

Ely St. John's Standard



Friday 4th July 2025



Headteacher's Notes:

Ahead of the end-of-year school 'Academic Reports' being sent home next week, I wanted to share with you all just how impressed I have been with all of the achievements and progress that I have read about. Having been able to read all 371 reports, I recognise just how hard children across all year groups of the school have worked since September. Please do take the time to read and share the reports with your child when you receive it.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the hard work and dedication of the school staff team - whose skillful guidance underpins so much of this pupil success - and to all of you, our families, for the home support and engagement that we know you all provide on a daily basis. Our pupils are very aware that I always say that every single day makes a difference (something I firmly do believe) and this is something I see in the progress and comments evidenced in many of the reports. I hope we can all take this into the start of next academic year in September and continue to build on the foundations in place from this year.

Should you wish to share any feedback on the reports, or if you have any questions, please complete the reply slip enclosed with them - your thoughts are always very much appreciated.

Mr. Henson

ESJ at a Glance

- We hosted the first of our 'Stay and Play' sessions for our new intake EYFS pupils on Wednesday and Thursday this week.
- Y3 performed superbly as part of the Ely Schools Choir during the Ely Arts Festival concert at Ely Cathedral on Friday last week.
- All year groups and classes have had further story-time sessions with their new teachers for next year ahead of our Transition Morning next week on Wednesday
- Y6 enjoyed a fantastic residential trip to PGL Caythorpe last week! The whole group were praised for their teamwork, positivity and polite manners throughout.
- It's Disco Night this evening thanks to the Friends - over 220 tickets have been sold!



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Updates and Information



End of Year Academic Reports

School end of year 'Academic Reports' are being sent home on Monday 7th July for all pupils in Years 1 to 5 and Foundation Stage. These will be in hard copy printed format and will be handed to children at the end of the school day to take home to you.

Reports for pupils in Year 6 will be sent home on Thursday 10th July. The reason for this slight delay is that the national Key Stage 2 test results are published on Tuesday 8th, and we would like to include these results as part of the reports being sent home.



From the Friends



Disco Night (Friday 4th July)

This evening's Disco Night has proven as popular as ever - we're excited to have over 220 pupils attending over the four events!



Volunteer Helpers:

The Friends team are still looking for additional helpers to support at the upcoming Summer Fair. If you are able to lend a hand, please email thefriendsofesj@hotmail.co.uk
Thank you!

Non-Uniform Day:

We are having a non-uniform day on Friday 11th July, to raise funds for the Friends and all the great projects that we support the school with.

Our suggested donation is £1, but please feel free to donate whatever you feel comfortable with.

As well as children donating (cash) on the day, if you would like to make an additional donation to the Friends please visit <https://donate.justgiving.com/charity/friendsofelystjohnspta/donation-amount>

Upcoming...

Summer Fair

(Saturday 12th July - 2pm until 5pm)



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The Pirates of the Currybean

We are expecting two packed audiences for the Year Six performances of 'The Pirates of the Currybean' next week - tickets have been selling fast! The cast have been rehearsing hard and are ready to blow you away with their pirate-y ways! As well as performing to the school in a final dress rehearsal on Monday, the two performances to parents are on Tuesday (8th) at 9:15am and 1:45pm. Please arrive at least five minutes before your allocated performance so that the show can run to time - thank you!



'Meet the Teacher' - Wednesday 9th July



A reminder that classrooms will be 'open' from 3:10pm until 3:30pm next Wednesday - 9th July - for you to visit your child's new class teacher and classroom for a few minutes. We hope to see lots of you there!



Smartphone Free Childhood Campaign

A number of local Year 6 parents have connected through Smartphone Free Childhood (a movement to delay smartphone ownership and social media for children) and have expressed an interest in connecting with other year 6 parents and carers with children going into Year 7 in local secondaries in September to discuss smartphones, social media and safeguarding. If any parent would like to connect with other parents/carers on this issue please email SFC.cambridgeshire@gmail.com for more information about a WhatsApp chat that has been created to discuss this topic. For more information on the wider movement please see the website: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk> or watch the linked video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFsiYAsgx7U>

Calendar

Upcoming Dates:

July

Fri 4th - Friends 'End of Year' Discos

Tue 8th - Year 6 End of Year Performances
(9:15am + 1:45pm)

Wed 9th - Ely College Y7 Transition Day

Wed 9th - ESJ Transition Morning in new classes

Wed 9th - (3:10pm) 'Meet the Teacher' drop-in sessions

Wed 9th + Thur 10th - New Intake EYFS 'Stay and Play' sessions (3:15pm)

Fri 11th - Non-Uniform Day (Friends Fundraiser)

Sat 12th - Friends Summer Fair (2pm - 5pm)

Long Term Dates:

July

Wed 16th – Fri 18th - Y4 Residential Trip
(Burwell House)

Mon 21st - (3:20pm) Summer Term Music Concert

Tue 22nd - Last Day of Summer Term

Tue 22nd - (2:15pm) Y6 Leavers' Assembly

September

Mon 1st - Teacher Training Day (School Closed)

Tues 2nd - Start of Autumn Term for pupils



Term dates and staff training days for the [2024/25](#) and [2025/26](#) academic years can be found on our website:

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