



PAXTON PRESS - 24th October 2025



# YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

Hello and happy Friday to our wonderful Little Paxton families!

What a long half term it's been! 8 weeks for staff and 7 weeks and 3 days for the children! Well done to everyone! This half term has been very busy with everyone getting used to whatever has been new for them whether new teachers, new friends, a new school or new ways of doing things. I have continued to be so incredibly proud, and impressed, with the feel of the school and the fantastic work that is happening in the classrooms. I can already see the impact of the work we are doing on writing coming through in the children's books which is fantastic!

On Tuesday morning Sue Bowman, our School Improvement Advisor, visited us in school and we walked round the school together. She commented on the excellent, calm, positive and purposeful learning environment and the great work the children were doing. Sue was so impressed with the inclusive provision in place for those children who can find the classroom a struggle. She saw a child using a calm corner in Year 4 and talked to the child about why they were there. In Year 6 she saw one of our children experiencing lots of success working with a member of the support staff team on their times tables. Sue said the school feels even better now than ever before and is in a really good place.

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you into school for parents' evenings on Monday and Wednesday. Thank you for coming along and I must say a big thank you to the staff for their preparation for these meetings! It really did make me smile to see so many great conversations and happy faces during the afternoon.

I must also say a MASSIVE thank you to those people who have thrown themselves into the THRIVE in 2025. There have been so many brilliant ideas shared with us. I am looking forward to starting my 25 miles of running in November to raise money.

As part of Mr Simkin's role as English Lead, he has been ensuring that the children have the opportunity to hear, learn and perform poems. Poetry is a great way to explore rhyme and rhythm alongside having the opportunity to learn something off by heart. On Monday morning in assembly the children had the chance to perform the poems that they had learnt in front of the whole school. I know Mr Simkin was very proud of the children and it was lovely to hear their poems.

It has been great to have a whole half term looking at our school value of 'CARING'. We have had so many wonderful examples of children caring for each other, their learning, our school

environment and their community. Next half term our school value will be 'CURIOUS' and I am really looking forward to seeing the ways the children demonstrate this value!

DRUM ROLL PLEASE ... this week our praise point champions are:

UPPER SCHOOL - Sophia Webb AND Evalyn Waddington

LOWER SCHOOL - Eoghan Dixon

Well done to all three of these children for demonstrating our school values and learning behaviours so brilliantly this week!

All that's left for me to say is have a fantastic half term break. We look forward to welcoming you back to school when the gates open on Monday 3rd November at 8.40am.

# Message from Mr Crabb Upper School Lead



Hi all,

What a busy half term we have had! The children have been working so hard and I'm so proud of how they've settled in to their new classes. The buzz around the school has been amazing and the children are doing so well learning our newly designed curriculum.

As Maths Lead I've been impressed with the quality of Maths teaching. I've heard lots of chanting times tables and the use of the counting stick. Times Tables Rock Stars battles have begun in some year groups and it's great to hear the children getting excited about it.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break and enjoy the Halloween festivities and autumnal walks.

Mr Crabb

# A warm welcome to the latest member of the Paxton family

Miss Milner is delighted to announce that beautiful baby Lily Bernadette was born this week. Huge congratulations from Team Paxton.



#### Workers of the Week

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

#### **FOUNDATION**

**Marvelous Merlin** - EMMA - She is a caring and kind member of Merlin class. She is a great tidier at tidy up time, showing her caring nature. Well done Emma, keep being caring!

**Splendid Sparrow** - **CHASE** - Because he is always respectful to the children and adults and shows how kind he is by playing really nicely with his friends. Chase always listens to the adults and the children and cares for everybody by helping others! Well done Chase!

#### YEARS 1 AND 2

**Lovely Larks - ALL THE YEAR 2s** in Lark class for being so helpful and supportive on our computing day. They helped the year 1s with their work as it was the first time for them using the computers. Well done everyone!

**Super Starling** - **ORAYA** - For showing care and kindness to all. She is always the first to offer a helping hand or give a smile to make our day just that little bit brighter.

**Wonderful Woodpecker - MAXWELL** because he has been supportive to others during our computing day and has had a positive attitude to learning. Well done!

#### YEARS 3 AND 4

**Remarkable Raven - GABRIEL -** he has really taken real care over his work this week, improving his presentation in English specifically. He also showed a real passion and interest in Computing and really impressed us with his animation skills! Well done Gabriel!

Clever Kite - RAE - She is always the first to show kindness to others and has a kind heart. Whether it's comforting a class friend who's upset or offering a helping hand without being asked, Rae consistently shows care, empathy, and compassion. She truly makes Kite Class a warmer, happier place to be.

**Fantastic Fisher - ORLA -** because she is a kind friend and makes sure that everyone is looking out for each other and playing nicely together.

#### YEAR 5

**Ready Wren** - **OISIN** - Oisin cares so much about his learning. He puts 100% effort into his writing work in particular, and puts in the time to ensure each piece is as good as it can possibly be.

**Perfect Pigeon - JESSE** because he has such a kind nature and is so good at trying to cheer people up when they are sad. He also loves to wow us all with his amazing facts about animals!

#### YEAR 6

**Dedicated Dove** - **ERIN** - because she always takes great care with her handwriting. She consistently presents her work neatly and puts real effort into making her writing clear and beautifully presented.

**Jubilant Jackdaw** - **MATTY** for showing real care for his writing. He listens to advice and asks really thoughtful questions about how to make his writing even better.

#### #THRIVEin2025 Current total £459.00



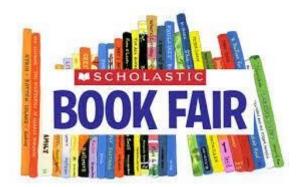
# Well done Lily!



Lily (Yr5 - Pigeon class) is really pleased to let you know that she has managed to raise £100 for the school, by selling her Halloween themed lucky dip bags! She really enjoyed putting them together and hopes all her friends in the school community enjoyed them – thank you for everyone's support!

Please feel free to share any photos of events happening over half term or ideas you have for the future, we will happily advertise them here.

#### **Book Fair**



Thank you for supporting our book fair this year, it was lovely to see parents and children choosing books together.

We now have a fantastic £160.39 to spend on books for the school.

# **Christmas Holiday Hamper Day Friday 7th December**

#### Christmas is coming!!!!

We are very excited to be holding our annual **non uniform** hamper day on Friday 7th November, the first Friday after half term. Children can wear anything Christmassy but please be mindful that if it is a PE day, outfits need to be suitable. We do have a selection of preloved Christmas clothes, please come and have a look and we are happy to take donations of clothes that no longer fit your children.

There will be a hamper for each class and we are asking that instead of a fine for not wearing school uniform the children bring in an item for your child's class hamper. These will then form the raffle prizes for our Christmas Fayre on the 3rd December

The theme, across all classes is "Christmas Holidays" so it could be anything that could be used over the holiday period. Maybe a hot chocolate kit, a Christmas decoration, Christmas craft, pair of socks, a game to play, Christmas hat, gingerbread kit, paper chain, cookies for Santa, Christmas pudding, New Year decorations, a woolly hat, sweets or chocolate - the list is endless. Anything big or small would be gratefully received.

Items should be brought to class on the 7th November and each team will decorate their hamper and there will be an internal competition with a prize for the winning class.

# Housekeeping

#### Music lessons in school

Mrs Cunningham is still able to offer music lessons in school and is now a qualified children's life coach. This means that lessons now go beyond teaching music and supports children's emotional wellbeing, confidence, and resilience, alongside their musical growth under the banner of InstuMENTAL Coaching.



Helping anxious & low-confidence children shine through music! 🐒 🕮



- ✓ Build self-esteem and confidence
- ✓ Support transitions and reduce anxiety (particularly for neurodivergent pupils)
- ✓ Give children safe ways to express emotions when words feel difficult
- ✓ Develop transferable life skills they can use in and out of the classroom

If you would be interested in your child undertaking these music lessons, please contact Mrs Cunningham direct.

**Phone:** 07789503163

Website: www.charlottecunningham.mymusicstaff.com

**Instagram and Facebook:** @instrumentalcoachingkids

# **Daylight Saving Time**

A reminder that the clocks go back by one hour this Sunday morning at 2.00am

#### School Meals

We have been informed that there is a delay loading the new lunch menus to School Grid. They hope to be available for booking early next week. Please keep checking.

# Safety on site.

Gentle reminder that children are not permitted to ride bicycles or scooters on the playground during pick up and drop off. Thank you.

# Reminder - 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.

# Spooky Disco - 7th November - Tickets available NOW!



# Poppy Appeal

We will continue to sell Poppies on the playground before school after half term and from the school office. Cash Only please.

Poppies - 50p

Snap Bands/Ruler s- £1

Plastic poppies -£1

Bracelets -£1



#### IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



#### 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 - details above

Friday 7th - School Disco - Purchase your tickets through your child's Arbor account. No "on the door" tickets.

Thursday 13th - Phonics Information Meeting - 2.45pm - 3.15pm School Hall.

Monday 24th to Wednesday 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 Convert - 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 - 2.30 - 3.00pm

Friday 19th - LAST DAY OF TERM

It's CHRISTMAS!!!!!!

# September 2026 intake



# 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.



Events for you

FREE Halloween Crafts at the library - Oct 2025



Spooky cake decorating
Free tasty treat&drink
Scary spider making



St Neots Library
Tuesday 28th October 10am - 12 noon

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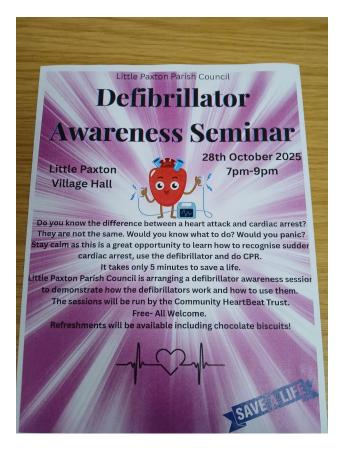
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#### Defibrillator Awareness Seminar



#### Halloween at Grafham Water



# Education Inclusion Family Advisor

A free local service available to anyone who is struggling.



# EIFA Drop-ins Flyer



#### Amy L Murden

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

If you would like to talk with Amy on a 1:1 basis about any of the above issues, then book onto one of these drop-in dates below. Sessions are 30 minutes each and are available on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings.

- Click on this link: <u>Book time with Amy Murden: EIFA Drop-In appointment This link will</u> expire on: January 15, 2026
- Scroll through thee calendar and click on the date that you would like to attend
- Choose your preferred time on the right-hand side.
- Add in your details
- And then simply click 'Book'
- You'll then receive a confirmation email, meaning you're all booked on.

# EIFA core offer workshops Nov-Dec 2025

# Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Countywide Online Workshop Offer

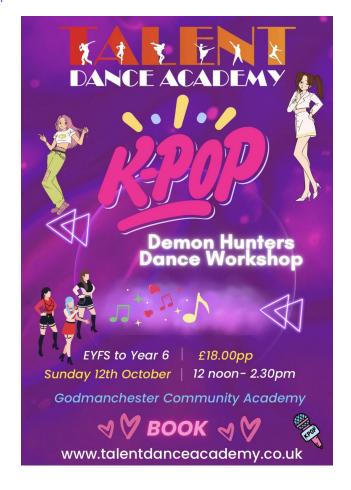
The EIFA team would like to present our newly updated workshops on a variety of parenting and family issues for <u>November and December</u>.

Please ensure you book onto each workshop individually by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code and completing the registration form.

Digital Safety	Tuesday, 4 November 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Sibling Rivalry	Tuesday, 11 November 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: <u>Microsoft Virtual Events</u> <u>Powered by Teams</u> or	
Understanding and Responding to Challenging Behaviours	Tuesday, 18 November 2025, 12:00-18:30	Book onto this workshop at: <u>Microsoft Virtual Events</u> <u>Powered by Teams</u> or	
Supporting Your Child with Sleep	Tuesday, 25 November 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at:  Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Supporting Your Child with Angry Feelings	Tuesday, 2 December 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at:  Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	
Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Worry	Tuesday 9 December 2025, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or	

If you have any questions about our workshops, or the EIFA service in general, please contact <a href="mailto:earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk">earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</a>

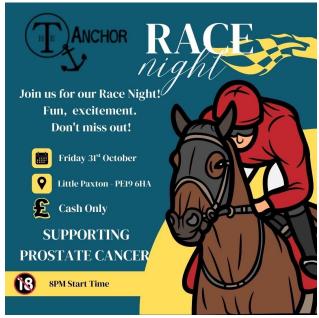
# Dance Workshops



# The Anchor









#### half term at Paxton Pits Environmental Education Centre



# Clickity -Clack Halloween



# Tech & Stem Camp



# Drawing Competition and exciting half-term activities at The Norris Museum



#### **Poster Drawing Competition: Entry Form**

Name:	
Age:	
Name of parent/guardian:	
Parent/guardian's contact email address:	
Parent/guardian's contact telephone number:	

The Norris Museum does not share or sell your personal information
These forms will be destroyed once the winners have been selected and contacted.

#### Entry requirements and other important information:

Posters must be hand-drawn and be the entrant's own complete work.

The original artwork must be handed in to the museum, during our opening times, Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm, along with a completed entry form by:

4pm on Saturday 22nd November 2025

They can also be posted to the museum—but it is your responsibility to ensure they reach us safely.

Please post to: Hannah Vandridge, The Norris Museum, 41 The Broadway, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 5BX

One entry per child. Entries cannot be accepted without a completed entry form.

Children aged 5 of 11 years are welcome to take part. There are two categories, 5-7 year olds and 8-11 year olds, there will be one winner from each.

The winners will be announced on Saturday 29th November 2025.

Non-winning entries will be available to collect from the museum after this time, along with a certificate thanking you for taking part. Winning entries will be available to collect at a later date. We regret that we cannot post entries back and prizes must be collected from the museum.

Examples of entries, along with the announcement of the winners will be shared the museum's social media accounts—only the child's first name, age, and a photo of their entry will be shared. Images of all posters will be kept by the museum and may be used in further promotion of the museum and the things we do.

Please tick this box if you would prefer your child's name not to be shared:



norrismuseum.org.uk 01480 497314 41 The Broadway, St Ives PE27 580





#### Monday 26th Oct - Saturday 1st Nov

This half term, join us for The Big Draw 2025 — a celebration of creativity for children and families!

#### Drawn to St Ives Competition

(Enter from 20th Sept to 22nd Nov – winners announced on 29th Nov)
Be inspired by the historic holiday poster currently on display in the museum and design your own! Open to ages 5–11. Winners will have their posters on display in the museum and earn themselves a beautiful 35 piece Derwent Academy drawing set.

#### Drawings Through History Quiz Trail (free!)

Discover how drawing has shaped stories from prehistoric caves to the 20th century in this fun trail around the museum. Earn stickers for completing!

#### Mini Museum Doodle-Books (free!)

Make your own pocket-sized doodle book to fill with sketches, scribbles, or stories. Templates and pencils provided all week in the museum gallery — just pop in to fold, cut, and create!



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# Cambridge United Football Camps

#### Full Camp Details:

- Dates:
  - 1. Monday 27th October
  - 2. Tuesday 28th October
  - 3. Wednesday 29th October
  - 4. Thursday 30th October
  - 5. Friday 31st October
- Times: 9 AM 4 PM
- Ages: 5 12 years old

- Cost: £25 per day
  - Venues:
    - Coleridge (Monday Thursday)
    - Comberton (Monday Thursday)
    - Swavesey (Monday Friday)
    - Chesterton (Monday Friday)

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

Soccer Schools - <u>Soccer Schools | Cambridge United F.C.</u>

Girls Football Camps - <u>Cambridge United Football Club The Cledara Abbey Stadium Ticket</u> <u>Ordering</u>

If you have any questions or need any more information the please send an email direct:-

For Soccer Schools, please email Elliot at <a href="mailto:ellioti@cambridgeunited.com">ellioti@cambridgeunited.com</a>

For Girls Camps, please email Kristi at <a href="mailto:kristim@cambridgeunited.com">kristim@cambridgeunited.com</a>

Thanks for reading. Happy Half Term.

