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Friday 8th December 2023

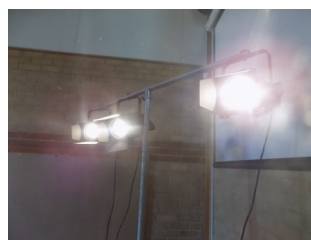


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Headteacher's Notes:

A school is nothing without the community which it serves and the last couple of weeks have certainly reminded all of us in school of that. We have been excited to open our doors for a number of events and are very much looking forward to those still to come. On every occasion, the support, encouragement and smiles make such a positive difference and inspire both pupils and staff to continue with the amazing projects and ideas that keep coming my way.

It was truly humbling to see so many of you at our Friends Christmas Fayre last Saturday and it was lovely to be able to welcome lots of friends and family into the building for this festive celebration. I hope everyone who came had a fantastic time! A huge amount of money (over three and a half thousand pounds!) has been raised by the Friends as a result of all of the raffle tickets bought, refreshments eaten and games played. Truly amazing - thank you.



We are gearing up for a very busy last week and a half of learning and events in school. In particular, excitement is in the air for our Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage Christmas performances - the staging and lights are already up and rehearsals have been in full swing for some time. Three sell-out shows await next week and I know that audiences will not be disappointed! In addition, the choir and orchestra have been tuning up for end of term performances and the Music Concert on Monday 18th December promises to be one of our best with more performers than ever before.

The run up to Christmas is, without doubt, a very special time to be working in a primary school and is made all the better by being able to share some of it with our families and wider school community. I hope to see you at one of the upcoming events!

Mr. Henson

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Sporting Successes – Autumn Term

ESJ school sports teams have enjoyed huge success this term in each of the Witchford School Sports Partnership competitions that have taken place. On each occasion, it has been especially pleasing to hear how our teams have been praised for their brilliant teamwork and overall sportsmanship at all times. Each team has represented the school with both pride and determination, as well as being fantastic ambassadors for us.

A huge amount of hard work and commitment from the pupils and staff goes into the preparation for each event and the successes have been very well deserved.

Highlights include...

Tag Rugby Tournament - finalists and overall runners-up

Girls Football Tournament - finalists and overall runners-up

Sport Speedstacking Competition - several individual awards and 2nd place in the



'3-3-3' Team Relay event



Gift it Forward

#GIFTITFORWARD

SANTA'S CHRISTMAS TOY BANK

DONATE NEW OR PRE-LOVED ITEMS* TO CHILDREN WHO WILL LOVE THEM

ST MARY'S CHURCH, ST MARY'S ST, ELY
WILL ACT AS A DROP-OFF POINT FROM
4 - 14 DEC, 11 AM - 3 PM (DURING OFFICE HOURS)

THESE GIFTS WILL BE DONATED TO
THE MOST NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITY
AT THE TOY BANK AT ST MARY'S CHURCH
WHICH WILL BE OPEN:
THURS 14 DEC, 3 - 8 PM
FRI 15 DEC, 1.30 - 6.30 PM
SAT 16 DEC, 11 AM - 4.30 PM

* GIFTS SHOULD BE NEW OR IN GOOD CONDITION/WORKING ORDER AND CLEAN; SOFT TOYS WITH 'CE' LABEL ATTACHED; NO INFLATABLES / HARNESSES / KNEE/ELBOW PADS OR CYCLE HELMETS; MAY BE IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING BUT NOT GIFT-WRAPPED; NO ELECTRICAL ITEMS, PLEASE

FOR FURTHER DETAILS,
PLEASE CONTACT PETER HARRIS
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St. Mary's Church, Ely are again running a Christmas toy bank this year.

Please see the poster opposite for details of how you can support this fantastic initiative and help your local community.

We know from last year that all the donations made a huge difference to many families and the team are hoping for even better this year!

Donations will continue to be taken up until Thursday 14th December. Thank you.

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Dates for your diary...



December

Tue 12th KS1 Christmas Performance (1:45pm)

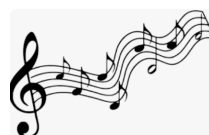
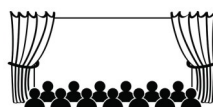
Wed 13th KS1 Christmas Performance (9:15am)

Thur 14th EYFS Christmas Performance (9:15am)

Mon 18th Christmas Music Concert Performance (3:15pm)

Wed 20th Christmas Dinner and 'Jolly Jumper' day

Wed 20th Last Day of Term



2024

Spring Term

Training Day (School Closed)	Thursday 4 th January
Training Day (School Closed)	Friday 5 th January
Spring Term opens	Monday 8 th January
Half Term	Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd February
Spring Term ends	Thursday 28 th March

Summer Term

Summer Term opens	Monday 15 th April
May Day (School Closed)	Monday 6 th May
Training Day (School Closed)	Friday 24 th May
Half Term	Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May
Spring Term ends	Friday 19 th July
Training Day (School Closed)	Monday 22 nd July

The Ely St. John's term dates for academic year 2024/25 have now been finalised - see over the page...

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Term dates for 2024/25...

Autumn Term 2024

Training Day (School Closed)	Tuesday 3 rd September
Autumn Term opens	Wednesday 4 th September
Half Term	Monday 28 th Oct. – Friday 1 st Nov.
Training Day (School Closed)	Monday 4 th November
Autumn Term ends	Friday 20 th December

Spring Term 2025

Training Day (School Closed)	Monday 6 th January
Spring Term opens	Tuesday 7 th January
Half Term	Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February
Spring Term ends	Friday 4 th April

Summer Term 2025

Training Day (School Closed)	Tuesday 22 nd April
Summer Term opens	Wednesday 23 rd April
May Day (School Closed)	Monday 5 th May
Half Term	Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May
Summer Term ends	Tuesday 22 nd July
Training Day (School Closed)	Wednesday 23 rd July

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