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YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

Hello and happy Friday to our wonderful Little Paxton families,

Happy GO GREEN day to you all. Our school community looked amazing in green, thank you for joining in and raising money for a great cause. We will be able to share pictures and celebrate a wonderful day in the press next week. Massive thanks does need to go to Mrs Staple for coordinating our **Macmillan BIG BREAKFAST**, and a special thank you to Mrs Bridgewater, Kitchen Manager for cooking the bacon for us.. Thank you so much we all appreciate you. We hope those of you who came enjoyed having breakfast with us!

This week we took part in a Pilot Ofsted Inspection for 2 days, I know how crazy are we?! This was so helpful as there is a new inspection toolkit so the areas which the team will be focusing on are different. It was also a fantastic opportunity to do a check on our school again to see where we are in terms of the areas for improvement we had in our last inspection and to see the progress we have made. Alongside that we got to talk to the inspection team about where we would sit as a school with the new 'report card' grades. There were no surprises and the inspection team could clearly see the improvements in the school since the previous inspection; that we have addressed our areas for improvement and that our School Development Plan is focusing on the right things to continue to move the school forwards. The team were so impressed by the children, they said that our children are open, confident, chatty and polite. There was so much to celebrate and I will share more with you next week once I have shared our successes with the staff team. I do need to thank the staff team for being a part of the pilot; Claire and Louise from our governors for attending various meetings with the inspection team and to our families who spoke to the team on the playground on Tuesday morning. Our grade doesn't change and no report gets published but we had so amazing feedback about our fantastic school.

I have had the privilege of teaching our Year 2 children and Dove Class this week. I was so impressed with our Year 2s and how hard they were working. They had remembered so much about verbs from Year 1 and know that every sentence needs a verb. They wrote some fantastic sentences which had some great verbs in them, well done Year 2. Doves impressed me with their attitude to their early morning task and their work in Guided Reading. All of the children were so engaged with the lesson and worked very hard. The Year 6 Maths group were equally impressive with all children working hard and achieving well. I managed to give out lots of praise points!

This seems like the perfect time to announce our praise point champions for this week:

Our Upper School Champion is: **Ariella Sheridan** (Ariella is also our whole school champion)

Our Lower School Champion is: **Anna Williams**

We have decided to create a playlist of all of the Friday Feeling songs chosen by the children each half term so I hope that you have all danced your way into the weekend today! We will be celebrating our workers of the week and praise point champions in our assembly on Monday morning as we have had a very busy day today with our BIG BREAKFAST and the High Sherrif of Cambridgeshire visiting our garden (more on that next week).

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back to school at 8.40am on Monday morning.

Message from Mr Crabb - Upper School Lead



Hi everyone,

If you don't know me then my name is Mr Crabb and I am the Upper School Lead/Maths Lead for the school.

I have been lucky enough to get out and about into classes this week and see some incredible learning. The school has an amazing buzz but at the same time feels so calm. The children are always so polite and love to share what they are doing with me. It's one of the best parts of my job being able to pop into different year groups and talk to the children to find out what they have learnt and how they are getting on.

I wanted to say a warm welcome to our new EYFS families and new families to the wider school. Some of you I know already and I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you over your child's time with us. I am really passionate about people and building strong relationships with the families and community of Little Paxton. So if you see me around please feel free to say hello. It was lovely to see so many of you this morning at the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

As Maths lead, I have been really impressed with high quality teaching I have seen this term from our teaching team and how engaged the children are in their learning. To support them at home EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will soon have access to Numbots and Year 3,4,5, 6 should already have access to TTRS. We are also setting Maths homework on LBQ each week that is linked to what your child is learning in school. Using these tools/resources at home will help your child to secure their Maths learning. We know how much reading and writing happens at home but it's also really important to practise Maths. You could go on a shape hunt around the village spotting for example windows (rectangles, squares or circles) or rooftops (triangles) etc. You could count the red cars that pass you on the motorway. You could gather your toys and split them into groups. Anything you do at home with your child to develop their Maths skills will support them greatly in school.

The last thing I'd like to say is a huge thank you for your support so far this year! Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Crabb



Workers of the Week

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

FOUNDATION

Marvelous Merlin - DYLAN. He is a kind, caring and polite member of Merlin class. He always says 'please' and 'thank you' and he is often the first children to volunteer if I ask for help with something. Well done Dylan, keep being caring!

Splendid Sparrow - MYLO for being a caring and kind member of the class. Mylo has shown care for other children as well as helping to take good care of our classroom. He is one of the first children to offer help during tidy up time. Also, Mylo has been listening carefully on the carpet.

YEARS 1 AND 2

Lovely Lark - CHESTER for taking great care with his work this week especially with his hand writing.

Super Starling -

Wonderful Woodpecker - XANDER because he has been super helpful and caring to his classmate in phonics, who needed help finding a word on a tricky mat. Xander was patient and friendly and what a wonderful friend he is! Thanks Xander.

YEARS 3 AND 4

Remarkable Raven - TABITHA - She is such a kind and caring person and always offers to help me hand out books/worksheets and PE equipment. She is also a great friend to others and has settled in really well to Little Paxton. Well done Tabitha!

Clever Kite - ETHAN, who has shown great care and thoughtfulness in his learning, especially in the effort he's putting into improving his handwriting. Well done, Ethan!

Fantastic Fisher - ISAAC - for caring about his Music performance and being brave enough to sing a solo in front of the whole class!

YEAR 5

Ready Wren - SEBASTIAN cares **SO** much about his learning and doing the very best that he can. Just watch him during our times table tests: he puts in maximum effort to be as fast as possible! His caring attitude towards learning helps him make fantastic progress every day

***Perfect Pigeon - ELLIOT** is our perfect pigeon because we have been so impressed with how well he has started year 5 and the care he has taken with his work and also his homework.*

YEAR 6

***Dedicated Dove - PAIGE** because of her kind and caring nature towards others in the class. She has also put a lot of thought and care into the presentation of her work and is really improving her handwriting. Well done, Paige!*

***Jubilant Jackdaw - POPPY** - For showing real care towards her learning, always striving to get the most out of every lesson and achieve her best. She also cares about creating a positive classroom environment, ensuring that every child can focus and learn to the best of their ability.*

Thank you for your support for Macmillan





We raised a brilliant £347.30 from our Big Breakfast - Thank you. We will report back on Macmillan fundraising total next week.

A photograph sent in by one of our parents of Ruby and Chester enjoying their breakfast today.



STOP PRESS!! News From the Garden

We were delighted to welcome the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire. **The Hon. Frances Stanley DL** to our garden today. She paid us a visit as she was unable to attend the VegFest in July so was here along with our friends from Groundwork East. Mrs Stanley spoke to the children about her role and they asked her some interesting questions. She enjoyed a tour of all areas in the garden and then had a meeting with Miss Owen. She thought that the school and children were "**absolutely wonderful**" More photos and news to follow next week.



Housekeeping

Wednesday 1st October is School Photograph Day

Remember to send your children into school on Wednesday with their best jumper and their broadest smile ready for our new photographers to capture their school photo. Bookings for our out of school sibling shots are now full. Each child will come home with a QR code for you to scan and book the photographs online.

If you are a split parent with no access to the QR Code please contact us at the end of the week and we should be able to help with that.



Little Paxton School Association (LPSA)

A reminder of the amazing things that the outgoing committee achieved last 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 more 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



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 Scholastic Book Fair - you will be able to purchase books to celebrate your child's achievements.

Wednesday 22nd Parents Evening - 3.40pm - 7pm with Scholastic Book Fair - you will be able to purchase books to celebrate your child's achievements.

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 9.05am for Lower School and 2.45pm for Upper School

Friday 19th - LAST DAY OF TERM

It's CHRISTMAS!!!!!!

Events for you

Education Inclusion Family Advisor

A free local service available to anyone who is struggling.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor Drop-in sessions

September/October 2025

Online drop in
30-minute bookable
appointment slots
Monday 29th September



Email
katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
to book a 1:1 meeting with your EIFA
via Microsoft Teams

Online drop in
30-minute bookable
appointment slots
Monday 20th October



Email
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Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing

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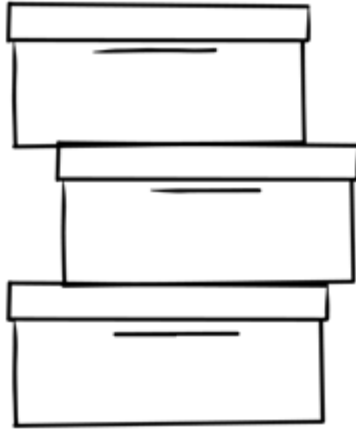
St Neots Museum

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



Extra support available

in-person events **pinpoint** 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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The Anchor







Thanks for reading.