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YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

Hello and happy Friday to our Little Paxton families,

Thank you so much for your generosity in demonstrating our school value of 'Caring' through our Harvest Festival. We collected so many donations for the St Neots Foodbank and Helen Spencer (who leads the team in St Neots) is coming into school to collect the donations and have a photograph taken with some of the children. In addition to making the donation to The Foodbank we also shared some of our collection with St James' Church. Our children, especially our younger children who were amazing, were fantastic at the church demonstrating our school values. Thank you for being so caring and thank you to those people who came with us to celebrate the Harvest Festival.

Here is a message of thanks from the team at The Foodbank:

Thank you very much for collecting for the foodbank during your harvest celebrations, we really appreciate it! I would be very happy to come and meet some of your children and have a photo, and I could take as many donations as I can fit into my car back to the warehouse with me.

Speaking of our school values, it seems like a great time to announce our praise point champions:

Our Upper School Champion is (drumroll please) **IVY PEACOCK**

Our Lower School Champions are (drumroll please) **MAXWELL BOTHAM and DYLAN SKINNER**

Well done to you all! Ivy special congratulations to you as you are also our whole school champion so I will be coming to add your track to our playlist! I will make sure I put the speaker in the right place so you can hear the music properly for the Friday Feeling. I thought I was being clever in putting it in the staffroom but clearly not, I expect to see you all dancing into the weekend tomorrow!

This week Mr Saxby and I have had the opportunity to see some more brilliant teaching and amazing learning across the school. We have been watching English and Phonics lessons as we have a big focus this year on English, with writing being a particular focus, and children securing the foundational knowledge they need in English and Maths which is why phonics is so important. We have both been able to see the training staff have had making a difference in the classroom and the children responding so well to the expectations and the lessons. As I always say, we want to keep improving and ensuring that our children are getting the best that we can give them.

We have lots of different autumn illnesses going around at the moment so please do take care of yourselves and your families. They seem to be going round various year groups and staff and children are getting poorly. There is a fantastic NHS website called 'Is my child too ill for school?' which helps with making a decision on whether your child(ren) should stay at home or come into school. I thought it would be helpful (as we are definitely in cold and flu season) to share a link so here it is: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. Just to make you aware we believe we have hand foot and mouth in school as well as some of the new variants of COVID.

I would like to make you aware of the following information which we have been sent from the **Cambridgeshire Safeguarding Team:**

Dear all

We have been made aware of a potential issue with a website link found in some copies of the Spy Dog children's books by Andrew Cope. The web address has been taken over by a third party and now leads to an adult pornographic site. Consequently, the publisher Puffin and author Andrew Cope have halted sales and distribution of these books and are working to have the site removed through legal channels.

The publishers are aware and have recommended withdrawing all copies of the book. Our advice would be to simply remove the page from the book and make parents aware as children may also have the books at home.

This is a good opportunity to remind children about safer internet use and telling a trusted adult if they have accidentally visited an inappropriate site and to remind parents about actively engaging with their children's reading.

[Spy Dog: Children's books pulled over explicit weblink - BBC News](#)

We will be making the children aware of this in an age appropriate way but wanted to share this with you as, as mentioned above, you may have copies of these books at home. We will be taking action in line with the above communication.

To finish on a positive I am so very thankful for our school community! #THRIVEin2025 has got off to a great start with £137 raised in one weekend. Together we are aiming to raise £5000 for our school! There was a brilliant cake and yard sale held last weekend and I have found out that there is another sale happening this weekend so that everyone can get their weekend treats (this is also supporting the Little Paxton Colts another very worthy cause). Children are also

making, and selling, tiny woolly hats, which are incredibly cute. I have been so impressed with the entrepreneurial children and families we have at Little Paxton. On Monday in our assembly I shared with the children that I am going to be running 25 miles in November and asking people to sponsor me to raise my £25 (hopefully I will raise more) and will be sharing my progress towards my target at the front of school (Jason from Year 4 has already asked me how I am getting on). We will also be putting our running total on the window of the office so you can see it growing.

That's all from me for this week! Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday morning at 8.40am when the gates open!

Message from Mr Saxby - Deputy Head



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Happy Friday everyone and we are slowly but surely making our way to half term! I have been so impressed with the attitude of the children this week towards their learning.

Each time I write an article for the Paxton Press it will be focused on a different curriculum area!

I am really enjoying planning and teaching our new Modern Foreign Languages curriculum, and it has been great to see children enjoying learning a new language! We have tailored our new MFL curriculum to link to the three pillars of language learning which are phonics, vocabulary and grammar. We are keen to not only widen the children's French vocabulary but also how they can use the French sounds to read and spell correctly.

This term there has been a focus on the basics of French and specific French sounds. A few examples are the diagraph 'oi' making the /wa/ sound and 'er' diagraph making the sound /air/

or /ay/ dependent on where it comes in the word. We have also been looking at the grammar focus of 'c'est' which is French for this is/it is and est which means is. We have also looked at widening the vocabulary with lessons about greetings, colours and numbers. This means the children are now able to form simple sentences both verbally and written and start to decode different French words. Our most recent lesson was titled 'Ma famille extraterrestre' in which the children described different aliens and learnt the names of family members!

Mr Saxby

Workers of the Week

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

FOUNDATION

Marvelous Merlin - REUBEN - *He has been a writing superstar this week who has working hard and taking great care with his writing. He has also been caring about our classroom and has been super helpful at tidy-up time. Great job Reuben, keep being amazing!*

Splendid Sparrow - ISABELLE *because she has been taking great care with her learning, in particular writing her name. Well done Isabelle, keep caring about your learning.*

YEARS 1 AND 2

Lovely Lark - ISABELLE *for being super helpful to the adults and for taking her initiative to help children in the classroom.*

Super Starling - TILLY *has shown great care this week by applying her taught handwriting skills in her English work and always being ready and respectful towards her teacher.*

Wonderful Woodpecker - HALIA and PHOEBE - *We welcomed a new student for a taster day this week. While everyone was caring and helpful, Halia and Phoebe went above and beyond to make sure she felt welcome and confidently showed her around the school. Thank you both for your kindness and thoughtfulness!*

YEARS 3 AND 4

Remarkable Raven - EMILIA she is always checking in on other children if they are feeling sad or struggling with their learning. She is so kind and caring and always offers to help the adults too. Thank you for being you Emilia!

Clever Kite - Ella C, because she has been a good, caring and protective friend and she is being really conscientious about setting her work out correctly and working hard on her times tables.

Fantastic Fisher - AVAANI - because she was caring and noticed when her talk partner needed help during an English lesson.

YEAR 5

Ready Wren - SCARLETT joined Little Paxton in September, and right from her very first hour in Wren class, she has cared **SO** much about settling in, doing lots of great work, helping her peers and always being ready to learn.

Perfect Pigeon - JONAH because he takes such good care of school equipment (especially at lunchtimes) and is a very caring friend. What a great start to year 5! Well done Jonah.

YEAR 6

Dedicated Dove - PHOEBE - She is really caring about her learning in Year 6. She is putting in a lot of hard work and effort with her maths, both in class and at home. Her confidence is skyrocketing! Keep up the amazing effort, Phoebe! Well done!

Jubilant Jackdaw - JULIAN for being caring and helping to others on his table. He has been seen quietly explaining ideas and concepts to others who are confused.

Year 1 and 2 Multisport Festival

Last week, Mr Booth and I had the pleasure of accompanying a group of Year 1 and Year 2 children to a Multisport Festival in Ramsey. The atmosphere was lively, and we were incredibly impressed by the children's enthusiasm and teamwork. They showed great courage by trying new activities, supporting one another, and demonstrating wonderful sportsmanship throughout the day.

The pupils particularly enjoyed the golf and obstacle course stations and loved making new friends while working alongside children from other schools. We were so proud of their

respectful, caring behaviour and positive attitude. It was a fantastic day - made even better by the sunshine!

We are very fortunate to take part in events like this, and we'd like to thank Mr Pool and parents for their continued support in making these opportunities possible.

Miss Henson



#THRIVEin2025





Well done to Ruby, Chester, Freddie and Myles for their bake sale last week. The first money has been paid in via Arbor and our hall "theatre" lighting is becoming achievable! Keep an eye on our office window to see an update.

Here is another opportunity to eat cake - If you have an event planned and would like us to advertise it, please drop us an email.

If there are any leftovers, they will be for sale in the playground on Monday morning.



You could also Pop to the Premier shop in Parkway to support Bethany. Keep your ideas coming!!!

Housekeeping

Can you help?

Our school dishwasher has broken!! If you, or anyone you know, are revamping your kitchen and have an old but working dishwasher available, we would be very grateful to rehome it for you. Please email the school office.



Ink cartridge recycling



We are collecting used ink cartridges to be sent off for recycling - if you have any that we could add, please pop them in our box in reception.

The Hunts Post

Next week in The Hunts Post there will be a multi page spread with photos of our lovely Merlins and Sparrows. If anyone has a spare copy of the paper, please pop it to the office.

Flu Sniff

If your child did not have the flu sniff in school, there are slots available.

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

Current clinics are available in Cambridge and Huntingdon, more clinics will be added during November and December

Booking is essential to be able to attend the clinics



Parents' Evenings

Bookings for our parents' evenings on 20th and 22nd October are going well. We have encountered a couple of glitches on the system. If you have any problem making an appointment please send us an email or speak to one of the office team and we will sort or manually book an appointment for you.



Spooky Disco - 7th November - Tickets available NOW!

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DISCO

Friday 7th November
£5.00 per child

EYFS, YR1 and YR2 4:00-4:45pm
YR3 and YR4 5:00-5:45pm
YR5 and YR6 6:00-7:00pm

All children will receive a glowup accessory, drinks will be available and they leave with a bag of crisps.

Pay online via the Trip on your child's Arbor profile. Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday 5th November. No tickets will be available at the door.

Little Paxton School Association (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



AGM This Tuesday! 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.

Have you added the date to your diary? Maybe you don't want to commit but you could offer to do a one off shopping trip for refreshments or an hour of parcel wrapping, every little job take the pressure off!!

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)

IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



October

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

Monday 20th - Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 5.40pm with Scholastic Book Fair - you will be able to purchase books to celebrate your child's achievements.

Wednesday 22nd Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 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

Thursday 18th - Irock concert

Friday 19th - LAST DAY OF TERM

It's CHRISTMAS!!!!!!

Football Kit Appeal

A parent has contacted us to ask for your help. We are happy to collect any donations, there will be a box in the reception area next week.

"Our neighbour is a local paramedic and in November she will be heading to Ghana to volunteer with a medical outreach team, delivering essential healthcare to communities who rarely have access to even the most basic treatment.

She has been told that the children in the community absolutely love football and will wear football kits until they are falling apart.

Does anybody have any outgrown football kits your children no longer wear, and would be happy to donate to this incredible project?"

September 2026 intake



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!

Reminder - Little Miracles

One of our parents has asked us to advertise this great appeal. If you are able to donate any items, Mrs Irvine is happy to co-ordinate, please pop items to the office and we will pass them on.

10:54

Little Miracles is a charity that supports families of children with additional needs, disabilities and life-limiting conditions

Christmas Gift Appeal

This Christmas, help Little Miracles Charity bring joy to children and families.
We're collecting new, unwrapped toys, selection boxes, and donations to fund magical, inclusive events.
Every child deserves the wonder of Christmas – together, we can make it happen.
Thank you.

IDEAS FOR PRESENTS
Board Games, Gifts for Teens
Selection Boxes, Educational Toys, Themed Gifts eg. Marvel, Barbie, Toy Cars, Tractors, Sensory Toys, Books, Musical Toys, Gifts for Young Children
Arts & Crafts, Games and Gadgets, Dolls and Baby Toys

Toy donations by the 7th December
Please contact us to arrange collection
stneots@littlemiraclescharity.org.uk
You can donate here too! →

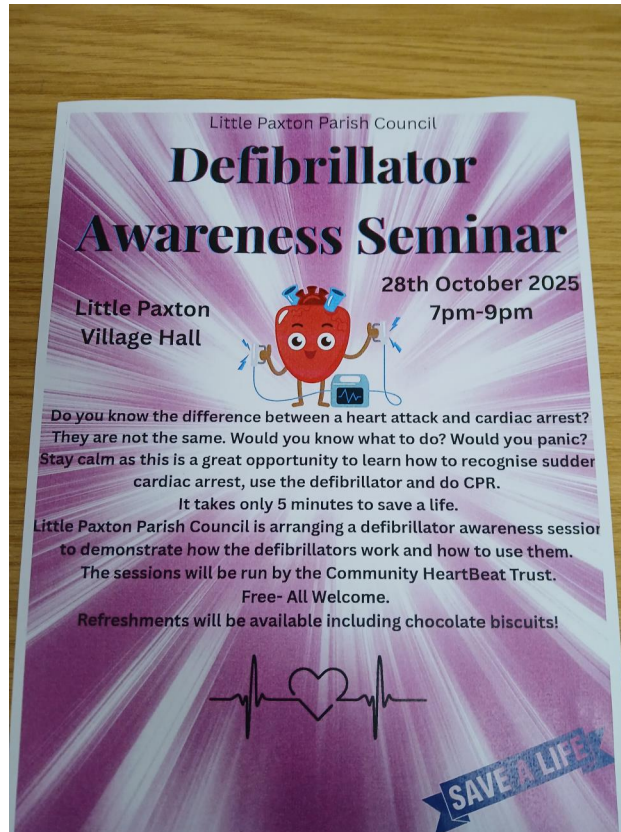
For more information about our activities please contact us on 01733 262226 or email stneots@littlemiraclescharity.org.uk
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September/October 2025

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



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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



Dance Workshops



A vibrant purple poster for a K-POP dance workshop. At the top, the words 'TALENT DANCE ACADEMY' are written in a stylized font, with the word 'TALENT' in large orange letters and 'DANCE ACADEMY' in white. Below this, the word 'K-POP' is written in large, bold, pink letters with a white outline. The text 'Demon Hunters Dance Workshop' is written in white below 'K-POP'. The poster features several illustrations: a girl in a green outfit on the left, a girl in a white outfit on the right, and a group of three girls in the bottom left. There are also musical notes and a microphone icon. The background is purple with a circular light effect around the 'K-POP' text.

TALENT DANCE ACADEMY

K-POP

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Monday 13th October
Brush off 7:30pm







Thanks for reading.