



PAXTON PRESS - 27th November 2025



YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

Hello and happy Thursday to our wonderful Little Paxton families,

We have managed to pack a lot into a four day week this week, I am excited to be able to share with you everything we have been up too.

WOW! I need to start my hello with WOW, our school community really is incredible. Thanks to your amazingness (I'm not sure if that is even a real word but it is now) we have raised over £1000 for Thrive in 2025. What a brilliant achievement. There is still time to get fundraising, or you can go onto Arbor and make a donation, I can't even put into words the difference this money is going to make to the school! Thank you, we are so fortunate to have such wonderful families!

Speaking of being wonderful, our Year 4 children were a joy and a delight during their residential at Burwell House this week. They were so polite, really took care of each other and were so respectful to the house, the staff and each other. They had a brilliant time and I am really looking forward to watching their finished films from their time in the TV studio. I would like to thank Mr Crabb, Mrs O'Callaghan, Mr Booth, Ms Mackenzie, Miss Baggot and Mrs Gatward for giving up their time to make this trip possible. You really are on duty 24/7 and they all played a massive part in making the residential so much fun for the children. It was such a great experience and I am sure it will be a core primary school memory for many of the children who went. We did find out that the children in Year 4 are definitely NOT fans of Jacket Potatoes! The Year 3 children also worked incredibly hard this week together. A special thanks to Ms Hazell, Mrs Dulson, Miss Smith, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Darlow for being with the Year 3 children, they had a fantastic time with you all!

It really is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas at Little Paxton. The children are busy making their Christmas crafts for our annual Christmas Fayre (NEXT WEDNESDAY - **3rd December** - at school) and, I know I am biased, but they look fantastic! We need you: are you able to help us with a VERY short shift on the refreshments stall? If you can give us half an hour of your time we would LOVE to speak to you (and we can put a word in with Father Christmas to make sure you're on the nice list). You can also book in to see Father Christmas on Arbor, booking in really helps us to ensure that Father Christmas has a list to check he brings the right amount of gifts with him on Wednesday (he is a VERY busy man at the moment). Rehearsals for our EYFS Nativity Tea Party, our Year 1/2 production of 'Lights Camel Action' and our Upper School Christmas Carol Concert are in full swing. It's lovely to hear singing and laughter filling the corridors.

Our Paxton Panther sports teams have been busy again this week. This afternoon our girls football team are playing in the first round of the Henson Cup (GOOOO PANTHERS) and on Tuesday our swimming team had the chance to swim in a national competition in London. 500 schools across the country entered the original competition and Little Paxton won our heat last year. The final 8 schools went to swim at the Olympic pool in Stratford, London. They had the best time and we came 5th . Amazing work everyone, 5th best school in the country, impressive! I know Mr Pool and Mrs Darlow were very proud of the children, as were their families. They all enjoyed showing off their medals in celebration assembly this morning. I believe Mr Pool took part in the teacher's race and won the bronze medal!

GRAFHAM UPDATE - we have sent in our booking form for the activities that we would like to do on our Adventure Days. Once the team at the centre have confirmed our programme, I will write to you to let you know what the plan is so that you will be able to decide if your child(ren) would like to attend the activity day.

We have a staff training day tomorrow (Friday 28th November) which is why the Paxton Press is coming out today. Please enjoy your 3 day weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 1st December (HOW IS IT DECEMBER ALREADY?) at 8.40am when the gates open.

Message from Mr Crabb



Hi all,

What a brilliant week it has been, particularly for the year 4 children who spent 3 days at Burwell House for the year 4 residential. The focus of the week was to develop their skills in 3 main areas; Respect, Responsibility and Teamwork.

This ranged from having to make their own beds, open doors for staff, set and clear the table for breakfast, lunch and dinner, serve their friends and adults at mealtimes, use a map to navigate around the grounds looking for clues, learning how to make their own news report in a real TV Studio showcasing their technical and acting skills, creating and making their own enamel keyring and many more.

The children represented the school brilliantly and we could not be prouder of them. They were caring , compassionate, courageous, creative, curious and confident.

There were lots of laughs, smiles and children challenging themselves outside of their comfort zone. They worked well in different groupings and pairings and listened so well to instructions.

It was certainly tiring but so worth it to see them enjoying themselves with their peers outside of the classroom and in a different environment.

Well done year 4 children!

I know that all the children back at school have worked hard and impressed the adults working with them too!

Mr Crabb

Workers of the Week



Our Workers of the week this half term have all been identified as "**CURIOS**"

FOUNDATION

Marvelous Merlin - LOUKIA. She always strives to extend her learning and challenges herself in her writing. She is curious and enthusiastic to complete the writing job each week and she always tries her best. Well done Loukia, keep being working hard and being curious.

Splendid Sparrow - JAXXON- because he is an amazing learner and is curious about the world around him. He is keen to try things when they can be tricky and he loves praise which encourages him even more! Well done Jaxxon for being a super learner!

YEARS 1 AND 2

Lovely Lark - ZACHARY, you are always asking questions about how things work and what they do. You are curious about the world around you and you take great interest in learning new things. Well done Zachary, keep it up!

Super Starling - BELLA - for always asking questions and deepening her understanding. Well done Bella, keep it up!

Wonderful Woodpecker - OSCAR because he always has a desire to learn and discover new things. Well done Oscar!

YEARS 3 AND 4

Remarkable Raven - Clever Kite and Fantastic Fisher

It was decided to give it to all of the year 3 children this week for working so hard across all of their lessons. They've stepped up in the absence of the year 4's and really shown their curiosity for learning! Well done year 3!

Year 4 - What an amazing week we had at Burwell! All of the year 4 children showed great curiosity in solving their challenges. They worked to develop certain skills such as Respect, Responsibility and Teamwork. They represented the school so well and we are so proud of them all!

YEAR 5

Ready Wren - GRACE has been wonderfully curious in her learning lately. Her big write showed lots of fantastic ideas, and she's been inquisitive throughout all of our lessons.

Perfect Pigeon - LILY D because she is incredibly curious and enjoys engaging with her learning. She has also impressed us this term with her hard work, resilience and courage. Keep going Lilly, we're proud of you!

YEAR 6

Dedicated Dove - SAMAR because...she shows exceptional curiosity, always asking thoughtful questions and exploring new ideas with enthusiasm. Her eagerness to learn inspires others and helps create a classroom where discovery is celebrated.

Jubilant Jackdaw - DARCIE is a curious learner who loves to discuss her thinking and explore new ideas. She reflects on her own learning style and considers what works best for her, often asking how she can improve and offering thoughtful suggestions. She approaches every subject with enthusiasm and curiosity, continually seeking to deepen her understanding of the wider world.

[Little Paxton School Association](#)





**SANTA
GROTTO**

3RD DECEMBER

£3 PER CHILD | 3:30PM-5PM

**MEET SANTA AND
COLLECT A PRESENT
FROM HIM**

Pre purchase tickets on Arbor



#THRIVEin2025 Current total **£1094.00**



There will be space for some stalls at the Christmas Fayre if anyone has any crafts or "games" to promote. You will need your own float and parental supervision. Please speak to us in advance so that we know what to expect.

Ms Hazell and her helpers will have some items for sale that have been made during lunchtimes. All proceeds will go to the Thrive in 2025 total.

Freddie in year 6 is now the proud owner of Sprinkle! Thank you Harry for organising.



Housekeeping

Staff Training

A REMINDER THAT TOMORROW IS A STAFF TRAINING DAY - SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED



IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



November

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 - 1.30pm Key Stage 1 production of Lights Camel Action - tickets now available to book

Wednesday 10th - 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Production of Lights Camel Action - tickets now available to book.

Thursday 11th - Xmas jumper and Christmas Dinner day

Friday 12th - Early Years Nativity Tea Party

Monday 15th - Round Table's Santa's sleigh visiting Little Paxton - Samuel Jones Estate Proceeds will be donated to school

Tuesday 16th - Irock concert - 2.30 - 3.00pm

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!!!!!!

January

Monday 5th - School opens

Wednesday 7th - School tour for new parents (contact office team to book in)

Thursday 8 - **WHOLE SCHOOL PANTOMIME**

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.

Events for you

Friday 28th November

MURDER
IN THE BLITZ

**MURDER
MYSTERY!**

St Neots Museum

Pre Book Tickets

RAW
THEATRE
PRODUCTIONS

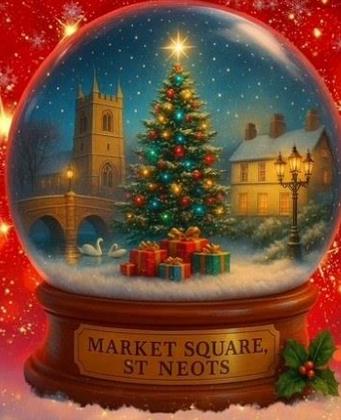


Christmas Lights

Switch
On

30th
November
12pm - 6pm

MARKET SQUARE,
ST NEOTS



SUNDAY

30TH NOVEMBER

12PM-4PM

**ST NEOTS
MARKET SQUARE**

FREE

**Balloon
Modelling
& Festival
Glitter
Face Paint**

1PM-1:20PM

**DANCE-A-LONG
WITH JAZZY
THE ELF
AT THE MAIN
STAGE**

CLICKITY-CLACK PARTIES



Christmas Dance Camp

TALENT
DANCE ACADEMY
CHRISTMAS DANCE CAMP

AT HELMINGFORD GREY PRIMARY SCHOOL

FT. OUR SNOW MACHINE!!

22ND DECEMBER, 2025

DANCE - CRAFT - PHOTOSHOOT
GAMES & MORE!

EVFS TO YEAR 6 | 8.30AM TO 3.30PM | £29.00PP

TO BOOK VISIT
WWW.TALENTDANCEACADEMY.CO.UK

Counselling



Merry Christmas! 

December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm

Free Festive Family Fun!

At the Norris Museum

Saturday Sat 15th Nov – Tuesday 23rd December

Christmas Mystery Trail – Solve the clues, find who took Santa's sleigh & earn a certificate and stickers!

Letters to Santa & Colouring – Write to Santa and enjoy some festive colouring fun.

Snowman Festival – Spot the hidden snowmen in our garden and around St Ives!

More info: [facebook.com/snowmanfestivalstives](https://www.facebook.com/snowmanfestivalstives)

Please note:

Trail & gallery activities run 1–4pm on:
Tues 25 & Thurs 27 Nov
Tues 2, Fri 5, Tues 9 & Thurs 11 Dec

 **THE NORRIS MUSEUM**
Wherever Your Curiosity Takes You

norrismuseum.org.uk
01480 497314
41 The Broadway, St Ives PE27 5BX



The Anchor

We are extremely grateful that the Anchor supports our school with a percentage of the takings for these events.



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING

FRIDAY 28TH
NOVEMBER

7pm - 9pm

AT

THE ANCHOR PUB
LITTLE PAXTON



Christmas

COOKIES & GAMES



PAINTING & LUNCH

£15

SATURDAY 13TH DEC

10-12PM



Thanks for reading

