



PAXTON PRESS - 16th January 2026



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

Hello and happy Friday to our wonderful Little Paxton families!

What a busy week we have had! There has been a lot of sickness in our staff team this week and I am so very thankful for our amazing team for pulling together and helping out when needed. We are so very fortunate to have such a fantastic team of people working at Little Paxton. I am sorry that this has meant the delay of sending out the final information about our Grafham Water Adventure Days (we were hoping to get this out in the middle of the week).

As you know, one of my favourite things about being a Headteacher is getting to see the children's incredible work and celebrating with them when they have done something great. This week I got to see some brilliant shape work from Lennie in Year 2, he was able to tell me all about it and I was so very proud of him. I also got sent a brilliant PowerPoint about saving our planet which Matilda, Grace and Frankie in year 3 worked together to create. Lucy from Year 3 also shared some fantastic science work with me. I was really impressed with the Year 2 children and their knowledge of letters on Monday and the Year 6 children's brilliant English work in preparation for writing their narrative from the book 'The Giant and the Sea'.

Thank you to those of you who attended the drop in session on Wednesday, it was lovely to welcome so many of you into school. As we now have Twisters in the hall on Wednesday the drop in will be in Starling Class and Heron Class (we don't have an actual Heron Class but this is the name of the room). Thank you for your patience in waiting your turn and working with us as we don't know who will arrive. There will be information coming out about our up coming parents' evening (this is additional to the SEND parents' evening which some of you have been invited to attend).

This week we have been having our Pupil Progress meetings with the teachers to find out how the children are getting on and any additional support they need to help the children make even more progress than they have already. It has been great to hear about the excellent provision the children are receiving in class and through curriculum interventions. Some children have already made it to their end of year target by the Spring Term which is fantastic! During your parents' evening you will have more opportunities to talk through how your child is getting on and how you can help at home.

Next week our Year 6 children have their residential at Hilltop near Sheringham. This is always such a wonderful time and I know the children get so much out of it. I am so excited about being able to go along to this so will not be around on site. There may be a coach parked

outside on Monday morning when you drop off so please park considerately so there is room to keep the traffic flowing if this is the case. I have a brilliant team who will be stepping up to lead the school. If you need to talk to a member of the leadership team then Mrs Jeakings will be opening the gates and on the playground on Monday; Mr Crabb will be doing this on Tuesday, Miss Dellar on Wednesday and Mr Saxby (who will be back at school before Wednesday lunchtime) will be on the playground on Thursday and Friday.

Have a wonderful weekend and the team look forward to seeing you when the gates open at 8.40am on Monday.

### Message from Mr Saxby - Curriculum Update



It has been a fantastic start to the learning for the Spring Term since we returned after Christmas. We are currently on our next unit of History across the school, and you will be receiving a knowledge organiser for your child's learning next week. I really hope these help you discuss things with your child and further develop their historical thinking.

The current History units are as follows:

Year 1/2 - Castles and Battles - Why were castles built and who lived in them?

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, if you have a particular strength or interest in the above things please let us know!

We are also starting to look at our new Science curriculum and Mrs de Souza (our Science subject lead) has been starting to develop a new curriculum for September 2026. We are balancing the need for practical exploration with securing a strong knowledge of scientific understanding.

I am currently working closely with Miss Henson, Mr Booth and Mr Simkin on a slightly difference approach to delivering some of our foundation subjects. Watch this space!

Mr Saxby

Don't forget your tokens!

GREAT NEWS FOR US AT LITTLE PAXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL!



**We are calling out for your votes/tokens to get a share of Tesco's Stronger Starts fund**

Stronger Starts provides grant awards of up to £1,500 to local community projects, with a particular focus on children and young people. Three groups in every community have been shortlisted to receive grant awards and Tesco customers can vote for the group they think should take away the top award in their local Tesco store and.....

**Our school is one of the groups on the list!**

**Our project will be titled:**

**'Sensory and Woodland Walk'**

We hope to develop a sensory pathway providing another wonderful place for the children to enjoy during break times.

**Make sure that you put your token in our box and please encourage friends, neighbours and anyone else that you can think of to do the same!**

**Stores involved will be:**

**St. Neots Extra**

**Eaton Socon Express**

**St. Neots Loves Farm Express**

**This should be starting Monday 12th January, but it may depend on each store as to when they launch**

[Workers of the Week](#)



*1 - This half term we are celebrating being creative!*

**FOUNDATION**

**Marvelous Merlin - THIAGO** because he has drawn creative drawings this week during drawing club and during provision, such as a huge hotel with lots of windows. He has also grown in confidence and we have enjoyed chatting to him about his drawings and learning about his creativity. Well done Thiago, keep being creative!

**Splendid Sparrow - RUEBEN** - Because he has really enjoyed our drawing club this week all about Beegu and has shown how creative he is by designing Beegu's home planet and written some fantastic code to go with his picture. He has put in a lot of thought in her writing and doing an amazing job! Well done Ruben!

## **YEARS 1 AND 2**

**Lovely Lark - PENELOPE** is very creative. She has great ideas and does some amazing drawings.

**Super Starling - SULLY** for showing wonderful creativity in our music lesson. He confidently volunteered to demonstrate actions and beats, sharing his ideas with the class. Sully showed bravery and imagination,

**Wonderful Woodpecker - XANDER** - has been chosen as Worker of the Week for his wonderful creative writing this week. He used some lovely adjectives in his writing which really impressed the Year 1 Team!

## **YEARS 3 AND 4**

**Remarkable Raven - CHLOE** - I have been so impressed with how creative Chloe has been in her writing about the Tear Thief. She used some beautiful expression and is trying so hard to improve her writing all the time! Well done Chloe!

**Clever Kite** - Our clever kite this week is **AMAYA** Clever Kite this week is Amaya, who wrote a creative story at home, innovating our current class text, The Tear Thief, with imagination and flair.

**Fantastic Fisher - ELIN** - has shown exceptional creativity in her writing this week as she works on her narrative based on The Tear Thief.

## **YEAR 5**

**Ready Wren - LAYLA** always strives to be creative in her writing. I've really enjoyed reading her setting description and can't wait for her full narrative about 'The Giant and the Sea'!

**Perfect Pigeon** - Our perfect pigeon this week is **MIRACLE** because he has really impressed us with his descriptive and creative writing in English. We are proud of you Miracle, keep up the hard work!

## **YEAR 6**

**Dedicated Dove** - **JASMINE** is Worker of the Week because her creative setting description used amazing imaginative language that made the scene come alive for the reader. Well done, Jasmine!

**Jubilant Jackdaw** - **KYLE** for being lovely and creative with his writing this week. He has been working really hard on his 'Giant and the sea' unit of work and has been using lovely, powerful verbs to describe the sea as it comes in to flood the coastal city. He's also been thinking about and showing an improvement in his handwriting- well done!

## Housekeeping

## Training Days

**There is NOT a training day on Friday 13th February 2026.** In some previously information we were going to have that training day but when term dates were finalised they were arranged to be:-

**Monday 29th June 2026** and

**Monday 20th July 2026**

#THRIVEin2025 Current total **£2628.65**



Arbor is still able to accept payments into the Thrivein2025 account until the end of January 2026. Thank you all for your support.

**IMPORTANT!** Dates to remember



**January**

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

Wednesday 21st - SEND Parents Evening (Virtual) - Foundation to Year 5

Wednesday 28th - SEND Parents Evening (Virtual) - Year 6

## **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

## **March**

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th World Book Week

Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th - Year 6 Bikeability

Wednesday 4th - Parent Drop in - all year groups

Thursday 5th - World Book Day

Wednesday 18th - Come See and Celebrate - during the school day - more details to follow

Friday 20th - Headteacher Spring Term Awards - 9.05am Lower School, 1.45pm Upper School

Friday 27th - LPSA Easter Event - Watch this space!

Events for you

Meet and Greet

**Meet and Greet**  
Drop in

*Do you just want some company  
or need some information?*

*If you have any disability,  
or support anyone with a disability,  
or struggle with your mental health.*

**Everyone welcome.**

**Last Wednesday of every month starting 25th  
February 2026 10:30 am**

**The Anchor Pub  
Little Paxton, St. Neots**

Sturdy Studio

# Beezee Families - Free Support



**Beezee FAMILIES**

Ready to start making healthy habits as a family?

Sign up for Beezee Families today and find **FREE** healthy lifestyle support that's right for your family. We can help you with healthy eating, getting more active, and having fun while doing so! You can:

- Join us for 12 weeks of in-person group sessions**
- Log in for 10 weeks of online group sessions, plus 2 check-in calls**
- Learn at your own pace by enrolling onto the Academy**

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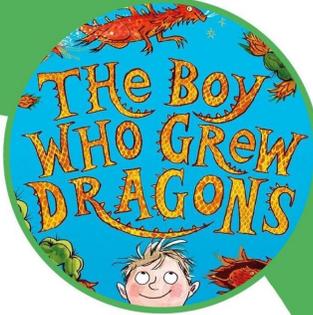
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 **0300 330 5497**

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Cambridge and County Councils  
PETERSBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL

Our in-person and online group programmes are for children above their ideal weight, see our website for more information.

## Story Readers Club



### The Story Readers Club

**St Neots Library**  
**Wednesday 28 January 4-4.30pm**

Join us at our first ever meeting to discuss our book pick and enjoy some squash and biscuits. Sign up at the desk to collect your copy of *The Boy Who Grew Dragons*, and get reading!

Suitable for children aged 7-9

Free, book a place at the desk or email [stneots.referrals@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:stneots.referrals@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

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[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

## Half Term Ideas

## Treetops



### February Half Term 26



Our holiday clubs are free-flow, self-led, play environments. Children can play, create and explore lots of play spaces. Our play workers are there to facilitate their play. As well as all of the indoor and outdoor activities set up each day, we have specific activities run by the staff each day as seen on this programme. We try to incorporate different types of activities for all personalities and to keep the children busy. Key:

- Active play
- Creative play
- Themed activity
- Kitchen creations

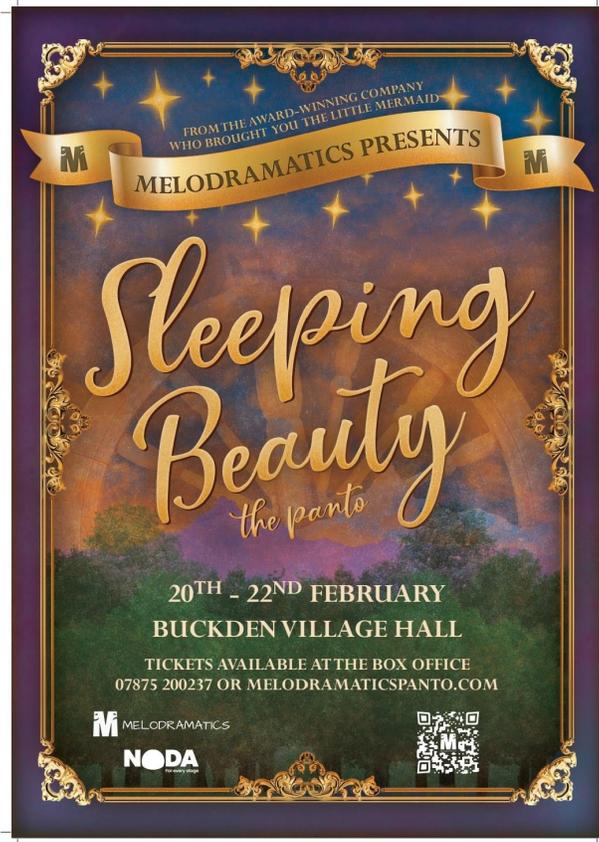
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<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Paper plate bees</li><li>Pitta pizzas</li><li>Outdoor challenges</li></ul>	<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pompom flower sticks</li><li>Straw marble run</li><li>Balloon games</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Raincloud craft</li><li>Hot potato game</li><li>Football fun</li></ul>	<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sponge painting ice creams</li><li>Parachute games</li><li>Sandwich kebabs</li></ul>
	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Handprint ladybirds</li><li>Bucket ball</li><li>Bread making</li></ul>

Talent Dance Academy - Dance Workshop

**TALENT**  
DANCE ACADEMY  
**DANCE WORKSHOP**  
SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY  
11.00AM - 1.30PM  
HEMINGFORD GREY PRIMARY  
SCHOOL  
EYFS - YEAR 6  
£18.00  
TO BOOK  
WWW.TALENTDANCEACADEMY.CO.UK

Local pantomime



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Tech Camp

Early Intervention Family Advisor - Some dates have been revised

EIFA Workshops January 2026

# Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Countywide Online Workshop Offer

The EIFA team would like to present our workshops on a variety of parenting and family issues for **January**. Please ensure you book onto each workshop individually by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code and completing the registration form.

Managing Sibling Rivalry	Tuesday, 13 January 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</a> or 
Managing Challenging Behaviours	Thursday, 15 January 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</a> or 
Supporting Your Child with Sleep	Tuesday, 20 January 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</a> or 
Supporting Your Child with Sleep – Evening session	Tuesday, 20 January 2026, 18:00-19:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</a> or 
Supporting Your Child with Angry Feelings	Thursday, 22 January 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</a> or 
Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Worry	Tuesday, 27 January 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</a> or 

Our colleagues in the Targeted Support team are also running the following online workshops:

Improve the Communication with Your Partner to Support Your Children	Monday 26 January & 2 February 2026, 12:00-13:00	Book onto these workshops at: <a href="#">2026 workshop booking form</a> or via 
Improve the Communication with Your Ex-Partner to Support Your Children	Wednesday 28 January & 4 February 2026, 12:00-13:00	

If you have any questions about our workshops, or the EIFA service in general, please contact [earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

EFIA Workshops February 2026

# 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 **February**.

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

Supporting Your Child with Angry Feelings – Evening session	Monday, 2 February 2026, 18:00-19:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</a> or 
Supporting Your Child with Feelings of Worry – Evening session	Thursday, 5 February 2026, 18:00-19:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</a> or 
An Introduction to Family Wellbeing	Tuesday, 10 February 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</a> or 

If you have any questions about our workshops, or the EIFA service in general, please contact [earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

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



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