pm
Tuesday	Years	Time
Football Club	Years 1-3	3.05 - 4.15pm
Musical Theatre Club	Years 1-4	3.05 - 4.15pm
Choir	Years 3-6	3.05 - 4.15pm

Wednesday	Years	Time
Construction Club	F-2	3.05 - 4.15pm
Dodgeball	Years 3-6	3.05 - 4.15pm
Guitar Lessons	Age 7+	varies

Thursday	Years	Time
Funk it up Dance	Years 2-6	3.05 - 4.15pm
Nature Club	Years 4-6	3.05 - 4.15
Multi Skills	Years F-2	3.05 - 4.15pm
Friday	Years	Time
French for Fun	Years 1-3	3.05 - 3.45pm
	Years 4-6	3.50 - 4.30pm
Football	Years 4-6	3.05 - 4.15pm
Karate	Years 4-6	3.05 - 4.15pm
Karate	Years 1-3	4.15 - 5.15pm

Further information, including how to 'book' a place on one of the clubs, will be sent out via email from the school office at the start of next week.

## Fundraising Book + Toy Sale

# COME AND JOIN US FOR A CHILDRENS BOOK & TOY SALE!

THE STALL WILL BE IN THE COURTYARD (FELONS YARD) OF ELY MUSEUM. FREE ENTRY INTO THE COURTYARD, SO PLEASE COME ALONG AND HAVE A LOOK, BRING YOUR CHANGE AND SAY HELLO!

THURSDAY 13 APRIL 2023  
10.30 - 3.30PM

The stall is being run by four cousins who attend Ely St Johns School, The Lantern, and Ely College.

Young Lives vs Cancer are the charity that helps children and young people (0-25) and their families find the strength to face whatever cancer throws at them.

Supporting

**YOUNG LIVES  
vs CANCER**



Two of our Y6 pupils - **Laurie D** and **Olivia D** - are helping to fundraise for the 'Young Lives v Cancer' charity by running a 'Book and Toy' sale at Ely Museum on Thursday 13th April (10:30 - 3:30pm).

Along with two of their cousins, the girls are hoping to raise lots of funds to support this fantastic cause.

If you are able to pop along and have a look at what's on offer, we're sure you'll spot a bargain or two and be helping an amazing charity.

Great work girls!



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## Dates for your Diary...



### Term Dates 2022-23



Half Term	:	13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring Term ends	:	Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March

Summer Term opens	:	Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day (School Closed)	:	Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Half Term	:	29 <sup>th</sup> May to 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Training Day (School Closed)	:	Monday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer Term ends	:	Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> July
Training Day (School Closed)	:	Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July

Please note: **Monday 8th May 2023** is an additional Bank Holiday and school will be closed that day.

### Term Dates 2023-24

#### 2023

Training Day (School Closed)	:	Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> September
Autumn Term opens	:	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Half Term	:	23 <sup>rd</sup> October to 27 <sup>th</sup> October
Autumn Term ends	:	Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December

#### 2024

Training Day (School Closed)	:	Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January
Training Day (School Closed)	:	Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Spring Term opens	:	Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> January
Half Term	:	19 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
Spring Term ends	:	Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March

Summer Term opens	:	Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day (School Closed)	:	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Training Day (School Closed)	:	Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term	:	27 <sup>th</sup> May to 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Summer Term ends	:	Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July
Training Day (School Closed)	:	Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

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