



PAXTON PRESS - 1st May 2026



YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

Hello and happy Friday to our wonderful Little Paxton families!

As always, we have had a busy week at school with lots going on outside the children's normal lessons.

Today is 'Break the Rules Day' and I have had a wonderful day as Miss Knapton and Miss Sira took charge of the school. It was a real delight to meet Miss Knapton on Thursday and she was very excited about her prize. She had lots of ideas of rules to break and decided on two additional rules: extra playtime for the whole school AND time for children to draw and colour during the day. Miss Knapton and Miss Sira did a brilliant job of leading the morning briefing for the team; being on gate duty and greeting our families; taking our Friday Celebration Assembly; helping at lunch and break by doing a duty; checking on all of the staff at the beginning of the day and writing you an update for Paxton Press.

Freya from Lark Class came to visit me on Tuesday with her brilliant writing. She wrote a super diary entry pretending to be Traction Man about his adventures. Her writing was so neat and I could read every word without her help. Freya went away with a sticker and got to have a dip in the Headteacher's Prize Stash.

Other children who have been working hard and demonstrating our school values consistently this week are our praise point champions. Drum roll please ... this week our praise point champions, who will each be earning an extra 5 praise points to add to their total are :

Upper School - Maisie, Matilda & Rae (all members of Kite Class)

Lower School - Beatrice (Lark Class)

Well done to you all! A special well done to Beatrice as she has only just joined Little Paxton and is already a praise point champion!

On Thursday I taught Maths in Jackdaw Class. It is so important to me to make sure that I am in the classroom teaching regularly as it not only keeps my skills sharp but I do enjoy it very much. I was so impressed with the children's learning behaviours and how much they wanted to learn. Their explanations of their learning and how they were attempting/solving different Maths questions were very impressive. We also had our Maths Advisor from the Local Authority, Gary Casey, in for a visit. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate the successes with Maths and also

to stop and reflect about what next to keep improving the quality of education in Maths. I am looking forward to being able to share the headlines from his visit with you all.

Our governing board has been very busy over the last few weeks with working with school to set the budget for next year and also attending the Full Governing Body meeting on Monday night. During these meetings I give an update on all things Little Paxton and we discuss our next steps for improvement, as well as things to celebrate. We will be holding a parent governor election soon, if you're interested in finding out more about the role of a governor then please contact Louise Jenkins, our chair.

I love getting messages from families which celebrate things our children have been up to outside of school. Willow (from Woodpecker Class) was a very proud mascot for the Eaton Socon girl's football team (an ex Little Paxton pupil plays for them as well). This was for the cup final and Eaton Socon won 3-0. Willow was very proud as she got to hold the cup up with the team. Willow enjoys her football and the team coach her sessions. Well done Willow!

This week I was also reminded it's the little things that really do make a big difference. Mrs de Souza and I were both brought some flowers to wish us a 'happy Wednesday' by the Year 6 girls. This was so incredibly thoughtful and it made such a big difference to our days. It really did make us smile, thank you girls!

Two reminders about next week:

1. Don't come to school on Monday as it's Bank Holiday (hopefully this beautiful weather will stick around).
2. Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday Celebrations. Each class will be creating a portrait of Sir David in different ways during the week and we would like to invite the children to come to school wearing something to celebrate Sir David on **Friday the 8th May**. They could come as an explorer, a historian, a writer, a TV presenter or one of the many animals Sir David has worked with during his career. As always, there is no pressure for any of the children to take part so anyone who wants to is welcome to come into school in their uniform as normal.



Team Paxton

TEAM



Messages from today's Headteacher and her Deputy Miss Knapton and Miss Sira.

I'm so glad I got to be the head teacher and I chose my deputy Miss Sira! We had so much fun, so I owe the staff a big thank you for planning break the rules day. I am so glad we got to do fun jobs and helping people out. And well done to all the children you work hard!

Miss Knapton

We had so much fun today and I am so glad Miss Knapton was my headteacher for the day! I am so glad to help and do all these jobs with my headteacher. I appreciate that I am deputy!

Miss Sira

It was such a nice experience today and we are so glad we got to do it.

Temporary Leadership Team!



YEARS 3 AND 4

Remarkable Raven - IMOGEN - She has great compassion and has supported a new member of our class really well this week, showing how kind and caring she can be. Well done Imogen!

Clever Kite - ADA because she is always such a good caring friend to others, please keep being you! You bring a smile to everyone in Kites! Well done!

Fantastic Fisher - AVAANI - *because she is always a kind and caring friend both in the classroom and at break times. This week, she has happily welcomed someone new into her friendship group, knowing that they were struggling.*

YEAR 5

Ready Wren - AMBER *has shown herself to be a consistently compassionate member of the class, with multiple adults noticing how she supports and cares for others, including in PE this week. She also takes great pride in her own work and always strives to do her best.*

Perfect Pigeon - *Our perfect pigeon this week is JESSE because he is such a compassionate and caring member of our class. He is always ready to encourage others and happy to work with anyone. Well done Jesse, you are working so hard this term too!*

YEAR 6

Dedicated Dove - ROCCO - He has been incredibly helpful and supportive in class this week. Rocco has regularly offered to do classroom jobs and help his classmates with learning tasks. Well Done!

Jubilant Jackdaw - SIENNA - *She is always happy and willing to help. She encourages others and she has shown great ability to be brave when she has made a mistake, apologising and taking responsibility for her actions.*

Housekeeping

A reminder that school class photographs can be ordered direct from Kittles for free delivery to school.

Music Lessons in School

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Charlotte Cunningham
Music Educator, Performer &
Confidence Coach for Kids

Help Your Child Build
Confidence Through Music!

Instruments
I teach:
Violin
Piano
Voice
Cello
Ukulele
Recorder

Using Music Based Coaching, I help children:

- ✓ Build confidence
- ✓ Express emotions safely
- ✓ Reduce anxiety
- ✓ Feel seen and empowered
- ✓ Build resilience and determination

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Message me to learn how music can empower your child!

School Kitchen

Mrs Bridgewater our school Kitchen Manager is asking for your help.

Just a reminder that if you have booked a school dinner for your child but they bring in a packed lunch - please remember to cancel their school meal. If you have missed the 8.00am deadline, please email the office or speak to a member of the office team who will be able to help.

The kitchen team need to weigh any food waste at the end of each lunchtime and report to our catering team. Uneaten meals are added to this weight and not only is it a waste of food it is a waste of money and a penalty for the kitchen.

Census Day

There has been a change to our menus for the 21st May as it is Census Day - please double check your child's meal booking for that day - if you have previously ordered, it may have been wiped.

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**BURGER DAY
MAY 21ST**

MAIN MENU
Breaded Chicken Burger
or
Beef Burger
or
Breaded Bean & Vegetable Grill
(Ve) (Free From*)

SERVED WITH
Baked Potato Wedges
Sweetcorn
Coleslaw

DESSERT
Ice Lolly

(Jacket Potato & Cold Options
available where applicable)

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Menus are subject to change due to supplier stock availability. * Free from the key 14 allergens and plant based/vegan

IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



May

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

Monday 1st June - School re-opens

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 Little Paxton School Festival - 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Thursday 9th July - Teddy Bear's Picnic

Friday 10th Year 6 production Dress Rehearsal to school (am)

Friday 10th July Irock concert to parents (pm)

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



Thank you to everyone who supported our Break The Rules Day today. LPSA volunteers were joined by Year 6 helpers to man the busy tuck shop, the children had a great day. All funds for this event will be used by the Year 6 team to fund the End of Year performance and Year 6 activities.

Job Opportunity at Treetops

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



Kids R Us
breakfast, after school and
holiday clubs

We're Hiring
Breakfast Club
Playworker

at our
Little Paxton setting

(PE19 6NG)

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

Above average pay
Career progression
Training
opportunities
Childcare

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

or call us at:
07353 112929

Events for you

Little Paxton Rainbows

🌈 Looking for a fun activity for girls 4–7 year old? 🌈

Rainbows is all about:

- 🌟 Trying new things
- 🌟 Making friends
- 🌟 Building confidence
- 🌟 Learning teamwork

✨ Having lots of fun!

1st Little Paxton Rainbows will have spaces becoming available soon, as some of our girls move up to Brownies.

Register now - www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus



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**

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your
play

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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://dynamoscricquet.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

May half-term activities

Dance Club



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.

 **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

May Half Term Dance Camps

TALENT
DANCE ACADEMY

**MAY HALF TERM
DANCE CAMPS**

MOVIE DANCE CAMP

Tuesday 26th May
8.30am- 3.30pm
EYFS to Year 6

AT OFFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

DANCE CAMP

Wednesday 27th May
8.30am- 3.30pm
EYFS to Year 6

£29.00
Per Camp



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KidsRus May Camp

May Half Term 2026

**Tuesday 26th
Action Adventures**
Water gun painting
Capture the flag
Cardboard Ninja stars

**Wednesday 27th
Wizardly World**
Lemon Volcanos
Slime making
Broomstick races

**Thursday 28th
Sensational Sports**
Paper plate tennis
Tasty energy balls
Team sports day

For more information contact us at: office@kidsrusoosc.com

To book go to: kidsrus.magicbooking.co.uk

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.

Crosshall May Camp

MAY 2026 CAMPS

Tech-powered camps, packed with WOW experiences!

Example camp activities
Ages 8-11, Camps run 9 am - 4 pm

ROBOT LAB	3D PRINTING	ELECTRIC INVENTIONS	3D CREATIONS	ANIMATION
COOL CIRCUITS	CRAZY COOKING	3D PRINTING	MINICRAFT REDSTONE	VIRTUAL REALITY

WOW EXPERIENCES

ROBOTS	ANIMALS	STEMMING	SPORTS	VIDEO GAMES
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Activities vary by location, please visit our website to see what's running at your venue.

WHAT TO EXPECT:
At Next Thing Education, our goals is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity and empower young minds for the future. Blending hands-on tech exploration with unforgettable WOW experiences, our highly skilled, creative and passionate staff, led by STEM-focused, friendly and supportive instructors, kids build confidence while diving into exciting activities, challenges, and real-life building adventures.

£45 per day or £165 when you book all 4 days for just £162

Crosshall Junior School, PE19 7GG
26th - 29th May 2026
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www.nextthing.education T: 01442 873150



How to Catch a Book Witch

St Neots Library PE19 2BH
Wednesday 27 May
11am - 12pm (Doors 10.45am)

Recommended for Families 4+ years and disabled / neurodivergent audiences of all ages

Kira loves visiting the library but one day the words in the books start to disappear! Discover where these book monsters have come from...

Tickets: £4.50 each or £17 Group Saver (4 people)

For tickets and details visit:
www.library.live/the-library-presents or scan the QR code





Intergenerational Chess Club

St Neots Library

Tuesday 26th May, 13:00-16:00.

Please join us for an afternoon of chess.

This relaxed club is suitable for all levels, including complete beginners and seasoned players.

Age 7+ Adults and children welcome

(All children must be supervised at all times)

Drop in club, advanced booking is not required.

Contact for more information : StNeots.Library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Free event, donations welcome.



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County Council

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/

Let's Go Fly a Kite!

Family Craft Day

11:00am-2:00pm
Wednesday 27th May

Free to drop-in
Donations welcome

Join us for a relaxed, creative day all about things that fly! Decorate and assemble your own kite, have a go with flying gliders, and try out a variety of paper aeroplane designs. Test your creations and see whose can fly the highest or travel the furthest!



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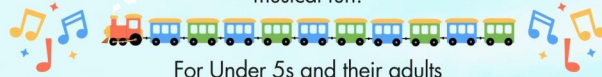


All Aboard the Musical Train!

Family Workshop for Under 5s
10:30–11:30am Tuesday 26th May

Climb aboard for a magical musical adventure! Join the wonderful Mr Piccolo on an interactive journey filled with music, movement, and imagination.

From hands-on instruments and playful activities to storytelling and dancing, this session is a great opportunity to enjoy some musical fun!



For Under 5s and their adults
£8.50 for 1 child, £16.00 for 2, £22.50 for 3

One accompanying adult to every three children required

Limited places - online booking essential –

<https://tickettailor.com/events/norrismuseum/>



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ART ADVENTURE CLUB

A family art club aimed at 6-11 year olds and their adults

Summer Term 2026:

THROUGH THE MICROSCOPE

From Tiny Worlds to Bold Abstractions

Crystals & Hair – Hidden Patterns

Saturday 13th June, 2:00-3:30pm

In celebration of The Great Big Green Week 2026!

Explore crystals and hair under the microscope, capturing their colours and patterns through sketching.

Transform your observations into bold, large-scale abstract paintings.

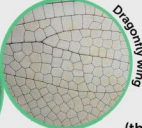
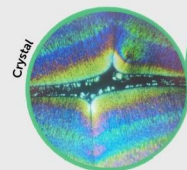
All proceeds from this session will be donated to:



Insects – Structure, Pattern & Colour

Saturday 27th June, 2:00-3:30pm

Discover intricate insect details under the microscope and paint studies in watercolour. Layer with oil pastels to create vibrant, textured artworks inspired by nature.



Tickets per session:
£12.00 for two at a table,
£16.50 for three at a table,
£20.00 for four at a table

Tickets numbers include adults
(there must be at least one adult per table)

Booking essential

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Previously advertised events can be found on our website

Thanks for reading

