



ELY ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2, 2026

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of the academic year. As always, June and July promise to be incredibly busy but rewarding months as we look toward the summer break. Following their hard work last term, our Year 4 children are this week undertaking their Multiplication Table Check, and we wish them the very best as they put all their practice into action. We are also looking forward to coming together as a school community this Saturday for our Summer Fayre, with the weather looking like it will brighten up just in time.

This half term is a time of significant transition, particularly for our Year 6 pupils who are entering their final weeks with us. Having approached their SATs last month with such determination, their focus now turns to celebrating their journey through the school. We are all looking forward to watching their hard work come to life in the upcoming school production, and we know they are eagerly anticipating the adventures ahead on their Bushcraft residential trip and Activity Week. While it will be bittersweet to say goodbye to them in July, we want to make their remaining time here as memorable as possible.

Alongside these farewells, we are delighted to begin welcoming the new children and families who will be joining our school community in Year 3 this September. Transition visits will begin soon, and it will be wonderful to see our newest pupils starting to familiarise themselves with the school. Finally, as the year draws to a close, you will receive your child's end-of-year report, reflecting on their progress, achievements, and the unique talents they have shared with us this year. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to finish the school year on a high.

Kind regards,

Oliver Graves



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - SUMMER

Monday 1st June - First Day of Summer 2

Wednesday 3rd June - Sports morning - Parents invited

Thursday 4th June - Sports morning 2 - House races

Friday 5th June - Class and Year 6 photographs

Monday 8th June - Giraffes at Ely Wild Space

Tuesday 9th June - Zebras at Ely Wild Space

Wednesday 10th June - Year 6 trip to Kettle's Yard - Penguins

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Saturday 13th June - Ely St Mary's Summer Fayre

Tuesday 16th June - Matinee and Evening Year 6 Production

Wednesday 17th June - Year 5 to Ely On Par Golf and Driving Range

Thursday 18th June - Evening Year 6 Production

Saturday 20th June - United Voices @ Ely Arts Festival (St Mary's Church)

Week beginning 22nd June - Year 6 residential week / Activity Days

Friday 3 July - Speed Quizzing Evening (FOSMs event) - 17:30

Thursday 9th July - Move-up Day for all year groups

Thursday 9th July - School Disco

2 / 3 year - 4.30 - 5.30 pm

4 / 5 year - 5.45 - 6.45 pm

Friday 10th July - School reports to parents and carers

Monday 13th July - Ely St Mary's Summer Music Concert - 18:00

Thursday 16th July - Year 6 Leavers BBQ (17:00)

Friday 17th July - Year 6 leavers gathering (Parents invited at 14:30)

Friday 17th July - Last Day of Summer Term



ATTENDANCE

As we approach the final weeks of the school year, it can be tempting to feel that things are winding down. However, vital learning, final assessments, and crucial transition activities take place right up until the very last day.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child is in school every day and arriving on time so we can finish the academic year strongly together.



THE BIG FUTURE SURVEY



This year, the Children's Commissioner wants to hear from children across the country and from every school about the issues that affect them, the changes they want to see, and their hopes for the future.

The Big Future survey can be carried out by a child, or by an adult supporting a child, here: childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture

To best find our school on the survey, type CB7 and look through the list.



LOST PROPERTY AND UNIFORM

Labelled Clothing: Our lost property collection grows significantly during the summer term as children naturally shed layers during break times.

Please take a moment to check that your child's name is still clearly legible on their cardigans, jumpers, and water bottles.

We will display all unclaimed, unnamed items at the end of the term before they are donated or recycled.



HOT (SOMETIMES RAINY) WEATHER

Sun Protection and Water Bottles: As the days get warmer and the children spend more time on the field, please ensure your child comes to school with a named, reusable water bottle and a sun hat.

We highly recommend applying long-lasting sun cream before school.

The school are reviewing our "hot weather" plan in light of the increasingly hot spells of weather we are experiencing.

Equally as important is planning for rain. We've had a week of incredibly heavy, sporadic rain and a significant minority of children haven't brought in a jacket or coat when this has been expected.

We ask that parents and carers to check the forecast before sending children into school and plan appropriately from there.

 WHAT WILL WE BE LEARNING ABOUT?

SUMMER 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
As a Reader and Writer...	Reading: Stig of the Dump Narrative and letter writing.	Writing to persuade: a letter to the council Writing to inform: a report about coasts Reading: Oliver Twist and non-fiction extracts	Writing a biography of a famous person Balanced argument: Should homework be banned?	Reading The Final Year Writing Narrative/Dialogue The Lighthouse Drama Y6 Production School Daze
As a Mathematician..	Shape and Statistics	Shape and statistics	Decimals Units of measurement for mass and capacity	Daily Arithmetic Retrievals Maths Themed Project Maths Challenges
As a Geographer and/or Historian	Settlements: Where do you live?	What did the ancient Greeks do for us?	The Industrial Revolution	Suffragettes Who were the Suffragettes and why were they so important?
As a Scientist...	How do forces affect the movement of objects?	How does electricity flow and what does it power?	What causes our weather?	Evolution and Adaptation What is evolution and how does it cause a change within a species?
As an artist and/or designer...	Can I create jewelry in the style of the ancient Egyptians?	Can I design and make an automata toy?	Can I balance a balance? Learning about fulcrums, levers and pulleys	Self Portrait Artists: Modigliani/ Picasso Warhol
As a Technologist...	Programming	Can I create a computer animation based on the water cycle?	Coding, writing algorithms and debugging	Online Safety Computing Digital Art
As a Musician...	Bringing us together: Disco	Recorders	Can I identify what Soul/Motown is and in which decade it originated from?	Music and Me: Exploring identify through music Steel Pans
As a Linguist... French	French: Going on a picnic	French: Summer time	Going to the seaside	Sports
As an Athlete...	Tennis	Tennis	Tennis Rounders	Tennis Rounders
As a Global Citizen (RE & PSHE)	PSHE: Relationships and Health Education RE: God as Trinity	PSHE: Relationships and Health Education RE: God as Trinity	PSHE: Relationships and Health Education RE: God as Trinity Buddhism	PSHE Relationships and Health Education RE God as Trinity