



# St. John's Standard

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## Headteacher's Notes:

As we break for the February half term holiday today, it is an opportunity to pause and look back at the first half of our academic year Together. There have been so many highlights already which makes it almost impossible to pick out ones to mention here, suffice to say that our EJ Way statement, 'We are excited to learn new things' is in evidence every single day across the school. Well done Team ESJ!

We are actually somewhat over the exact halfway point in the school year in terms of the number of school days due to the varying term lengths - 103 days completed, 87 remaining. With my responsibility to monitor pupil attendance, I wanted to highlight to you all both the importance of good attendance and the impact on lost learning that poor attendance can have. There are times when we are all not well, and being absent from school to rest and recover is the best option, and we obviously do recognise and support that. For your information though, national guidelines for pupil attendance and the impact of late arrivals across a school year are shown below...

National Attendance Guidelines



Impact of late arrivals each day



Many studies have shown the correlation between good attendance and academic attainment and progress - something we fully endorse here at ESJ.

I do not want any families to worry about issues around absence, we remain here to support and help in any way we can to improve pupil attendance and will continue to work with you all to ensure the best possible outcomes. Thank you for your support in being here, on time, every day - it really does make a difference!

Mr. Henson

Find out more at...

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## Reminders and Updates...

### Contact Details - Updates

Please ensure that the school office are notified of any changes or amendments to your family contact details. It is essential that we have correct up-to-date records for all pupils - especially if mobile numbers or email addresses change. Please email [office@elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk) with any updates.



## Friends Film Night - Friday 1st March

The latest Friends Film Night (showing Shaun the Sheep Farmageddon [U] and Early Man [PG]) for all years will be on Friday 1st March, 5.30pm - 7.15pm. The deadline for signing up is Monday 26th February with a cost of £3.00 per child, which includes a snack bag containing crisps, a chocolate snack and a drink. To book a place for your child just visit [www.pta-events.co.uk/esj](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/esj)



## The Friends - AGM 2024



Please see the poster opposite for details of the upcoming Friends AGM. Whether you would like to join the committee, just find out more about the team or get to meet us all, please do come along! Everyone is welcome!

If you would like to know more but are unable to attend the AGM meeting, please do contact the Friends via email - [thefriendsofesj@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thefriendsofesj@hotmail.co.uk)

Friends of Ely St John's

**AGM**  
Annual General Meeting

**Everyone is welcome.**  
Stay informed and get involved.

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm**  
Staffroom at Ely St John's School  
(duration approx. 1 hour)

**Everyone welcome**

Parentkind  
Member Association



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## Dates for your diary...



### February

**Mon 26th** School re-opens - start of Spring 2

**Mon 26th** Friends AGM Meeting (7:30pm)



### March

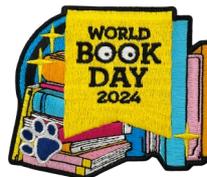
**Fri 1st** Friends Film Night (5:30pm - 7:15pm)

**Thur 7th** World Book Day (7:30pm)

**Mon 11th** British Science Week (all week)

**Tue 26th** Spring Term Music Concert (3:15pm)

**Thur 28th** Last day of term



## Academic Year 2023/24

### Spring Term

Half Term	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
Spring Term ends	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March

### Summer Term

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	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Spring Term ends	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July
Training Day (School Closed)	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

The Ely St. John's term dates for academic year 2024/25 have now been finalised - see [www.elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk/website/term\\_dates/232278](http://www.elystjohns.cambs.sch.uk/website/term_dates/232278)

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