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YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

Hello and happy Friday to our wonderful Little Paxton School Community,

We have had a busy week at Little Paxton and we are really back into the swing of school life.

It has been wonderful to see so many praise points being awarded so far this year with some children already getting their next reward (they never lose the points they have been given they just continue to add to their total). Outside at playtime and lunchtime the children's behaviour has been amazing. School is a calm, positive place. We had some lovely feedback from a perspective family who visited school on Wednesday afternoon which we were very pleased with about how happy and calm the children were. During my lunch duty I visited the garden and was reminded how fortunate we are to have such a lovely space for the children to relax in; to dig and to look after.

Now is a good time to announce our Praise Point Champions for this week:

Our whole school champion is (drum roll please): TOMMY FRAME (also Upper School Champion)

Our lower school champion is: DARCY CLINTON

Congratulations to both of you and thank you for working hard and for demonstrating excellent learning behaviours!

On Monday we had the first governors meeting of the school year. This was a fantastic opportunity to be able to share, and agree, with our governors the priorities for improvement for this year. The governors will be visiting school regularly to monitor the School Development Plan and to see that we are doing what we are saying we are doing. Governors also have a role in holding the school to account for the money we have and how we are spending it. There will be more information from our governors in future editions of the press. We are still in need of someone to join the board who has a background in finance (this could be a grandparent or a friend who would like to support our school) and there will be a parent governor election held this term. If you think you, or someone you know, would be interested please email chair@littlepaxton.cambs.sch.uk for more information.

This year these are our improvement priorities for this year:

Priority 1:

To develop the 'Little Paxton Curriculum' to enable children to know more and remember more.

This priority will continue to address our Ofsted AFIs (areas for improvement from our inspection in February 2024)

Priority 2:

To improve the teaching, assessment and outcomes in writing across the school (with a particular focus on KS2) including how attainment in writing is reported to our families.

This priority will improve outcomes in writing for all our children.

Priority 3:

To continue to grow and develop leaders, including holding our leaders and middle leaders to account.

This includes developing our new SENDCo, Mrs Jeakings

Priority 4:

To equip our families to support their children at home and develop their understanding of the new curriculum.

Family engagement, support and communication

I know I have said this before but I need to say it again, one of the best parts of my role is when children come and visit with learning they are proud of or their teacher thinks is amazing. Emily (Kingfisher Year 4) came to visit with her History work about Anglo-Saxons. Emily was able to tell Mr Saxby, Mr Crabb and I so much about her learning and had clearly really enjoyed the lesson. Her work was also beautifully presented, well done Emily! I also had a wonderful time teaching Year 6 Netball this week, it's very important to me to continue to be present and active in the classrooms so I keep my teaching up to date, the children listened well and joined in brilliantly.

Mrs Jeakings has made a great start as our new SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator). She ran a very informative session on Tuesday evening for the families she is working with. This was well attended! Thank you to those who came and thank you to Mrs Jeakings for putting this event on. I am really excited about the vision Mrs Jeakings has to support children with SEND, and their families, at Little Paxton, building on the strong foundations which have been laid.

You may have read or heard about Ofsted in the news over the last few weeks. They have released new guidance (their school inspection toolkit) and are changing the way they inspect schools. Some of you may remember we put ourselves forward to be part of the pilot for this toolkit last year and they asked if they would be able to return once the toolkit had been finalised to complete a 2-day pilot inspection. The team have been in touch and we have invited them into school (yes you did read that right) on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. This will really support us in evaluating where our school sits in the new framework and identify areas for improvement. To say we are all looking forward to their visit is probably wrong but we are confident that this will be another way for us to ensure that Little Paxton is the best it can be and demonstrate our commitment to school improvement. So please don't panic if you see inspectors next week, we've actually asked them to visit us. There will be no written report and our grade will not change but we will be able to share the feedback we get from the team.

All that's left for me to say is have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming you to school when the gates open at 8.40am on Monday morning (remember Monday will be your last chance to buy tickets for the BIG BREAKFAST - we'll be selling tickets before school AND at the end of the day).

Message from Miss Dellar - Lower School Lead



What a fantastic start we have had to the beginning of the year!

It has been a pleasure seeing all of the children settle really well and I am so pleased to be continuing in my leadership role, which has now changed to Lower School Lead!

I just want to say a special mention to the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) children and families as starting school is such a huge milestone and all of the children have done really well with adapting to school and already showing what fantastic, polite children they are!

In EYFS we have been doing lots of learning around who the children are and getting to know them and their families! We have also started phonics and already the children are impressing us with their knowledge of the sounds!

In years 1 and 2 the children have done really well with adapting to working together as mixed classes and the children have shown just how sensible and mature they are during their learning! They have also started a really exciting history unit all about Neil Armstrong and the space race! We can't wait to hear more about what they have been doing!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Dellar

Lower School Lead

Workers of the Week

Our Workers of the week have all been identified as "**CARING**"

FOUNDATION

Marvelous Merlin - ILENNA (Lennie). *She has been kind to the children in Merlin class and has been taking care of our classroom. She often volunteers to tidy up an area in the classroom, even though she has not been playing in it. Well done Lennie, keep taking care of our classroom and keep being kind.*

Splendid Sparrow - DOLLY - *because she has been such a caring and kind friend this week. She always listens to the adults and makes sure that children who are feeling sad are looked after. Dolly also has been really caring in our classroom and taking care of our resources and toys. Thank you for being so caring Dolly! Well done!*

YEARS 1 AND 2

Lovely Lark - ISLA K *has been looking after the equipment in our classroom specifically making sure that Mrs Rider's writing pads are being looked after and in the correct place. Thank you Isla!*

Super Starling - FRANKIE for showing care and kindness towards all in the class, and especially caring for a poorly friend outside of school.

Wonderful Woodpecker - PHOEBE because she is always being kind and polite with her words.

YEARS 3 AND 4

Remarkable Raven - JACOB always follows the school rules and is an example to other children.

He is always caring for others and supporting them when they need it. Well done Jacob!

Clever Kite - DAISY! - *She has shown outstanding care and thoughtfulness in everything she does. Daisy always puts 100% effort into her learning, takes pride in her work, and consistently demonstrates kindness towards others. She is not only hardworking and determined but also a wonderful friend.*

Fantastic Fisher - ARTHUR - *for caring about his attitude to learning and making the right choices in the classroom this week.*

YEAR 5

Ready Wren - POPPY - 'caring' really is the word for Poppy! She cares so much about her learning, proactively improving her work to make it the best it can be; she cares about mastering our Wren class routines and getting the most out of every lesson; and she cares about her peers, supporting them to be their best.

Perfect Pigeon - HARRIET - because she has had an excellent start to year 5. She is incredibly caring to others and also taking great care over her work and presentation. Well done Harriet!

YEAR 6

Dedicated Dove - AMELIA and ELISE - Both girls have showed exceptional care of their work in lessons. Their presentation is fantastic and they really care about their work. It was also their birthday this week and decided to show their kind and caring side by bringing in sweets. They went around making all children and staff were thought about before they went home.

Jubilant Jackdaw - SHANNON demonstrates the 'caring' value by taking care over her presentation in all her school work.

Come and join us for our Big Breakfast for Macmillan

Last chance to purchase tickets will be MONDAY 21st September - NO tickets will be available on the door!





Friday 26th September



From 8.00am to 9.00am on Friday 26th September we will be holding a **BIG BREAKFAST** in our school hall in support of Macmillan. We will have bacon rolls, pastries and yoghurts and bananas along with teas, coffees, juices and squash.

Tickets will be on sale in the playground on Monday and Tuesday next week. If you need to order but have any dietary requirements, please do this at the school office. Vegetarian sausages, gluten free rolls and dairy free and vegan items will be available if pre-ordered, we cannot guarantee availability if not.

The menu will be as follows:-

Bacon roll and a drink - £2.50

Pastry and drink - £1.50

Yoghurt, banana and drink - £1.50

Please bring along the correct cash for your order, that would be amazing.

The event is open to grandparents and our wider community too.

It will also be non uniform, wear green day so feel free to dress up too!!

Please bring your tickets with you on the 26th!

Housekeeping

FLU SNIFF

Important - Please complete the form

Don't forget to follow the link relating to the flu sniff. This will take place in school on Wednesday 24th September. **Please complete the online form EVEN IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THE SNIFF.**

Here is the link.....

<https://bed.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/cambsandpeterborough>

Little Paxton School Association (LPSA)

Wow - A big thank you to the outgoing committee for a fantastic year.



LPSA

**WE HAVE HAD A
BUSY YEAR!**

We have run the following events;

- Mother's Day artwork and gifts
- Easter egg raffle
- Father's Day gifts
- Movie Night
- Discos
- Break the Rules day
- Ice Cream Friday
- Yr 6 Play Refreshments
- Santas Sleigh
- Christmas Fayre
- School Lottery
- Clothing Bin
- Easy Funding

Making a grand total of £5596



We need fresh volunteers for the LPSA

Last year, thanks to the fantastic support of our member, the LPSA donated over £10,000 to school. This funded the Pantomime trip and enriched the wider curriculum for all our children through Musician of the Month and Learning by Questions. Unfortunately, many of our current members are moving on as their children have started secondary school, and we need new parents, carers and grandparents to help keep the LPSA going.

You don't need special skills (though a sense of humour helps!). Whether you can spare a little time or a lot, we'd love to have you on board. Please join us at school for our first meeting of the year on 14th October, 6pm.



LPSA AGM

Tuesday 14th October
6-7pm in the
School Hall

The LPSA supports the school and all the children by organising fun events that the children love and helps raise money for the school.

One example is the year group money the teachers have had the last couple of years, this was from the LPSA.

Please consider joining the LPSA. Why not come along to the AGM to find out more.

The LPSA must have members taking on key roles, so they can continue doing its great fundraising.

LPSA Member -

a member attends committee meetings in person or via zoom, helps with events behind the scenes or at the event and votes on how the money fundraised supports the children in school.

Chair -

the chair is the glue that holds the LPSA together.

(this can be a joint role with a second person taking on Vice Chair)

Secretary -

the secretary keeps everyone informed.

Treasurer -

the treasurer keeps records of the finances.

(this can be a joint role with 2 people taking on the responsibility)

New intake for September 2026



Is your child starting school in September 2026?

We invite you to visit our wonderful school, meet our amazing team and see what we have to offer!

We are hosting tours on Wednesdays from October to January at 11am to see our school working hard!

- Wed 8th October
- Wed 5th November
- Wed 3rd December
- Wed 7th January

Please contact our school office on 01480 375600 or office@littlepaxton.cambs.sch.uk to book a tour. If any of the dates are not suitable, please let us know!

IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



September

Wednesday 24th - Flu sniff - all years - online booking open.

Wednesday 24th - Parent drop in - 3.30pm in school hall (pop in if you would like to speak to your child's teacher)

Thursday 25th - Phonics Information Session - 2pm school hall

Thursday 25th - Burwell Parents Meeting (virtual) 6pm

Friday 26th - Macmillan Breakfast - 8.00am - 9.00am and Wear Green non uniform Day

October

Wednesday 1st - Individual Photograph day .

Thursday 2nd - Ernulf open evening for year 6 - 5.00pm to 8.00pm (booking necessary)

Tuesday 7th - Harvest Festival - walking to Church

Wednesday 8th - School tour for new parents (contact office team to book in)

Thursday 9th - Hinchbrook open evening for year 6 - no need to book

Thursday 16th October - Longsands open evening (booking necessary)

Monday 20th - Parents Evening - 3.40pm - 5pm (with book fair) - booking details to follow

Wednesday 22nd Parents Evening - 3.40pm - 7pm (with book fair) - booking details to follow

November

Wednesday 5th - School tour for new parents (contact office team to book in)

Wednesday 5th - SEND Parents evening - 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Wednesday 5th - Hilltop Parent information evening - 6pm (Virtual)

Friday 7th - Non Uniform Hamper Day -(more details to follow)

Friday 7th - School Disco (details to follow)

Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th - Burwell - Year 4 residential

Friday 28th - STAFF TRAINING DAY - **School closed**

December

Wednesday 3rd - School tour for new parents (contact office team to book in)

Wednesday 3rd - Christmas Craft Fair - 3.15pm to 5.00pm

Tuesday 9th - Key Stage 1 production Cast A 1.30pm (cast details will be released nearer the time)

Wednesday 10th - Key Stage 1 Christmas Production Cast B - 9.30am (case details will be released nearer the time)

Thursday 11th - Xmas jumper and Christmas dinner day

Friday 12th - Early Years Nativity Tea Party

Monday 15th - Key Stage 2 Carol Concert - St James' Church - evening (full details available nearer the time)

Tuesday 16th - Key Stage 2 Carol Concert - St James' Church - evening (full details available nearer the time)

Wednesday 17th - Headteacher's Awards - Autumn Term 9.05 for Lower School and 2.45pm for Upper School

Friday 19th - LAST DAY OF TERM

Events for you

Celebrations on our doorstep!



Wildlife Trust for
Beds, Cambs
& Northants

Special memento making for
former visitors tool*



Family Fun Celebration:
15 Years of Paxton Pits
Environmental Education Centre



Saturday 20th September

Family fun to celebrate memories made over the last 15 years at Paxton Pits Environmental Education Centre. For former visitors, current visitors and those new to visiting tool

- 10am until 11.45am drop-in family activities in the education centre and grounds. Practical, fun and relaxing activities, including pond dipping and special memento keyring making for older former visitors to the education centre.
- All activities stop from 12 noon until 1pm for The Big Reunion Picnic - this event is for current and former family visitors, current and former volunteers, former work experience students. We would love to be see former visitors to the centre, from many years ago! There will be the opportunity to reminisce. Also be sure to book into the activity session before or session afterwards. Just bring a picnic & blanket or stool.
- 1:15 pm until 3:00pm drop-in family activities in the education centre grounds. Practical, fun and relaxing activities, including pond dipping and special memento keyring making for older former visitors to the education centre.

Booking essential. You will need separate tickets for the picnic and activity sessions.

*Bring £2.50 to cover materials for this activity! Also some coins for our cake stall too.

Booking essential www.wildlifebcn.org/events/2025-09-20-celebrating-15-years-paxton-pits-environmental-education-centre

All children must be accompanied by an adult throughout their time here. Sorry no dogs are allowed in the Environmental Education Area, where the family activities will be running (except assistance dogs).

The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire, The Manor House, Broad Street, Camboorne, CB23 6DH Tel: 01954 713500 Email: cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org Registered charity No. 1000412

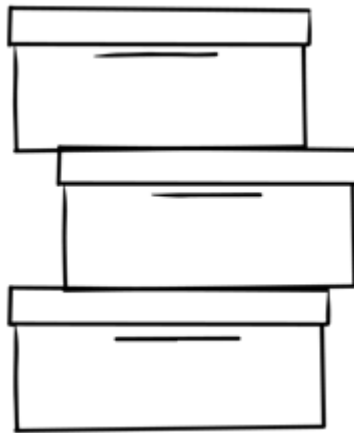
St Neots Museum

MEET THE MUSEUM

Event at St Neots Museum

Saturday 27th September, 11am-3pm.

FREE





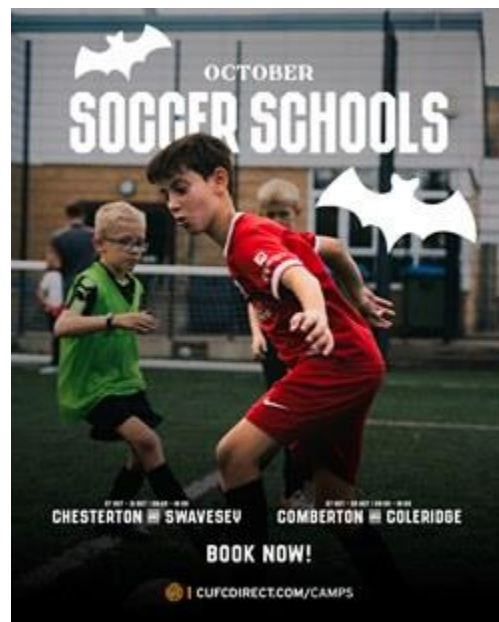
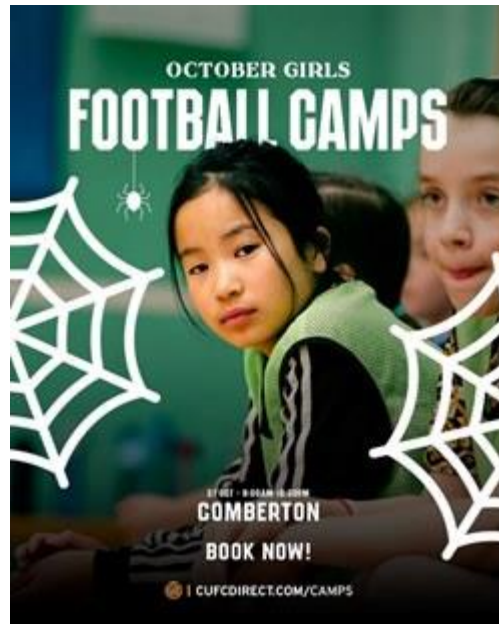
Come and meet the
museum team
Family Activities
Learn about what we do

Dance Workshops



Cambridge United

School is back... So are Soccer Schools & Girls Football Camps!!! Come join us this October to experience all the fun activities and games we have to offer!!!



Hi Students and Parents,

Join Cambridge United for their **October Soccer Schools** from Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October, and have an unforgettable summer of footballing fun!

Event Details:

Dates:

- Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

Times:

- 9:00-4:00

Cost:

- £25 per day

Ages:

- Ages 5-12

Venues:

- Chesterton (Mon-Fri)
- Coleridge (Mon-Thu)
- Comberton (Mon-Thu)
- Swavesey (Mon-Fri)

Join Cambridge United for their **October Girls Football Camps** on the following dates and have an unforgettable summer of footballing fun!

Event Details:**Dates:**

- Monday 27th October

Times:

- 9:00-12:00

Cost:

- £20 per day

Ages:

- Ages 7-16

Venues:

- Comberton Village College

You'll get the chance to make new friends, learn footballing skills, and potentially meet Cambridge United FC First Team Players!

So grab your boots and join us for an awesome experience this October!

There's still plenty of spaces, so make sure to register soon and secure your spot via our website:

Soccer Schools - [Soccer Schools | Cambridge United F.C.](#)

Girls Football Camps - [Cambridge United Football Club The Cledara Abbey Stadium Ticket Ordering](#)

If you have any questions or need any more information the please send us an email.

For Soccer Schools, please email Elliot at elliottj@cambridgeunited.com

For Girls Camps, please email Kristi at kristim@cambridgeunited.com

We can't wait to see you there!

Best wishes,

Cambridge United FC

Extra support available



in-person events

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for parents by parents

PARENT CONNECT:


INFO AND SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

ST NEOTS TESCO COMMUNITY ROOM
WEDS 10TH SEP, WEDS 1ST OCT,
WEDS 5TH NOV, 10AM-12PM

BERKLEY STREET METHODIST CHURCH HALL
WEDS 3RD DEC, 10AM-12PM

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Free books!



STORYBOOK VILLAGE

Free secondhand books for
0-11 year olds!

Friday 19th September 2025
3pm - 7pm
Alconbury Memorial Hall

Step into a world of stories and choose up to 10 books
to take home and treasure at absolutely no cost!


Adults must be accompanied by a child. Children must be
accompanied by an adult. Traders are not welcome at this event.

BOOK DONATIONS

Storybook Village can only run thanks to
kind donations of pre-loved books! Do you
have gently used children's books suitable
for ages 0-11 that you'd like to donate?

**Drop off point: 25 Highfield Avenue,
Alconbury Weston, PE28 4JS.**

Thank you!



Books are being given away completely free of charge. If you wish to leave a donation,
there will be a voluntary collection for The Angels Foundation UK, who support families in
Cambridgeshire in rebuilding their lives after domestic abuse.

The Anchor







Thanks for reading.