

Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

You may or may not be aware but this is the first newsletter of this half term. Previously, newsletters had been sent out fortnightly but there has been much discussion around communication and how we use many different ways to communicate with you. Much of what parents/carers need to know is pushed out via Classroom Dojo and parentmail and so this has changed the need for a regular newsletter. Therefore, from now on, the newsletter will be half termly, celebrating all of the things that have happened at school during that half term and looking forward to events in the future term. As you will be able to read below, there has been much success this half term and the children have enjoyed a variety of fun activities. The children particularly enjoyed taking part in the different trips and visits that happened this term and some children were pleased to collect their Isle of Ely20 badge. Any feedback about the trips and visits schedule would be appreciated as we will be making tweaks to the schedule as we move into the new year. I wish you all a lovely Easter break, relax and enjoy the sunshine and I look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 22nd April. Happy holidays!

Latest news and information from Isle of Ely Primary School...

Staffing update:

Mrs Katie Bartolozzi went on maternity leave just before February half term and but she didn't have long to wait to welcome her baby who was born during half term. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Bartolozzi who welcomed a son, Marley. Both mother and baby are doing very well.

Miss Jessica Overson leaves us today as she goes on maternity leave and awaits her second child. We wish her well and look forward to seeing her and meeting baby soon.

Mrs Wilshin will be teaching Grasshopper Class along with Mrs Surtees who will teach every Friday.

House points:

Yellow House enjoyed an extra playtime this afternoon for winning the house points last half term. Big congratulations to Yellow House for winning this half term. Children in Yellow House will receive their reward after half term.

Yellow: 2967

Red: 2910

Blue: 2933

Green: 2771

Year 4:

Congratulations to the children of Year 4 who performed beautifully for their parents recently. We learnt a lot of about the Romans and enjoyed their singing. A big thank you to all of the adults who supported the production and for all the parents and carers who attended the two performances. We hope you enjoyed it too.

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Bikeability:

The year 5 children recently took part in Bikeability and spent the week learning how to ride their bike both within school and outside on the road. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and they all received a certificate and a badge.

Sporting Events:

Well done to all of our children who took part in a variety of sporting events with other Ely schools this term. The children always enjoy the events and representing the school and the children are great ambassadors for our school. This term, the children have taken part in netball tournaments, Tag Rugby and cross country.

Irish Dancers:

A group of Irish dancers from school visited the Orchards Care home in March to celebrate St Patrick's Day with the residents. They danced beautifully and really enjoyed entertaining the residents and the residents were very grateful for the visit. Orchards Care home appreciate our continued kindness and support and are looking forward to a visit again next year.

World Book Day:

We were amass of book characters as we celebrated World Book Day dressing up as our favourite characters from our favourite books. The adults and children thoroughly enjoyed the day being immersed in stories and reading. A big thank you for all of the effort put into the children's costumes, it's always lovely to see such creativity.

Upcoming trips:

The children have enjoyed a variety of trips and visits this term, including many children collecting their badges for the IOE20. The planned trips for next term are below:

Year 1 – Wicken Fen (2nd July)

Year 4 – Inside Out (7-11th July) Moth 7-9th July, Grasshopper 9-11th July

Year 5 – Silverstone Museum and STEM Workshop (Monday 28th April)

Year 5 – National Space Centre (Monday 12th May)

Year 6 – Norwich Theatre (Friday 25th April)

Year 6 – Grafham Water residential (2-4th July)

Other year groups still have to organise their trips but they will also have visits to look forward to. A big thank you to all of the parent helpers who help us whenever we go out on trips, it is greatly appreciated.

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Blue House Charity Day:

Blue house captains would like to raise money for the Air Ambulance and so on Thursday 24th April Ava and Henry would like all of the children to come to school dressed in red, grey and/or yellow, the colours of the air ambulance, and donate £2. They are excited to see how much money we can raise. Please click on the link below to donate £2 to this amazing charity.

[Isle of Ely Primary School is fundraising for East Anglian Air Ambulance](#)

Summer Term Events:

As we enter the last term of this year, there is still much to look forward to. Please notes the dates below in your diaries.

Thur 24th April – Blue house charity day

Fri 2nd May @ 0845 – Parents' coffee morning

W/b: 19th May – Arts week and parent shares

Fri 20th June – World music day

Sat 28th June – Isle Fest

Wed 2nd July – transition day

Mon 14th July – Sports day

Tues 22nd July – non uniform day & break up

Isle Fest:

The Isle of Ely PTA invites you to save the date for this year's **Isle Fest**, a summer festival being held right here at our school! The festival will feature entertainment for the entire family, carnival games, food, music and much more.

Date: Saturday, June 28, 2025

Time: 11:30am-12pm SEND children/families ~ 12pm-3:30pme everyone

Location: Isle of Ely Primary School Playground

Cost: Adults £3, Children £2 (There will be additional items available for purchase)

The PTA is still looking for sponsors for the event. If you know of a business that would be interested in supporting the school, please reach out to our PTA team at pta@isleofelyprimary.org.

More details will be coming soon. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in June!

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Taste of Ramadan:

Once again we hosted the Taste of Ramadan which was very well attended and we received a lovely email from the Imam at Ely Islamic centre which we greatly appreciated and wanted to share with you, please see below:

On behalf of myself and the wider community, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for allowing us to use the school for our Ramadan event.

The feedback from the community has been overwhelmingly positive—this year's event was even more warmly received than last year, plus I think we were more clever in the space arrangement, overall a very lovely evening. It was truly wonderful to see so many members of the community from the churches, police and the MP all come together in such a welcoming space.

We deeply appreciate the support, effort, and collaboration from the school team and committee in facilitating and making this event possible. If there are any feedback or comments from any one, please do let us know. I hope we can do this again in the future!

Thank you once again for all your support.

Best regards, Amina Abdullahi-Momodu

On Behalf Of Trustees, Imam Ely Islamic Centre [Ely Mosque | Masjid and Islamic Centre | Ely Mosque | Masjid and Islamic Centre \(elyislamiccentre.org\)](#)

Term Dates:

Summer Term 2025:

Starts	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
School closed	Friday 23 rd May (PD Day)
Half Term	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May 2025
Ends	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025
Summer holiday	Wednesday 23 rd July to Friday 29 th August 2025