



PAXTON PRESS - 5th December 2025



YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

Happy Friday to our wonderful Little Paxton families!

I want to start by saying a massive thank you to you all for your amazing support on Wednesday at our Christmas Fayre. The school was packed and had such a lovely buzz. I am so glad Santa was able to make it, his grotto looked amazing! It was wonderful to gather together as a school community and have the chance to raise money for our school (every penny we raise will make a massive difference to us). Thank you to the staff team and the LPSA for pulling together to create something so brilliant and magical. Christmas really is the most wonderful time of the year! Next week is going to be very busy with our Christmas Productions, I can't wait to see 'Lights, Camel, Action' and attend the EYFS Nativity Tea Party. It's also Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 11th (make sure you've booked your child's lunch on School Grid), I've just booked mine! ***For Christmas jumper day the children are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper with their normal school uniform or school PE kit. We look forward to seeing all of their amazing jumpers (remember we have pre-loved jumpers if you are in need of one).***

I am so excited to share with you the plans for the Lower School Adventure Day at Grafham Water. The children going will have an action-packed day. They will be doing a Bushcraft session, Low Ropes, Orienteering and completing the Grafham Challenge. I hope that this information helps you to decided if your child(ren) would like to attend this wonderful day. It's going to be lots of fun and there are so many excellent opportunities for the children!

As you may be aware, as a school we still receive Olympic Legacy Funding to support the quality of sports in school. Part of the way we use this is to bring in expert coaches to support our teaching of PE and to give high quality CPD to our teachers. This year we are having a Gymnastics and a Dance coach. Each class will have a gymnastics unit taught by Miss Charlotte during the year. The children in Year 3 and 4 have been learning about vaulting and have been working to get the wall-bars out. They have perfected their skills and in their lesson on Thursday were really working brilliantly with the big apparatus. It was great to see the skills they had been working on on display and the coaching really making a difference.

Our praise point champions for last week were:

Lower School: **OSCAR** (Woodpecker)

Upper School: **EUAN** (Pigeon)

This week our praise point champions are:

Lower School: **SELORM** (Woodpecker)

Upper School: **ROHAN** (Dove) & **CHARLOTTE** (Jackdaw)

We have quite a few members of our school community who are nervous around dogs. I know that many of you have fluffy friends who enjoy walking to school with their owners and we do warmly welcome them. Please could I ask you to tie them up at one gate (not the main entrance gate but the other gate from the path to the playground) so that we have one gate people who are more nervous around dogs can use. Thank you so much!

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming you to school on Monday morning at 8.40am when the gates open!

Workers of the Week



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

FOUNDATION

Marvelous Merlin - RONNIE - This is because we have been so impressed with how kind and curious he has been this week. He has been curious about how he can help everyone in the classroom and he always asks if he can help keep our classroom tidy. Ronnie, we are so proud of you! Keep being curious and caring!

Splendid Sparrow - EVIE because she has been working really hard this week at choosing at all our learning areas. She also has asked lots of interesting questions when learning about materials in our Understanding the World and did an amazing show and tell presentation about her Grandad! Well done Evie!

YEARS 1 AND 2

Lovely Lark - **LENNIE** has been trying so hard with his English learning this week and he has been very curious about our new book- *The Monstrous Book of Monsters*. He has asked lots of questions and wanted to find out lots of facts about monsters.

Super Starling - **STEVE** - He has shown brilliant curiosity in both Science and English, always eager to ask questions, share his ideas and learn more. Steve's enthusiasm is infectious he approaches every lesson with energy, excitement and a real love of learning. Well done, Steve!

Wonderful Woodpecker - **LUCAS** is our *Worker of the Week* because he always brings a positive attitude to the classroom and tries his very best. He never gives up when something feels tricky and keeps going with a smile. We are so proud of his brilliant effort!

YEARS 3 AND 4

Remarkable Raven - **REU** is always looking for ways to improve his work, he shows great curiosity and endeavours to show his best work 100% of the time. Well done Reu!

Clever Kite - **JOEY**. He has shown brilliant curiosity in our gymnastic lesson, eagerly exploring all the different positions and asking thoughtful questions. His determination to refine his technique has been lovely to see.

Fantastic Fisher -**LEO** - In spite of starting during test week, Leo has fully embraced life at Little Paxton. He has shown great curiosity in getting to know the teaching staff, his classmates, and the Little Paxton values.

YEAR 5

Ready Wren - **OLIVER** has been wonderfully curious in our English lessons lately. He comes up with great ideas and really puts the effort in, resulting in fantastic writing.

Perfect Pigeon - **RONNIE** because he has really impressed us with his hard work this term and especially his curiosity when choosing interesting and unusual words in his writing. Well done Ronnie!

YEAR 6

Dedicated Dove - **LACIEE** is our Worker of the Week because she shows genuine curiosity every day, always eager to learn new things and challenge herself. Her determination to improve her maths and writing has been inspiring, and her positive attitude lifts everyone around her.

Jubilant Jackdaw - **NICK** has shown great curiosity this week, asking lots of thoughtful questions especially with his reading and writing in English. Mrs Darlow has been so impressed with all his hard work!

Little Paxton School Association



Some great photos from Santa's Grotto. Thanks to Mr Rogers for making it so magical!



Santa's sleigh is coming to town!!

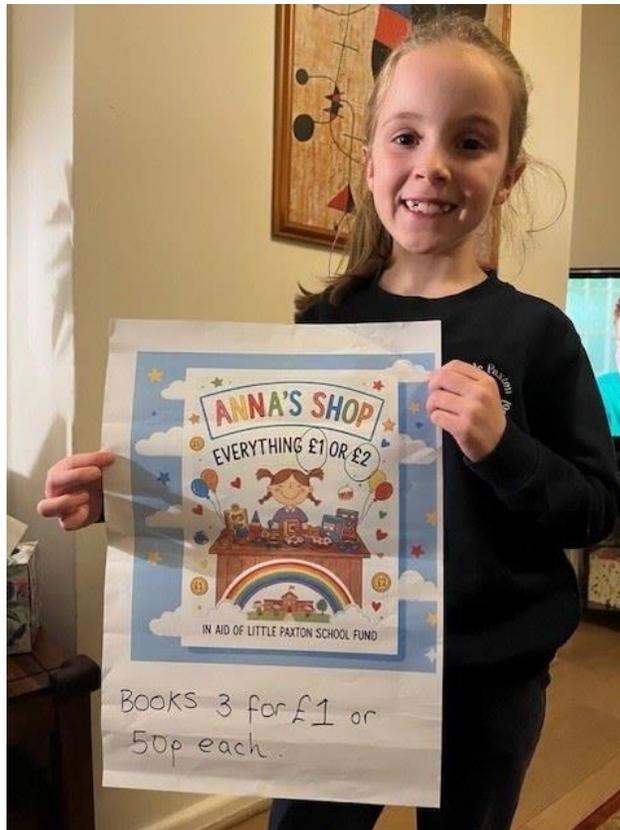
LPSA members and staff will be accompanying Santa around Little Paxton West on **Monday 15th December** with a percentage of the proceeds on that night being given to the LPSA. You will see

#THRIVEin2025 Current total **£1,414.00**



Audrey raised £55 doing her sponsored silence back in October and Anna raised £30 selling second hand items at the Christmas fayre yesterday!

Well done to Audrey and Anna!



Poppy sold fridge magnets at the Christmas fayre and there are more available from the school office if anyone would like any.



Housekeeping

Pantomime - 8th January 2026



A reminder that our fantastic whole school trip to see Dick Whittington at Stevenage Gordon Craig Theatre is getting closerOh 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.

Illness in school

Please be aware that we 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.

New after school Club

After-School Gymnastics Club – Free Taster - Before Christmas on the 10th December!

We're excited to bring Twisters Gymnastics Club to school!

Our after-school sessions combine gymnastics, acrobatics and movement for all abilities — from complete beginners to those with experience.

At the end of the school day, children will make their own way to the hall, a teacher or TA will assist the younger ones. Parents simply collect from Reception at the end of the session.

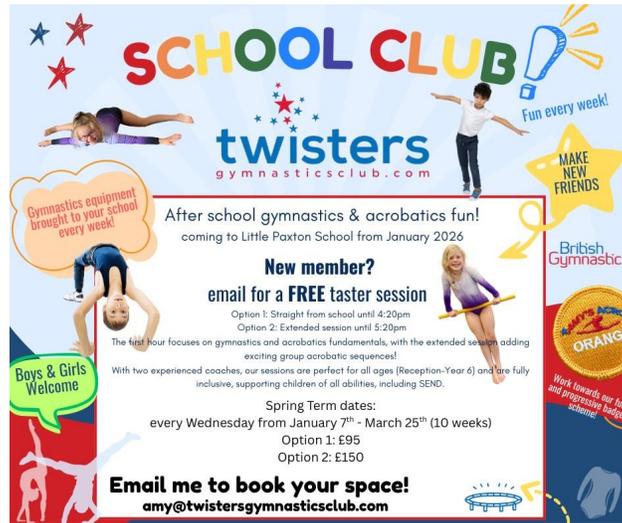
Sessions include music, equipment, skill-building, and fun routines, all taught by qualified coaches. We follow a progressive award scheme with 13 badge levels, and families are invited to a Watching Week at the end of each term.

Fees: £9.50 per session, or £15 for the extended session. Paid termly in advance. Children already enrolled will automatically keep their space each term — just let us know in the last week of term if they'd like to stop.

What to wear: Leotard, leggings, shorts, T-shirt, or PE kit — anything comfy for movement (loose items can be tucked in). A small snack is helpful, especially for those staying longer.

All welcome: No experience needed — and special educational needs are never a barrier. Our coaches are experienced in working with children of all ages and abilities and we pride

ourselves on being fully inclusive. If your child has any specific needs please let us know before the club starts.



SCHOOL CLUB
twisters
gymnasticsclub.com

Fun every week!

MAKING NEW FRIENDS

British Gymnastics

ORANGE

Work towards our fun and progressive badge scheme!

Gymnastics equipment brought to your school every week!

Boys & Girls Welcome

After school gymnastics & acrobatics fun!
coming to Little Paxton School from January 2026

New member?
email for a **FREE** taster session

Option 1: Straight from school until 4:20pm
Option 2: Extended session until 5:20pm

The first four focuses on gymnastics and acrobatics fundamentals, with the extended session adding exciting group acrobatic sequences!

With two experienced coaches, our sessions are perfect for all ages (Reception-Year 6) and are fully inclusive, supporting children of all abilities, including SEND.

Spring Term dates:
every Wednesday from January 7th - March 25th (10 weeks)

Option 1: £95
Option 2: £150

Email me to book your space!
amy@twistersgymnasticsclub.com

IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



December

Tuesday 9th - 1.30pm Key Stage 1 production of Lights Camel Action - please speak to office team for any ticket queries

Wednesday 10th - 9.30am Key Stage 1 Production of Lights Camel Action - please speak to office team for any ticket queries

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 - 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 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

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

 01480 260234



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Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter

Education Inclusion Family Advisor Newsletter December 2025

A Bit About Me

Hi, my name is Katie, I am your school's link EIFA.
I offer advice and strategies to parents and carers with a Primary School aged child that may be experiencing some challenges such as routines, sleep, sibling rivalry, challenging behaviour, worries or self-esteem.
If you'd like to discuss any of these topics, please complete the consent form via link below.

Parenting Top Tip



What You See (Above the Water)

- **Actions:** What your child does (e.g. shouting, withdrawing, refusing).
- **Body language:** Facial expressions, posture, tone of voice.
- **Words:** What they say and how they say it.

What's Hidden (Below the Water)

- **Thoughts:** What they're thinking but not saying.
- **Feelings:** Emotions like sadness, fear, frustration, or excitement.
- **Values & Beliefs:** What they believe is right or fair, and what matters to them.
- **Motivations:** The reasons behind their behaviour (e.g. needing attention, feeling unsafe, wanting control).

What you can do

With behaviour, it's easy to focus on what you see. But real understanding comes from gently exploring what's underneath, their feelings, worries, or unmet needs.

- **Pause and reflect:** Ask yourself, "What might be going on beneath the surface?"
- **Stay curious:** Instead of reacting to behaviour, try to understand the emotion or need behind it.
- **Talk it through:** Help your child/young person name their feelings and thoughts. This builds trust and emotional awareness.

Activity Idea – Winter Globe

- 1: Glue the base of your decoration to the inside of your jam-jar lid
- 2: Add water – don't fill it right to the top, because you'll need room for the decoration that you've stuck onto the lid!
- 3: Add a small amount of glycerine or light corn syrup - The more of this you put in, the slower your glitter will fall. The glycerine or syrup makes the liquid more 'viscous'. The higher the viscosity, the 'thicker' it is.
- 4: Add some sparkle (glitter) - If you add too much, your glitter will clump together.
- 5: Secure the lid

Substitutes to glycerine/light corn syrup - golden syrup, maple syrup or light honey.

Make sure you've created a watertight seal (turn the jam jar upside down in a bowl to check for leaks).



Online relationship support for parents

- **Arguing better** – for anyone looking to learn how to cope better with stress and deal with arguments in a healthy way.
- **Me, You and Baby Too** – to help new and expecting parents navigate the changes that happen in their relationship when a baby arrives.
- **Getting it right for children** – to help separated or separating parents learn to manage conflict and minimise the impact it has on their children.

There's also some helpful advice about the impact of debt on relationships
Reducing Parental Conflict Programme | Cambridgeshire County Council

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability?
www.p pinpoint-cambs.org.uk have lots of information, advice and tips.
For **Cambridgeshire's Local Offer** go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer

Contact me directly on <https://forms.office.com/e/4sxC2C78Fy>
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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

The Anchor

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



Christmas

COOKIES & GAMES



PAINTING & LUNCH

£15

SATURDAY 13TH DEC

10-12PM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DISCO
WITH SPECIAL GUEST & GIFT

Merry Xmas

Tuesday 23rd December 5pm - 7pm

Tickets £7.50 per child

Suitable for 3yrs - 10yrs

Thanks for reading