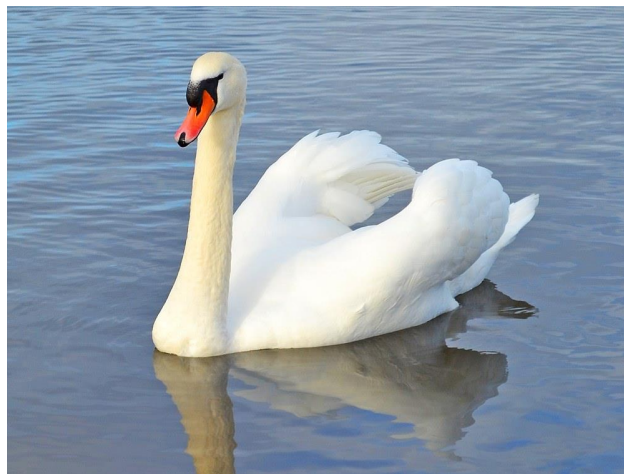




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YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

Hello and happy half term to our wonderful Little Paxton families!

I know I said this at this time last year but I can't believe how quickly this year has flown by and that we are about to head into the final half term of this school year. It has been a busy and successful year at Little Paxton, I was reminded this morning that we have a lot to celebrate, a lot that is great about our school community!

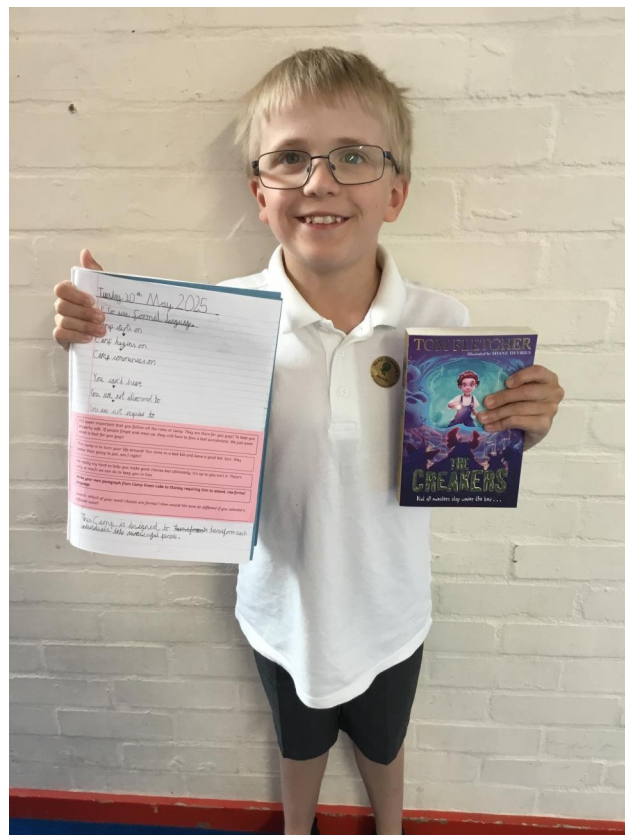
After half term I will be writing to you all to share the school structure for next year and tell you which teachers will be in which classes, I am not able to share this before the 31st of May as I might still need to make changes in staffing due to this being the teacher resignation date. There will be a chance for you to book an appointment with your child's new teacher before the end of the year (please see the dates at the end of the press).

We have had two brilliant students from Ernulf with us this week completing their work experience. Both girls have been absolutely excellent and have worked incredibly hard. The children have enjoyed having them as part of their classes and the teachers have really appreciated their work and initiative. So thank you girls and we wish you all the best in your future, you are always welcome back at Little Paxton. There has been no rest for our Year 6 children as after their SATs they are now really working on their writing. I have seen lots of great pieces of writing and was very impressed by Nathan's work which he brought to share with me. He was so proud of his learning not only was his work beautifully presented but he had written some excellent sentences changing informal language to formal language, well done Nathan! Nathan went away with a book from the Headteacher's Stash! On Monday the children performed brilliantly in their poetry assemblies, it is fantastic that we are learning poems off by heart now as part of our English lessons! Sports wise this week our Netball Team represented the school brilliantly at the county finals (more later in the press from a very proud Mrs Webb) and our Year 6 Paxton Panthers football team are currently playing in a tournament, I will let you know how they got on after half term!

On Wednesday our School Improvement Advisor visited us for the morning. Sue Bowman caught up with Mr Saxby and myself and then had a tour of the school from Roman and Samar in Year 5. She said that both children were very articulate and were able to share with her lots of positive things about Little Paxton, as well as saying the things they would like to see changed. We had the opportunity to share our improvement priorities for next year and also to talk through the work that has been happening to get our curriculum ready for September. Mr Saxby has been taking the lead on this and has worked with other subject leads on History, Geography, MFL (French) and PSHE. This has been a really exciting piece of work and Sue was very

impressed. She said that the curriculum is very strong and will take us forward even further and make learning even better for our children. This morning I was invited to share our experience of the Ofsted Pilot Inspection with other heads from the county and she also shared about how brilliant our curriculum design is and encouraged people who were developing their curriculum to get in touch with us so we could support them! So a massive thank you to Mr Saxby for his excellent work!

Have a wonderful half term, whatever you are doing, and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 2nd June at 8.40am when the gates open!



Message from Mrs Rider

Hello to our Paxton Families! I cannot believe we are in our last week of this half term and we have just one half term left of this year! There will be the beginning of big changes next term as all the children start to get ready to move up into their new year group and there's lots of anticipation about new teachers, classrooms etc. It is a big change for most of our children.

The move from Reception to Year 1 is an exciting and important milestone in your child's learning journey. While many children are ready to embrace new challenges, this transition can feel like a big step as routines and expectations begin to change. As a parent or carer, your support plays a vital role in making this change smooth and positive.

Here's how you can help your child feel confident and ready for Year 1:

1. Talk Positively About the Change

Children take their emotional cues from the adults around them. Speak confidently and cheerfully about Year 1, focusing on the new things they'll get to learn and do. Reassure them that it's normal to feel a little nervous and that their new teacher is excited to meet them.

2. Encourage Independence

In Year 1, children are encouraged to take more responsibility. You can support this at home by:

- Letting them pack and carry their own school bag
- Encouraging them to dress independently
- Asking them to tidy up after activities

These small steps build confidence and resilience.

3. Keep Learning Fun Over the Summer

The shift from play-based learning in Reception to more structured lessons in Year 1 can feel like a change. Over the summer, keep learning light and enjoyable:

- Read together every day
- Practise writing through postcards, shopping lists, or drawing and labelling pictures
- Explore simple maths through games, baking, or counting activities

4. Talk About Feelings

Create space for your child to express how they're feeling about the change. You could ask: "What are you looking forward to in Year 1?", "Is there anything you're unsure or curious about?"

5. Keep Routines Steady

Children thrive on predictability. As September approaches, gradually reintroduce familiar school routines: set regular bedtimes, morning wake ups, and time for reading or quiet play. This helps your child feel ready for the new term.

I hope this helps and I wish everyone an enjoyable and safe half term!

Mrs Rider- EYFS Lead



Message from Mrs Webb - Netball report

What an afternoon I have had with the year 6 netball team. The sun was shining and both the children and I was very excited for the regional netball tournament which the children had qualified for a few weeks ago.

There were 19 teams who qualified so it was a very busy tournament. We played 4 initial games and although we didn't win them, there were some close matches, especially against The Vine, where the score was 3-1 to The Vine Primary School. The children were able to play all the positions throughout the games and really got themselves into each position. They then went through to the second round where we played our best game and only lost by 1-0 - some great defence here!

All of the children had a great time and I want to say thank you to every single one of them for making it such a lovely afternoon to be part of with them.

We will come back even stronger!

Well done to...

Sophie - **our give it your all player**

Katelyn - **our always there to support player**

Frankie - **our never give up player**

Isaac - **our pocket rocket on the court**

Mohau - **our doesn't stop moving player**

Amy - **our keep going player**

Ivy - **our awesome defender**

Lottie - **our amazing catcher**

George - **our super goal scorer**

And a massive shout out to the parents/carers who were able to come and watch the children participate in the amazing event!

Mrs Webb



Workers of the Week

This week our workers of the week are all compassionate

Marvelous Merlin - POPPY. *She is such a kind and compassionate friend. She often enthusiastically volunteers to help me tidy up our classroom and organise our whiteboard box. She also makes sure that everyone is included if they feel left out and offers to play with them if they feel sad. Keep being an amazing, caring friend Poppy!*

Lovely Lark - FRANKIE is a wonderfully compassionate girl who always notices when someone needs a helping hand or a kind word. She has a gentle nature and is so caring which makes her a valued member of our class. Well done Frankie!

Wonderful Woodpecker - AYL A because she is always treating others with kindness and respect. She is always quick to offer a hand to someone who needs it. Thank you for being a shining example!

Remarkable Raven - TILLY - She is always looking out for her friends and is such a kind and caring girl, thinking of ways to include others and ensure people aren't left out! Well done Tilly!

Perfect Pigeon - FREYA - She is such a kind and compassionate member of our class and always ready to help someone who needs it. Well done Freya

Knowledgeable Nightingale - LILY because of showing wonderful compassion towards others whether offering kind words or helping someone who is struggling. You always think about how others are feeling.

Outstanding Owl - MOLLY for being compassionate. She is very conscientious and helps both peers and adults in our class. Thank you Molly.

Clever Kite - JESSE is Clever Kite this week because he has shown great compassion by always demonstrating kindness and empathy towards others in Kite class.

Ready Wren - JAMES C is compassionate as he looks out for others, especially when they are upset. We know he will always be kind and respectful to everyone.

Fantastic Fisher - MARLEY - She is a compassionate friend, always making sure that those around her are happy and have what they need. She looks out for her friends and is kind to everyone.

Dedicated Dove - JASMINE - for settling into the school well and showing incredible effort throughout the week.

Jubilant Jackdaw - **AMELIA** for being compassionate and looking out for others, especially new members of the school. She is always showing kindness, respect and empathy.

IMPORTANT! Reminder of dates coming up



May

Friday 23rd May - Staff Training Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

June

Wednesday 4th - EYFS to Shepreth Wildlife Park

Friday 6th - Pre Festival Celebration Day - Non Uniform Festival Style

Wednesday 9th - Yr 6 end of year trip to Grafham

Thursday 12th - Yr 5 End of year trip to Grafham

Wednesday 18th - Sports Day

Tuesday 24th and 25th - Transition days for Yr6s - Longsands and Ernulf

Tuesday 24th - Transition day in school

Tuesday 17th - Year 3 trip to Whipsnade

Wednesday 25th - Reserve Sports Day

Thursday 26th July - Years 1 and 2 library visit

Monday 30th - Staff Training Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

July

Tuesday 1st - Year 1-2- Paradise Wildlife Park

Thursday 3rd - Year 2 Music Festival - details to follow

Wednesday 9th - Parent Drop In - All Years - 3.20pm-5.00pm

Thursday 10th - Teddy Bears Picnic for new September starters 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Monday 14th - Reports delivered to parents

Monday 14th - Year 6 Production (details to follow)

Tuesday 15th - Year 6 Production (details to follow)

Tuesday 15th - Parents evening mini catch up if required with current teacher.

Wednesday 16th - Meet your new teacher if required - appointments booked via the office

Friday 18th - Headteacher's Award Summer Term and Rotary Star

Tuesday 22nd - Leavers Assembly 1.30pm

Wednesday 23rd Last Day of School

School would really like a small freezer - do you have one to donate please??

Please speak to the office team if you can help.

FREE Sessions for you and your child

READY, STEADY, SLOW COOK!



Cook *Shop* Move

 DAY: WEDNESDAYS
START DATE: 4/06/25
END DATE: 9/07/25
TIME: 4PM - 5.30PM 

ALCONBURY WEALD - THE PAVILLION

Come and join our fully funded* 6 week Slow Cooker course. You will receive a free slow cooker and each week you will be provided with ingredients which you will prepare with your child to take home to cook. You will also get the chance to try a range of free fun activities including Yoga, Family Fitness and a range of sports-based games. After the course you will be invited to take part in a Savvy Shopper visit with the Coop including a tour of the store and vouchers to spend on the ingredients for a recipe of your choice!

To Book or for more info: Scan QR Code, email: Cambsals@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or phone 01353 613013



Market Square - Grand Opening - FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL





Understanding ADHD

An online talk by Jane Keyworth



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

June 23rd 7 - 8:30pm

Talks are recorded and available to watch for up to 48hrs after the session £24



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on the **Homepage**



Bikeability Instructors Required

Last week our Year 4 children benefited from some cycle training and our Year 6s also have full level 3 training. This is such a valuable life skill - Do you know anyone who may be interested to be an instructor?

Could you inspire the next generation of cyclists?

We are searching for Cycle Instructors to join our expanding Bikeability team.



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Housekeeping

Reminder - Measles is on the rise!

You will see details of an MMR Vaccination clinic during the half term holiday. If there is enough interest we have been offered a possible clinic in school. If you would be interested in this, please speak to the office team.



**2 doses of the MMR
vaccine can stop your
child becoming seriously
unwell with measles**



Make sure your child
is up to date with
their vaccinations



**Measles is more
than just a rash**



**1 in 5 children
will need a
hospital visit**

MMR
Pre-school boosters
Meningitic C
baby vaccines
0-5 vaccines

NHS
Hertfordshire, East Anglia and BLMK
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Let's Get Vaccinated

Every Dose Matter
For your Child's Health



walk-in clinic

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with any enquiries



Bretton Baptist Church,
Copeland PE3 6YJ



Tuesday 27th May 2025
09:00-16:00

No appointment needed!





Be Measles aware

**Do you know what
to look out for?**



9 out of 10

unvaccinated children
can catch measles
if someone in their
class has it

**Check your child is up
to date with their
MMR vaccinations**



Amazing local FREE event

Little Paxton Parish Council
SATURDAY 7TH JUNE

VILLAGE ADVENTURE DAY

10am - 4pm
QEII Playing Field, Little Paxton PE19 6EY
COME ALONG FOR AN ADVENTURE

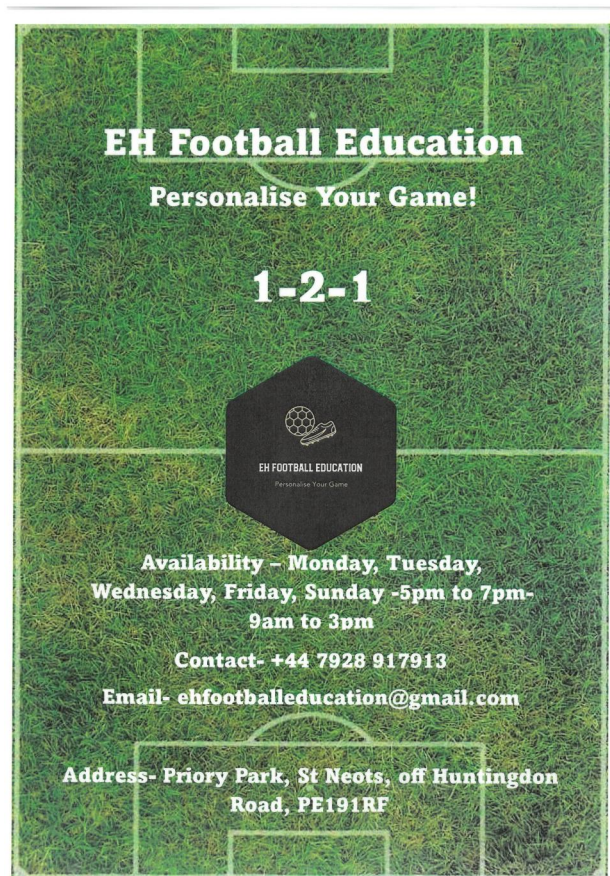
Spider Mountain & Caterpillar Climb

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Football Training



HALF TERM EVENTS

Cambridge United Football Camp



Get Ready for a Half-Term at Cambridge United Soccer Schools!

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Join Cambridge United for their May Half Term Soccer Schools from Tuesday 27th May to Friday 30th May, and have an unforgettable half term of footballing fun!

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So grab your boots and join us for an awesome half-term experience!

There's still plenty of spaces, so make sure to register soon and secure your spot via our website – Soccer Schools | Cambridge United F.C. If you book on for 2 or more days during the week, they will receive a FREE Cambridge United football.

Or email Elliot on Elliotj@cambridgeunited.com for any questions!

Girls Only



HALF TERM
Girls Only
funday

All sessions are girls only 6-11 Years Old 10:00am-15:00pm £20 Per Player

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MAY HALF TERM

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SESSION 2: 1315 – 1430
SESSION 3: 1430 – 1545


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Swimming Course

Introduction to Making it REAL (Raising Early Achievement in Literacy)



Cambridgeshire Early Years, Childcare, and School Readiness Service are offering family-facing EY Practitioners (including Childminders, Settling Practitioners, Child and Family Centre staff, Reception-class staff and Community Group staff) working with families of children 2-5 years, the opportunity to engage with this **funded** course enabling practitioners to gain an understanding of the **REAL** approach, identify ways to include it in everyday practice, whilst sharing it with families, building confidence and knowledge to support the home learning environment, with access to a **£70 bursary**** for staffing cover.

The aims of the award-winning programme will support practitioners, to:

- Boost children's communication language and early literacy development
- Work with parents to give them knowledge, skills and confidence, helping to create positive home learning environments.
- Focus on meaningful communication and literacy that children make sense of and enjoy, as part of everyday lives
- Embed a fun, engaging, inclusive and accessible for all, low or no cost approach


Date	Time	Location
Thursday, 23 rd January 2025	9 am to 4 pm	Sunley House, Papworth Everard
Tuesday, 4 th March 2025	9 am to 4 pm	Amursden House, St Ives
Thursday, 24 th April 2025	9.30 am to 4.30 pm	Ely library, Ely
Thursday, 8 th & 15 th May 2025	3.45pm to 6.45pm	Sunley House, Papworth Everard
Thursday, 26 th June, 2025	9.30 am to 4.30 pm	The Grove Primary, Cambridge

To book a place, please visit Booking and reservations for Early Years Workforce Development, 'Communication, Language and Literacy' www.btl.ly/Booking-Bug.

To learn more about further training opportunities, please view the Professional Development Programme on the Learn Together website cambsearntogether.co.uk.

To learn more about the course funding/bursary criteria, visit Funding information.

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