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YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

Hello and happy Friday to our wonderful Little Paxton families!

It's been another busy, sunny week at Little Paxton.

It has been lovely to welcome new children, and their families, to our school over the last few weeks before the Easter break and even this week. I am so proud of how welcoming our school community is and how quickly children (and their families) feel at home so thank you to everyone for playing such an important part in making Little Paxton such a lovely place to learn.

We had a really important governors meeting on Monday night where we looked at setting the budget for our school for this year and also began looking at future years. A lot of work goes into this, particularly from Mrs Gatward, and we are once again in a fortunate position to be able to set a positive budget. I would like to thank Mrs Gatward for her dedication and hard work, and the governors on the Resources and Finance Committee for their support. I am looking forward to sharing this with the full governing body next Monday. With the funding for education the way it is, I am very proud of this achievement.

On Thursday Sue Bowman, our School Improvement Advisor, came to visit us. Mr Saxby and I spoke to her about the work we are doing on the curriculum and how we can continue to improve the Quality of Education at Little Paxton. That's why we're all here, to give the children the best possible education! It was a really interesting morning and left Mr Saxby and I with our heads buzzing with ideas. I also met with our chair of governors this week in school which was a really valuable time.

As always, I have had some very keen, and proud, children who have come to my office to celebrate their work. Ella from Year 3 came to share her amazing Science work about plants; Arthur from Year 4 brought round his fantastic poem based on 'I Rise' and Kamil from Year 4 also shared his brilliant poetry work with me. I really do look forward to seeing the children and love seeing how proud they are of their work.

Lenny from Kingfisher arrived just in time for me to celebrate him in this week's edition of Paxton Press. The Year 3 and 4 children have been writing poems about a 'First Day at School'. I took a picture of Lenny's work because I wanted to share it with you all! Well done Lenny!

From the Praise Point totals this week I can see that the Ravens and the Wrens have been working very hard. We have a tie in Upper School AND Lower School . Five praise points will be added to all of the totals for each of our champions who are (drumroll please):

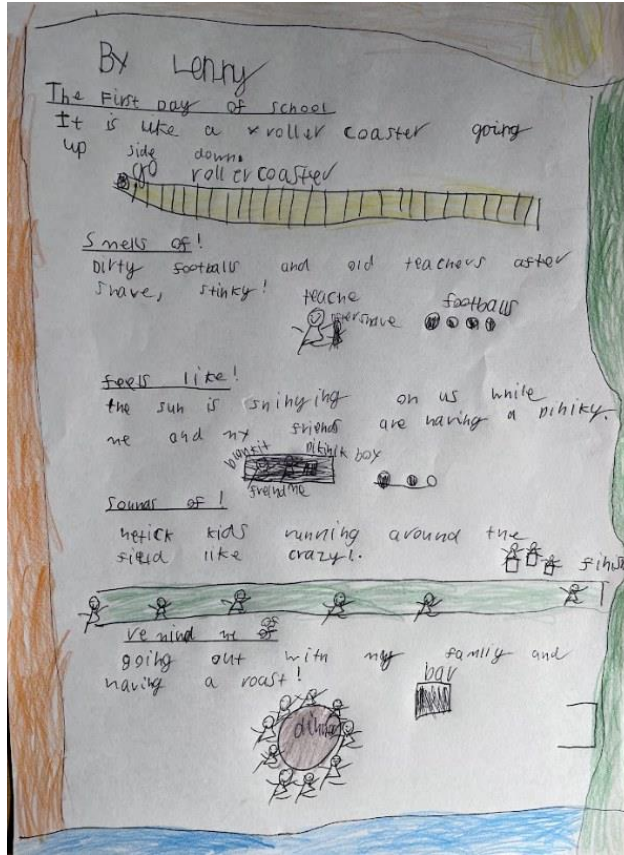
UPPER SCHOOL: Amber (Wrens) Chloe (Ravens)

LOWER SCHOOL: Ollie (Starling), Phoebe (Woodpecker), Ronnie (Merlin), Mylo (Sparrow)

How wonderful to have so many children working so hard in one week! Well done to you all!

I am so incredibly thankful to our LPSA for their hard work in organising events that raise money for our school. When looking at the budget, and knowing that we need to spend our money on the necessities, it is so wonderful to know that we have some funds we can spend on the "extras". I appreciate the time and effort given by the LPSA team to make events, like the Movie Nights and the Break the Rules Day, happen. If you are interested in getting involved with the LPSA then we can always do with extra hands. Supporting LPSA events, and school wide fund raisers such as Thrive in 2025, make a MASSIVE difference to us so thank you!

All that's left for me to say is have a wonderful weekend (and if you go to Tesco make sure that you put as many tokens as you can in our pot). We look forward to welcoming you to school on Monday at 8.40am when the gates open.



Team Paxton

TEAM



Subject report from Mrs Rider PSHE

Hello, within my role at Little Paxton I have the pleasure of leading PSHE in our school which is a subject I enjoy and am passionate about. This year we have adapted our teaching of this subject and every half term we have a PSHE day focusing on a key topic linked to our children and the school community. We have found that dedicating a whole day to this subject ensures that learning can be done in greater depth and topics can be explored further than in a 30 minute weekly lesson. The children and teaching team have enjoyed these days and speaking on behalf of the teachers, we have found these days are a great opportunity to talk to the children and spend quality time within this important learning. So far this year, we have explored - Me and my identity (Knowing myself and knowing my roots), Health and wellbeing (Looking after ourselves inside and out) and Relationships and belonging (Being Kind, being connected).

Our recent PSHE Day focused on the important theme of Safety and Responsibility: Looking after each other and our place. Throughout the day, children explored how to keep themselves and others safe, both in real life and online, whilst also developing an understanding of their role within our school and wider community.

We began the day with a whole-school focus on rail safety, which is particularly important for our community as we are located close to a main railway station. During this session, children learned how to stay safe around railways and why it is essential to follow safety rules at all times.

Key messages included:

- always staying behind the yellow line on platforms
- never going onto the tracks
- listening carefully to announcements and adults
- using designated crossings and entrances

The children engaged thoughtfully with this session and demonstrated a good understanding of how to keep themselves safe in these environments.

We have attached a poster outlining the key safety messages covered, and we encourage you to discuss these at home to reinforce this important learning.

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children focused on road safety and asking for help. They took part in a practical session outside school, where they practised how to cross the road safely — an important real-life skill as this is something many of our children do every day. They also learned about trusted adults and people who help us, discussing who they could go to in different situations and how to ask for help when needed.

In Year 3 and Year 4, children explored rules and the rights of the child, developing their understanding of why rules are important for keeping everyone safe. They also discussed peer pressure and online safety, thinking carefully about how to make responsible choices both in school and when using technology.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils focused on citizenship, considering what it means to be a responsible member of the community. They discussed how their actions can impact others and explored ways they can contribute positively to the world around them.

To bring the day together, the whole school took part in activities linked to responsibility and community care. Children engaged in a range of meaningful tasks both within school and in our village, including litter picking, tidying shared spaces, and writing thoughtful thank you cards to key workers and members of our local community. These activities helped pupils to understand that even small actions can make a big difference.

It was a fantastic day, and we were incredibly proud of how thoughtfully the children engaged with such important topics. They showed great maturity, kindness, and a real sense of responsibility towards others and their environment.

Thank you for taking your time to read this and I hope you have found it informative.

Mrs Rider (PSHE Lead)

THE RAIL SAFE FRIENDLY PROGRAMME
 The Rail Safe Friendly programme has educated over **3 million young people** on the dangers of the railways.

Discover our FREE rail safety videos and keep your children safe by visiting railsafefriendly.com

DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN BECOME THE NEXT STATISTIC

"I implore you to listen to Harrison's story"

Simon Frazer, Principal, Gullisborough Academy

According to the **ORR Report** April 23 - March 24 on UK railways:

12 people died in incidents while trespassing	58% were struck by a train or tram	42% were electrocuted
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According to **Rail Safe Friendly** July 25:

120+ companies support the programme	11,000+ schools in the UK have engaged	20,000+ UK schools still need to be reached
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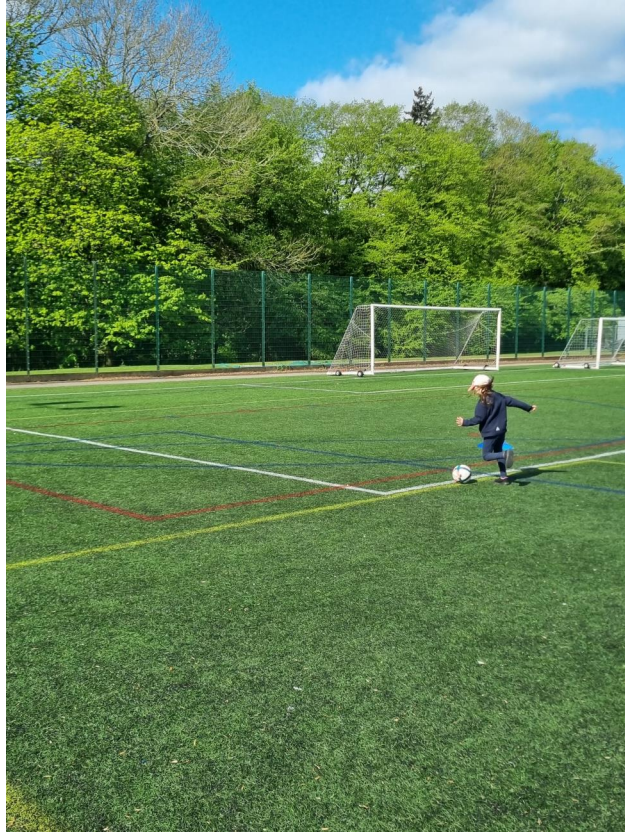
Girls Football Report - Miss Henson

Our all-girls KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Football Festival was truly wonderful from start to finish. With the sun shining brightly, it created the perfect setting for what is always one of my favourite events of the year.

I felt incredibly proud of every single pupil for representing our school so positively. Their enthusiasm was clear to see, and it was fantastic to watch them all getting involved, trying their best, and most importantly, having fun. When I asked what their favourite part of the morning was, the unanimous answer was simply, "everything!"

A particular highlight for me was watching the girls take part in mini matches against other schools. It was a joy to see them working together as a team, showing determination, and demonstrating kindness and respect towards others. With 11 teams and over 100 children attending, the atmosphere was brilliant throughout.

Well done to all the girls - you were amazing!





Marvelous Merlin - My worker of the week this week is **DYLAN**. He is such a kind and compassionate member of Merlin class. He is considerate, uses kind words and always wants to put a smile on other people's faces Well done Dylan! Keep being compassionate!

Splendid Sparrow - **OLIVIA** - Because she has built a really nice friendship with lots of the children in the class and shows compassion when playing, especially in the builders area as she collaborates and listens to others ideas and shows great imagination when playing! Well done Olivia!

YEARS 1 AND 2

Lovely Lark - **OLIVIA** for being super patient and supportive whilst helping one of her peers with an area of learning they find tricky. She has shown kindness and great initiative whilst helping this child. Thank you Olivia!

Super Starling - **LILY** has truly shown what it means to be compassionate. Although she is a recent starter herself, she went out of her way to support a new pupil, kindly helping her to find her way around the classroom and settle into school life.

Wonderful Woodpecker - **HARRISON** because he always shows kindness to everyone around him and treats everyone with warmth and respect.

YEARS 3 AND 4

Remarkable Raven - **EVALYN** - she has shown so many times how compassionate and supportive she can be towards other children in the class and in the Nest. Well done Evalyn, we're so proud of you!

Clever Kite - **MICHAEL** - because he has been so compassionate by asking how other adults are when they looked stressed. He has also been playing kindly with a variety of children during his learning time when in the nest. We are all so proud of your start to life at Little Paxton Primary School. Keep up the fantastic attitude!

Fantastic Fisher - Last week it was **EMILY** who is always a kind and compassionate friend. This week, she showed her caring nature by helping a classmate through a tricky day. Apologies that this was missed from last week's edition.

This week it is HARRY because he is always a kind and compassionate friend and classmate. He consistently helps others with their work, and his willingness to share benefits the whole class.

YEAR 5

Ready Wren - ARIELLA - this week, I asked the Wrens to write down who they had noticed being compassionate towards others. Ariella's name came up most of all; she always looks out for her peers and supports them if they aren't feeling 100%.

Perfect Pigeon - CODY because he did a fantastic job of being our IT assistant in computing and was really compassionate in the way he helped others. Thank you 'Coding Cody'!

YEAR 6

Dedicated Dove - SAMAR because she always listens carefully to others (teachers and friends) In addition to this, Samar is kind and shows empathy and understanding to others.

Jubilant Jackdaw - SHANNON for always saying 'yes' to everyone who asks for help. She helps others with their learning. She helps out around the classroom and the school and she helps make sure no-one is excluded at break and lunchtimes.

Housekeeping

Tesco Tokens

Contrary to our previous information there is still time to add your Tesco tokens to our box. Over the holidays Tesco extended our time to the end of April - KEEP COLLECTING PLEASE!!!



IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



May

Friday 1st May - Break The Rules Day - (details to follow)

Monday 4th - May Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th - David Attenborough 100 - Special events all week

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th - SATS for Year 6

Friday 15th - Year 4 Bikeability

Wednesday 20th - Meeting for New Parents - September 26

Friday 22nd May - LPSA Whole School Disco night

EYFS/Years 1&2 - 4pm to 4.45pm Years 3&4 - 5pm - .5.45pm Years 5&6 6.pm-7pm

HALF TERM - Monday 25th - Friday 29th

June

Wednesday 3rd - Foundation school trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park

Monday 1st - Friday 5th - World Cup Week

Friday 5th - World Cup Dress up in the colour of your flag - details to follow.

Tuesday 9th - Ash Randall Football Freestyler visit

Thursday 11th - Year 6 Hercules Trip

Friday 12th - Year 5 Grafham Trip

Wednesday 17th - Sports Day - Upper School 9.15am -12.00pm Lower School - 1.15pm - 3.00pm

Friday 19th Father's Day Gift Event

Wednesday 24th - Reserve Sports Day - Upper School 9.15am -12.00pm Lower School - 1.15pm - 3.00pm

Friday 26th - Years 1, 2 and 3 Trip to Hunstanton & Sea Life Centre

July

Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd July - Transition days for Longsands and Ernulf

Wednesday 8th July - Teddy Bear's Picnic

Wednesday 8th July Little Paxton School Festival - 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Friday 10th Year 6 production Dress Rehearsal to school

Monday 13th July - Reports home to parents

Tuesday 14th - Parents Evening end of year catch up - Current teacher - 3.40pm - 5.30pm

Tuesday 14th - Year 6 production - evening performance

Wednesday 15th - Meet your new teacher - appointments booked via the office - 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Wednesday 15th - Year 6 production - evening performance

Thursday 16th - Leavers' Assembly - 1.30pm

Friday 17th - Headteachers Award Assembly & Rotary Star - Lower School 9.05am - Upper School 2.45pm

Friday 17th - **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Monday 20th - STAFF TRAINING DAY - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

LPSA



Break The Rules Day

Would you like to be the Headteacher on break the rules day?

The winning child will meet with Miss Owen where they can make extra special plans for the day.

Would you like some extra playtime?

Would you like some extended lessons?

You could appoint a deputy head for the day!

On the day, you can run the morning staff briefing, greet families on the playground, spend time in the Headteacher's office and do lots of jobs around the school.

Tickets on sale at Breaktime until - **Wednesday 29th April**. £1 per ticket, exact change only please.





BREAK THE RULES DAY




FRIDAY 1ST MAY






Tuck shop menu

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- Cookies
 - Shortbread
 - Sweets
 - Crisps



All items 50p each!
Maximum of 1 cookie per child.
Maximum of 2 items in total per child
All stock subject to availability





Job Opportunity at Treetops

We have an open vacancy at our breakfast club at Little Paxton starting in June. This position is for Monday - Friday 7:30am - school time.



7:30am - 9:00am
Monday - Friday
Term time

We're Hiring Breakfast Club Playworker

at our
Little Paxton setting

Above average pay
Career progression
Training
opportunities
Childcare

(PE19 6NG)

To apply for the role
email us at
admin@kidsrusoosc.com

or call us at:
07353 112929

Twisters

We still have space to join the Twisters Gymnastics Club after school. The kids are having so much fun, and we'd love to share this amazing opportunity to learn, grow, and build confidence.

Come along and explore three exciting elements:

- Gymnastics
- Acro
- Dance Fitness

If you are interested, please email lauren@twistersgymnasticsclub.com!

Hope to see you there!

AFTER SCHOOL GYMNASTICS!
at Little Paxton Primary School

Book your place for summer term!

Wednesdays
Straight from school - 4.20pm
(option to extend to 5.20pm)

For children in Reception to Year 6
£10 per 1-hr session / £18 for 2-hrs

BOOK NOW!

Work towards our fun badge scheme!

twisters
gymnasticsclub.com

www.twistersgymnasticsclub.com

0800 0622 870
admin@twistersgymnasticsclub.com

Events for you

St Neots Rugby Club Festival

Join us at St Neots Rugby Club for our Annual Festival this Saturday (25th April), 12–6!

There's something for everyone—keep the kids entertained with a bouncy castle, free circus skills workshop, and even a fire engine, while adults can soak up the atmosphere and catch the rugby at 12:30 and 3pm.

Come hungry too! We've got delicious pizza, BBQ, churros, and ice cream, plus a fully stocked bar to keep you refreshed all day.

This event is open to the whole community, so please bring your friends and family for a fantastic day out—we can't wait to see you



Cricket sessions

Girls Only Dynamos (Ages 8–11)

A programme specifically for girls, these sessions provide a welcoming and encouraging environment to learn cricket skills, stay active, and enjoy being part of a team.

Link: <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/littlepaxton/Course/9d4771ee-60fa-4f13-a642-a004bf409be3>

Bursary codes are available for Girls Only Dynamos, offering financial support for families where needed. Please contact: **Nick Byatt** nickbyatt@googlemail.com

**DYNAMOS
CRICKET**



**Girls Only Dynamos
Age 8-11 year old**

**Power
your
play**

dynamoscrickeet.co.uk

Join us at:

Little Paxton CC
Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field,
Little Paxton PE19 6EY

Session dates:

Starts 6th May (8 weeks)

Session timings:

5.30-6.30 pm

Contact:

littlepaxtoncc@gmail.com



[Scan QR code or click here](http://dynamoscrickeet.co.uk)

🌟 All Stars Cricket (Ages 5–8) 🌟

Looking for a fun, active way to get your child into cricket this summer? All Stars is the perfect introduction!

🏏 8-week programme

💷 £50

🎁 Includes bat, ball, backpack & shirt

Each session is packed with games, skills and plenty of fun—perfect for beginners!

📍 Little Paxton CC

📅 Starts - 5:00pm til 5:45pm - Fri 8th May

👉 Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/LittlePAS26>



Saints Academy Football Training Sessions



SAINTS ACADEMY

OPEN TRAINING SESSIONS **2026/27**

SESSIONS FOR OUR U7'S - U11'S ARE COMING!
OPEN TRAINING SESSION 1 - MONDAY 27TH APRIL 2026
OPEN TRAINING SESSION 2 - WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL 2026

2026/27 - U7 - 17:30 - 18:30
2026/27 - U8 - 17:30 - 18:30
2026/27 - U9 - 17:30 - 18:30
2026/27 - U10 - 17:30 - 19:00
2026/27 - U11 - 17:30 - 19:00



Help sessions for parents

FACE	
May 2026 Timetable	
All regular 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	
School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	28 May 7-8pm

Half Term Activities

A May half-term holiday camp for our community



The World Cup is coming — and this May half-term, Holiday HQ brings that excitement to life with a **high-energy, multi-activity holiday club** delivered by **Junior Adventures Group (JAG)**.

We'll be running at [Priory Park Infant School](#) across **Cambridgeshire** from **Tuesday 26 May to Friday 29 May**.








It's not about standing in lines or repetitive drills. Instead, children take part in a four-day celebration filled with creative challenges, fast-paced games, teamwork and play — all inspired by one of the biggest sporting events in the world.

[Check out What's On!](#)

[Register/Book Now!](#)

Holiday HQ: World Cup Challenge

During the holidays, children will:

-  Create team names, flags and anthems to kick off the week
-  Take part in striker, defender and goalkeeper skill challenges
-  Design and build their own World Cup trophy
-  Compete in quizzes, team missions and problem-solving games
-  Design football shirts, bottles and flipbooks to take home
-  Play matches, footgolf and high-energy team games
-  Finish the week with finals day, celebrations and awards

Every day combines **movement, creativity and teamwork**, with activities tailored so younger children feel supported while older children enjoy greater independence, challenge and leadership.

Children come home **happily tired**, proud of what they've achieved — often already asking about the next day.

What this means for families

- ✓ Safe, structured days delivered by experienced, DBS-checked staff
- ✓ Ofsted-registered holiday childcare you can trust
- ✓ A convenient, local venue
- ✓ Full and half-day options — book only the days you need
- ✓ 48-hour cancellation policy if plans change
- ✓ Tax-Free Childcare accepted

For parents, it means dependable holiday cover and a calmer, more organised half-term — without disrupting work or existing routines.

Book early and save

Early bird discount – Save 10%

Book by Sunday May 10 using code **JOININ10** at checkout

Sibling discount – Save 10%

Automatically applied when booking more than one child

Multi-day booking discount – Save 4%

Applied when booking four days or more within the same week


All eligible discounts are combined automatically at checkout.

Parents can view session times, prices and availability online.

 [Find your local club](#)

Active days for them. An easier week for you.

 **Have any questions?**

 0333 577 1533

 hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk

Previously advertised events can be found on our website

Thanks for reading

