



## PAXTON PRESS - 12th December 2025



### **YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O**

Hello and happy Friday to our wonderful Little Paxton families,

A question for you? What type of key do you need for a nativity production? (read to the end of my hello to find out)

This week Christmas has really started at Little Paxton! For me, the nativity production and the early years tea party really kick start my Christmas! I am sure that if you had the privilege of attending the Year 1 and 2 production of 'Lights Camel Action' you would agree that it was totally FAB-U-LOUS darlings! The children were just amazing and did you all proud. I used to teach in lower school and know how much time and effort goes into putting on the production. There have been so many lovely, positive comments made about the play, thank you for taking the time to share these with us! Thank you also for your generosity, we raised over £140 for the school!

I am so grateful to the team who have pulled the play together so brilliantly! So thank you, thank you to Mrs Rider, Miss Henson, Miss Rose, Mr Inns, Mrs Port, Miss Tingey and Mrs Dulson you are all awesome! Also a big thanks to Mrs Bishop for her help with the costumes and Freddie and Jacob from Year 6 for doing an incredible job with the lights! I can't wait to watch the EYFS children sing this afternoon.

As part of our new curriculum we have moved to DT days so that the children are able to design, make and evaluate a product within a day rather than it taking a whole term. Our Year 6 children kicked off our Food Technology unit this week making Jamaican Beef Patties (linked to their History unit about the Windrush). The corridors were full of amazing smells and the children did a brilliant job of making pastry from scratch. It did look like an episode of 'Ready, Steady, Cook' was taking place in the hall. Mr Saxby and I also spoke to some of our amazing children about their learning in Geography and we were so impressed (if you want to know more, read on as there is a curriculum update from Mr Saxby in the press this week).

Mrs Jeakings organised some brilliant training for the staff team which took place on Tuesday night. It was all about supporting children in school who have been through trauma and helping us to understand what trauma looks and feels like. There were some quite difficult videos to watch through VR headsets but it was an excellent opportunity to look at what we offer children already and what more we could do as a school.

Christmas day was so much fun and the children looked brilliant in their Christmas outfits. A massive thank you to our amazing kitchen team for cooking such a delicious lunch for us all (it's actually making me hungry just thinking about it). Speaking of being amazing ... our Thrive total is now over £2,000 which is incredible! Thank you to each and every one of you!

This week we have also had a full governors meeting (if you are interested in joining the governing body then look out for more information in January when we will be having a parent governor election) and had the Peter Burrow visiting earlier in the week and the GenR8 Team visiting us today for their Christmas assembly (this is always lots of fun).







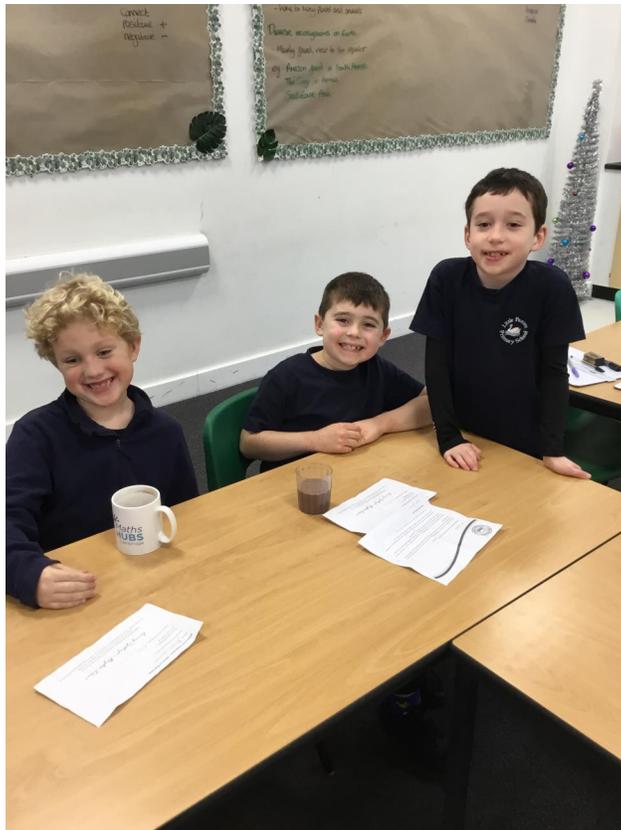
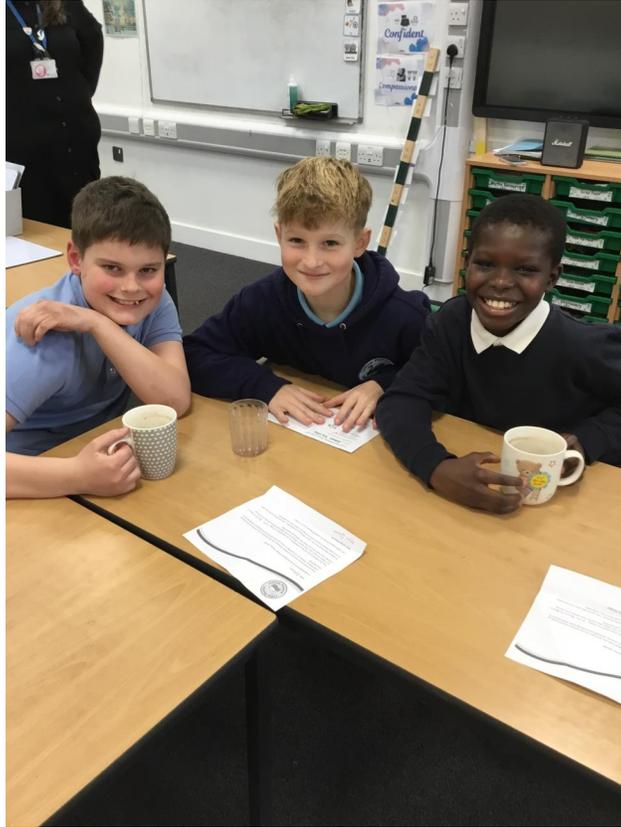
Congratulations to our Praise Point Champions for this week:

**CLARA** (Pigeon) is our UPPER school champion

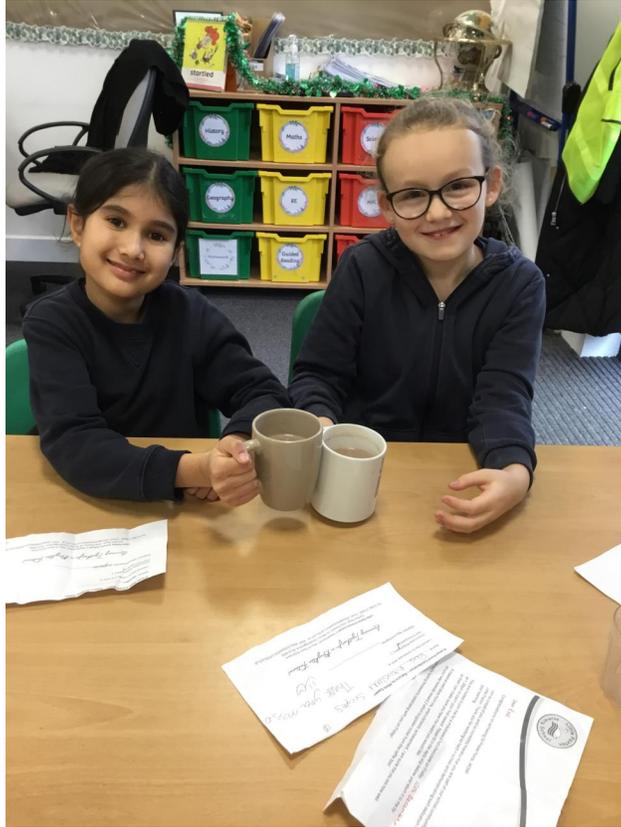
**ELODIE** and **MAX** (Starlings) are our LOWER school champions

I am so proud of you all, thank you for working hard and for going above and beyond this week!

We had a fantastic praise point celebration today for another 15 children who had reached 50 praise points or more. I really enjoy these celebrations and getting to chat to the children about anything they would like to. They were all so well behaved and it really was a wonderful half an hour.









I can't believe we only have a week left (I mean it has been the longest term ever and the children have done so well) before the Christmas holidays! I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning at 8.40am when the gates open!

By the way - its a Don-key!!

Message from Mr Saxby



Happy Friday!

We are now almost at the end of the Autumn Term and we have been running our new History and Geography curriculum for just over 3 months. Myself and Miss Owen went to speak to 6 children from each year group about their most recent Geography topic.

We started in Year 1/2 and spoke to the children about their unit that was all about human and physical features in Little Paxton and also about what services are available in the village such as the CO-OP, Chinese Takeaway and Hairdressers. A huge shoutout to Lennie M from Year 2 who told us all about the difference between human and physical features!

Year 3/4 were able to share all they knew about the rainforest. They explained the difference between a temperate climate here in the UK and the tropical climate of the Amazon Rainforest; what the equator is and why most rainforests fall upon it; and they shared a temperature and rainfall graph that they had compared between the UK and Manaus in Brazil.

Year 5/6 have been learning about climate change and how it can affect us in the UK and around the world. The children really embraced the discussions about how we can reduce our carbon footprint and some even said they would try walking to school more or car sharing! They explained to Miss Owen and I about why the "Greenhouse Effect" IS needed (because otherwise the earth would be freezing) but could explain how the human enhanced greenhouse effect is causing lots of issues all over the world including Bangladesh - which was one of our case study countries.

I am so excited for the children to continue to develop their knowledge under the new curriculum and I hope that the knowledge organisers have been helpful. I will be sending out the ones for the Spring 1 History unit the first week back after Christmas. Below are the topics for Spring 1 History if you are interested:

Year 1/2 - Castles and Battles - Who lived in castles and why were they built?

Year 3/4 - Stone Age to Iron Age - How did life change from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?

Year 5/6 - Victorian Britain - How did Victorian Inventions change every day life?

As always, any questions about the curriculum please email the school office.

We also are continuing to populate a googledrive link that we will be able to send out to parents in the Spring Term. This will be packed full of helpful things such as the knowledge organisers, maths 'how-to' videos and recommended reads based on topics.

Have a lovely Christmas,

Mr Saxby

## Workers of the Week



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

Our celebration assembly isn't happening until next week so the children don't yet know that they have won these awards!

### **FOUNDATION**

**Marvelous Merlin - Liliana** - because she her confidence has grown this week. She has become to ask a lot more questions and always wants to know more about her learning. Well done Liliana, keep being curious!

**Splendid Sparrow - ELLIS** - because he always willing to extend his learning by asking lots of curious questions. Keep being curious Ellis!

### **YEARS 1 AND 2**

**Lovely Lark - ALFIE** you approach new concepts with an open mind and a positive attitude. You demonstrate a strong desire to deepen your understanding in all subjects.

**Super Starling** - **ELODIE** - is our Curious Worker of the Week for her fantastic curiosity and thoughtful questions. She has shown real enthusiasm for exploring new ideas – well done, Elodie!

**Wonderful Woodpecker** - **AVA** because she always has a positive attitude, a smile on her face and a willingness to try new things.

#### **YEARS 3 AND 4**

**Remarkable Raven** - **SOPHIA** - She is often curious to find out more about a particular subject and develop her understanding. She asks lots of questions and I love her thirst for knowledge. Well done Sophia!

**Clever Kite** - **CALLUM** - he consistently shows real curiosity in his learning. He takes an active interest in what is happening in the classroom and regularly looks for ways to improve his work. His thoughtful questions and willingness to refine his understanding have stood out this week.

**Fantastic Fisher** - **SAVINA** - has shown excellent curiosity in Maths this week - using a place value grid to explore multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100

#### **YEAR 5**

**Ready Wren** - **OLIVER H** is wonderfully curious and inquisitive about his learning, across the curriculum. His keen attitude helps him to learn a LOT and helps him to create great pieces of work!

**Perfect Pigeon** - **SUMMER** because she impresses us everyday with her fantastic attitude to her work and in her kindness towards others. She is curious in lessons and keen to contribute. We are so proud of you Summer!

#### **YEAR 6**

**Dedicated Dove** - **RUBY** - because her curiosity drives her to explore the world around her and continuously strengthen her maths skills with enthusiasm and determination. She is also a curious learner in geography and science, always eager to ask questions, make connections, and deepen her understanding.

**Jubilant Jackdaw** - **SHANNON** for showing curiosity with her learning. Shannon is curious about the world and how it works which is evident in her science, geography and history lessons.

However, her curiosity shines in maths where she is always looking and asking for clarity and how she can improve her mathematical thinking. Well done Shannon!

## Little Paxton School Association



## Santa's sleigh is coming!!

LPSA members and staff will be accompanying Santa around Little Paxton West next **Monday 15th December** with a percentage of the proceeds on that night being given to the **LPSA**. You will see the link to donate on the attached poster. Come out and give them a cheer! You can track Santa's progress here <https://glympse.com/!stneots>

# Round Table Santa Sleigh

Weekdays 6-8pm | Weekends 4pm - 7pm

**29/11 Brook Road | Shakespeare Road | Eaton Socon Park**

**30/11 No route due to St Neots Christmas light switch-on**

1/12 Hail Weston

2/12 Barringer Way | Rowley Road | Swift Cl | Station Rd

3/12 Longsands Road

4/12 East Street | Avenue | Crescent | Huntingdon St

5/12 Great Paxton

**6/12 Wintringham East**

**7/12 Loves Farm - Dramsell Rise & Wintringham West**

8/12 Loves Farm North & Stone Hill

9/12 Duloe Road | Great Nth Road

10/12 Orchard Road | Trafalgar Road | Gainsborough Ave

11/12 Sandsfield

12/12 Paddocks | Milton Ave

**13/12 Little Paxton East**

**14/12 Little Paxton South**

15/12 Little Paxton West - New Estates

16/12 Hardwick Road | Luke Street

17/12 Monarch Road

18/12 Queens Gardens | Honeydon Ave | Edinburgh Drive

19/12 Abbotsley | Eltisley

**20/12 Nelson Road**

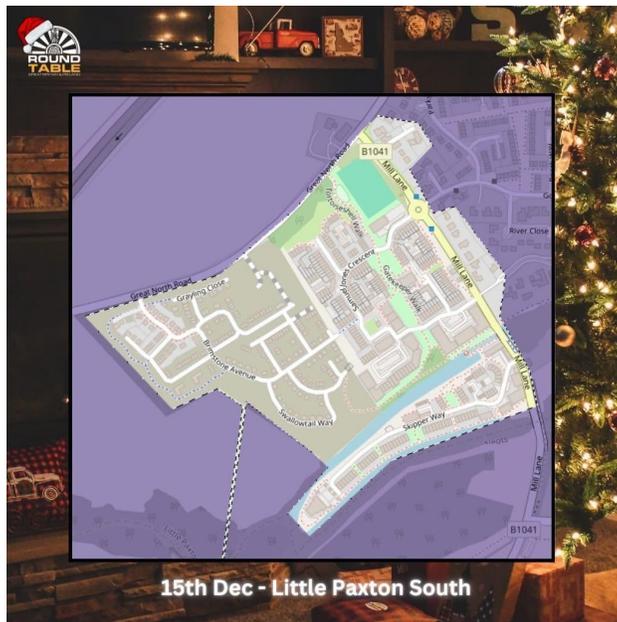
**21/12 Parklands**

22/12 Howitts Gardens | Howitts Lane | Potton Road

23/12 Eynesbury Manor

**To Donate £3 Text :  
RTSANTA to 70470**

[facebook.com/stneotsroundtable](https://facebook.com/stneotsroundtable)



#THRIVEin2025 Current total **£2071.00**



Well done to another bunch of fantastic fundraisers

We wanted to share a lovely email we received too:-

I just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who contributed to **Oisin and Eoghan's** fundraiser, and to the school office for looking after our fundraising station (including the pink piggy 😊). We have raised a total of **£112** and have just made the payment via Arbor. It was a great experience for Oisin and Eoghan, and I would also like to thank Ms. Owen for this wonderful opportunity both for children and for the school.

**Dylan in Year 1** ran a sponsored 5k and raised an amazing **£150** for the school. He's only previously done 2k runs so this was a big jump, and it took him 40 minutes to get around the very wet and muddy track.

Addison ran a name the bear competition and the bear's name was Albert and was won by Nikki. Addison raised a brilliant £60.00





## Housekeeping

### Pantomime - 8th January 2026



A reminder that our fantastic whole school trip to see Dick Whittington at Stevenage Gordon Craig Theatre is getting closer .....Oh yes it is! We know that it is an expensive time but if you know your child wishes to attend we would be grateful if you would pay a proportion of the transport price set up on Arbor so that they have a place. The remainder could then be paid after the December payday. Our fantastic LPSA is fully funding the ticket price and providing a snack for the interval.

If your child categorically does not wish to attend then please make contact with one of the office team.

Full details will be sent out before the end of term but the children will be eating their packed lunch at the theatre. A school, cheese roll packed lunch to include veg sticks, a cake or biscuit and a piece of fruit is available to order on School grid. Orders need to be placed by the 15th December.

## URGENT VACCINE INFORMATION

**We have been asked to pass this message on to all parents by [vaccinationuk.co.uk](http://vaccinationuk.co.uk).**

Respiratory and flu-like cases are rapidly on the rise. We urge you to ensure your child receives the flu vaccination if they have not already had it. You have a choice between the quick and painless nasal spray or the Injection which is porcine & gelatine free. This not only protects your children against being seriously but also protects vulnerable members of your family and community.

We have several community catch-up clinics available this weekend. Please use this link to book an appointment

### [Vaccination UK Bedfordshire Immunisation](#)

If you previously declined consent for your child when we visited the school, you **CAN CHANGE** your consent. Please call our office on 01480 275422, and we will book a clinic appointment for you.

### [Illness in school - Is my child too ill for school](#)

Please take a look at this NHS website link if you are at all unsure of whether it is best for your child to attend or stay away from school.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

A reminder:-

Please be aware that we still have lots of winter illnesses in school. Please send your children into school with tissues and talk to them about the importance of washing or sanitising their hands. Our policy is that children should remain absent for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea to avoid any bugs from spreading.

### [E Scooters - Information from Cambridgeshire Police](#)

Police are continuing to advise that the use of non authorised e-scooters on public roads are not lawful. The only e-scooters that are permitted to be used are the official council schemes that are unavailable to under 18 year olds.

e-scooters are classified as motor vehicles and need to be fully compliant with those riding having a driving licence and insurance. As you are unable to obtain e-scooter insurance they are not to be used on public roads or areas. Official schemes do have insurance in effect and check driving licences.

We are seeing an increasing number of collisions involving e-scooters and provide this information to safeguard the public. Private e-scooters are generally black with low level lighting with the rider standing still. This narrow silhouette makes you very difficult to be seen.

Children are often at increased risk as they don't have the understanding of roads, lack experience, susceptible to peer pressure, carrying passengers and unnecessary risk taking. If stopped they could face a fine, penalty points and seizure of the e-scooter.

We advise parents and carers to consider the risks involved in e-scooter use and protect their children through prohibiting their use. With Christmas in some minds, they are not suitable presents for use in public spaces.

The risk of fire during charging of private e-scooters can also cause serious human and physical harm.

Your support and assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

PC 1854 BODDINGTON

Casualty Reduction Officer | Partnerships and Prevention

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

[adrian.boddington@cams.police.uk](mailto:adrian.boddington@cams.police.uk)

IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



**December**

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 - NOW IN SCHOOL HALL - 7.00pm start

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 8th - **WHOLE SCHOOL PANTOMIME** - Please book on Arbor

Wednesday 15th - Parent drop in - all years - 3.20pm - 4.00pm

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd - Year 6 residential trip

Wednesday 28th - Send Parents Evening (Virtual) - Foundation to Year 5

## **February**

Monday 2nd Lower school trip to Grafham

Monday 9th - Friday 13th - Mental Health Week

Monday 9th - Parents Evening - 3.40pm to 7.30pm

Tuesday 10th - Upper school trip to Grafham

Wednesday 11th - Parents evening - 3.40pm - 5.30pm

Monday 16th - Friday 20th - **HALF TERM WEEK - SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tuesday 24th - Year 6 SAT information evening (Virtual) 6pm

Wednesday 25th - Young Voices

Wednesday 25th - Year 6 English Challenge - school hall

## Shout out to our pupils

### Great work Olivia

Olivia wanted to let us know that she competed in her first competition at Meridian Gymnastics club, this is her new club she joined in October. Olivia won 2 bronze medals as well as a 4th and 5th place and came 4th overall. She was also the only gymnast in a Santa leotard! It is also her birthday today! Well done Olivia!



### Talent Dance

The Talent Dance Club Christmas performance to parents took place on the 15th. The children who attend the club sang Jingle Bells and danced to Candy Cane Lane in front of lots of parents and Tree Tops!



## A lovely message from Bees Dance Academy

We are very proud to announce that we have once again qualified to represent Team England in the Dance World Cup!

**Ariella S, Phoebe S and Poppy G** have all qualified to dance their "Toy Story " Street routine and also qualified to dance their Jazz team dance - Juicy Wiggle! **Phoebe S** also qualified 2nd in her Jazz showstopper duo - Wannabee

**Amelia H** has blown us away by qualifying 2nd in the country with her ballet solo and 1st in the country with her Lyrical solo, plus 1st in her jazz duo with her partner ( from Buckden school) Such a huge success at her young age!

There were 9800 entries submitted to the judges to qualify for Team England and Bees Dance are very proud to have qualified with a staggering 31 routines with 12 others on the reserve list!

The children have worked very hard and it is such an achievement to represent your county at a world wide event!

We wanted to let you know how amazing your children are!



## Reminder - Ink cartridge recycling



Thank you for the ink cartridges received. We are continuing to collect them - if you have any that we could add, please pop them in our box in reception.

## New after school Club

Events for you

Financial help available

## Money Worries?

We offer free, confidential debt advice and budget coaching and explain the options for getting your finances under control.



Money Advice St Neots (Mast) is a St Neots based charity and has a vision to help people live debt-free lives.

### Get in touch

 <https://mast.support>

 [help@mast.support](mailto:help@mast.support)

 01480 260234



Charity number 1200532. Regulated by the FCA (reference 809318)

## Christmas Dance Camp



## The Anchor

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

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DISCO

WITH SPECIAL  
GUEST & GIFT



*Tuesday 23rd December 5pm - 7pm*

**Tickets £7.50 per child**

*Suitable for 3yrs - 10yrs*

# Waste Education Newsletter

**Waste Education Service Newsletter**
  
 WINTER 2025

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**EDUCATING CAMBRIDGESHIRE ABOUT WASTE**

**Welcome to the Winter edition of our newsletter!**

We deliver FREE recycling and waste awareness workshops across the county to schools, community groups and businesses. Throughout the year we also support a wide range of community events.

Our workshops can include presentations on waste education, reduction and recycling, plus 'hands-on' activities, (including sorting out your recyclable waste).

For more information about our FREE recycling workshops, and to book, scan the QR code or go to [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/waste-education-service](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/waste-education-service)

**This Christmas don't be a 'wisheycycler'**

Did you know? For the 20th year, our festive Recycle-Orbit has raised over 100 engagements, with more planned for 2025!

This Christmas please don't be a 'wisheycycler' and remember to dispose of items in the correct bin. Batteries and electrical items should not be thrown in at all. If they will be coming home why not donate them to someone else or give them to charity. If they are recycling items take them to a local Reuse Café, visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/reuse-cafes](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/reuse-cafes)

Christmas trees and decorations can be recycled at all of our Household Recycling Centres. To find your nearest one visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres)

If you're unsure what to put in your blue recycling bin, please visit your local council website for more details.

Cambridge City Council  
[www.cambridge.gov.uk/home-and-recycling](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/home-and-recycling)  
East Cambridgeshire District Council  
[www.eastcambs.gov.uk/home-and-recycling](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/home-and-recycling)  
Fenland District Council  
[www.fenland.gov.uk/home/13258/Bins-Waste-and-Recycling](http://www.fenland.gov.uk/home/13258/Bins-Waste-and-Recycling)  
Huntingdonshire  
[www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/home/waste](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/home/waste)  
Greater Cambridgeshire Waste  
[www.greatercambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.greatercambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Eat with the seasons**

Choosing seasonal produce is one of the simplest ways to reduce your carbon footprint. It's also more likely to be fresh, nutritious and delicious. It's also better for the environment as it's grown locally, reducing transport emissions and supporting local growers. It's also better for you as it's fresher and more nutritious.

The most produce will have arrived just in time and vegetables naturally in season and grown in the UK.

**Winter seasonal food**

<b>Salads &amp; herbs</b>	<b>Fruit</b>
Brussels sprouts Cauliflower Cabbage Lentils	Apples Pears Pumpkins Squash Cucumbers Carrots
<b>Vegetables</b>	<b>Herbs</b>
Broccoli Cauliflower Cabbage Lentils	Chives Dill Fennel Garlic Mint Parsley Rosemary Sage Thyme

**Christmas at your local Household Recycling Centre**

More than 90% of items are recycled, and most of those are at Household Recycling Centres. Remember your recycling rules when you visit. Please don't bring anything that's not on the list of items you can bring.

It's free to use and open every day except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Also open at 10am on Christmas Eve and open at 11am on New Year's Day.

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/recycling-centres](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/recycling-centres)

**The Ferry Project Cookery School**

As part of the Ferry Project, The Ferry Project provides vocational skills and work experience in hospitality for our homeless young people. They learn essential cooking skills which equip them to be independently living in a real part of the world.

Partnerships support us provide to our clients. Based at Oulton Water in Huntingdon is an After-School Centre for young people, which means that by coming to school, they can also be in a safe, secure place where they can learn and develop their cooking skills.

The Ferry Project is also a social enterprise, which means that by coming to school, they can also be in a safe, secure place where they can learn and develop their cooking skills.

For further information please visit [www.ferryproject.co.uk](http://www.ferryproject.co.uk)

Ask for more advice please visit [www.ferryproject.co.uk](http://www.ferryproject.co.uk)

**Ferry Project**  
In Huntingdon  
for those who need it

**SECOND CHANCE**

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**GIVE SCHOOL UNIFORM A SECOND CHANCE!**

**TAKE:** School uniforms, shoes, coats, hats, bags, etc. (all in good condition)

**DONATE:** School uniforms, shoes, coats, hats, bags, etc. (all in good condition)

**TIME:** Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm

**LOCATION:** 100, Huntingdon Road, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE26 1AA

**CONTACT:** 01455 561111

**WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE - ONE UNIFORM AT A TIME!**



Calling all schools, community and adult groups in Cambridgeshire!

# Waste Prevention Education Free Workshops

To book a visit to your school or organisation and for more information please contact [wmt@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:wmt@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**FREE workshops at any location across the County include:**

- Tailored educational workshops for school, community and adult groups.
- Learning what waste is and what we can do to prevent, reuse, repair and recycle it, sort it for recycling or make something from waste material.
- Videos showing the processes involved in sorting and recycling waste.
- A discussion around climate change and an explanation of what an individual's carbon footprint looks like.
- Workshops are ideal for classroom settings and pupils work in groups on a variety of tasks.
- A typical workshop lasts around 60 minutes. We can deliver up to three workshops per day and can visit a school for two days if required.

**We offer outreach visits on weekdays, in the evenings and at weekends.**

Contact us if you have an upcoming event in Cambridgeshire you would like us to support.

For more information about our FREE recycling workshops, and to book, scan the QR code or go to: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/waste-education-service](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/waste-education-service)




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