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

Hello and happy Friday to our wonderful Little Paxton families!

I would like to start my 'hello' this week by celebrating our amazing Year 1 and Year 4 children. Our Year 1 children have been incredible this week sitting their Phonics Screening Check. Mrs Webb, who is our Reading Lead at school, has been so impressed with the children's attitude and the progress that they have made this year. So, congratulations to all our Year 1 children, you smashed it! In year 4 this week the children have sat their Multiplication Tables Check. I know the year 4 team have been so impressed with the children and they have also done absolutely brilliantly. Congratulations to Year 4! I am so very thankful to the dedication of the teaching team who have been supporting the children with their preparation and ensuring they all had the knowledge they needed to be successful! Thank you to all the staff and another big 'well done' to the Year 1 and Year 4 children!

On Thursday I got to spend the day with our Year 6 children in London. They started the day at the British Museum and went to see Hercules in the West End. It is when you go out and see other schools that I realise how well behaved our children really are. It was really lovely to see how excited they were to explore the museum and I love watching their faces as the theatre show begins, it really is a bit of magic. Thank you to the staff who made the day possible and to our 2 parent helpers. One of the joint projects the Heads from St Neots have organised is extra transition sessions for Year 6 children attending Longsands and Ernulf who might be feeling a bit anxious. A group of children have attended 2 different sessions this week and came back buzzing saying they had made some new friends. The idea is that the children will recognise more faces when they go to their secondary schools on their transition days in a couple of weeks. I think it's a really great idea and we will definitely be looking to organise this again next year.

Year 5 are off to Grafham Water today, I am sure they will have a brilliant time, and I know lots of the children are looking forward to their end of term trips. It has been a busy week for me preparing for a governors meeting on Monday and our governors strategy morning (which took place this morning). I have been spending time reflecting on where we are as a school and where we are going next. We had a staff first aid training sessions on Wednesday and an excellent staff meeting all about 'Attention' and thinking about how we ask questions to ensure all children are thinking deeply during their lessons. The children really enjoyed the football freestyler visit on Tuesday, the weather made organising this event quite a challenge, but it all worked out in the end! We have so many things to be proud of as a school community.

Thank you to those of you who have already completed the 'Friendship Choices Form' I sent out with my letter about the school structure for next year. If possible, please include surnames of your child's friends as this will really help us when we are looking through the responses. I may come and chat to you, or email you, if you have written something that I would like to have some more information about. I really do appreciate you working with us. A reminder from me that there will be a chance to have a final 5 minutes with your child's current teacher and also to book a 5 minutes appointment with their new teacher (please see the date list at the end of the sway).

To finish this week I am excited to announce our praise point champions for this week ...  
drumroll please ...

Upper School - Tommie (Raven) & Audrey (Wren)

Lower School - Louie (Starling)

Well done to you all and thank you for working so hard, for consistently demonstrating our school values and giving your best to your learning! I have added 5 points to each of their totals!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you on Sports Day on Wednesday 17th June. From the weather forecast it looks like we will be getting another week of summer so please do ensure your child(ren) has a drinks bottle and suncream instead of their coats and wellies! Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to welcoming you to school on Monday next week at 8.40am when the gates open!

## Team Paxton



### Message from Ms Hazell - Music At Little Paxton School

Hello

Here at Little Paxton, I have always been proud of our music department and the facilities we have been able to provide as a school. Unfortunately this year we have seen a dramatic decline in the number of children taking part in peripatetic instrument lessons. This was due to various different reasons. We are very keen, as a school, to build this provision back up again. I sent out a questionnaire earlier in the year and a few of you did kindly respond. Thank you to those who did, this has provided me with some good information. If you are interested in your child taking up an instrument, please can you complete the attached google form so that I have more insight as to which teachers we need to be looking for. These lessons are open to all year groups.

<https://forms.gle/1ZYFfspk6pruo6BKA>

We still have our iRock coach, Christian, coming into school weekly and he is currently working with several children from all year groups who have formed 4 rock bands. If you would like to know more about this facility, please see the letter and leaflet below.

On Thursdays, I run the school choir primarily for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 (year 3 can join in the summer term) who work very hard over the first term and a half to learn lots of songs and dance moves to enable them to go to the Young Voices Concert at the O2 in London. We have

attended this event for many years now and every year the children love the experience and opportunity to perform at such a prestigious venue. We have already registered for the 2027 concert, and I am eagerly awaiting the arrival of the music later this month. If your child will be in year 4, 5 or 6 in September and would like to join the choir and have the chance to take part in this amazing event, please can you complete the google form below by the end of term.

<https://forms.gle/wj9DZGckz67MG67m6>

We are limited to 65 children going so places will be given on a first come, first served basis. The choir also takes part in other events such as the Little Paxton School Christmas Carol Service, the Mayor of St Neots Carol Service, performing at local care homes throughout the year and I'm hoping I may be able to enter us into a music festival next year. All this involves a lot of hard work and commitment from the children, and we have had some amazing feedback from some of the events we have attended.



**JOIN AN iROCK BAND THIS SEPTEMBER**

**New spaces now open!**  
Choose your instrument today.

DISCOVER MORE ENROL NOW

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[www.irockschool.com/enrol](http://www.irockschool.com/enrol)

We're here to help  
01330 174 2659  
[info@irockschool.com](mailto:info@irockschool.com)

**iRock**

As our iRocker school learners move on to their next adventure, new places are opening for children to start band lessons from September.

**About iRock Lessons**

- 30-minute band-based music lessons taught by a professional Band Coach
- Lessons take place during school hours
- Easy subscription: cancel at any time, with a first lesson money-back guarantee.
- Open to children aged 4 to 11, regardless of ability or experience
- Children learn popular music while building confidence, teamwork and listening skills.
- Pupils can work towards an exam-free RSL Awards music qualification as part of their iRock journey.

## Workers of the Week



1 - This half term we are celebrating being confident!

## FOUNDATION

**Marvelous Merlin - Ruairi.** I was so impressed by how he approached the new challenge of 'stacking cups', even though he was unsure at first it was great to see him challenging himself and become more confident. Keep believing in yourself Ruairi!

**Splendid Sparrow - Maria-** She has grown in confidence and has shown this in her class discussions, her writing and her play, offering to play with others when their sad and being a lovely kind friend. It has been so nice to see Maria grow in her confidence and show what she can do! Keep being super! Well done!

## YEARS 1 AND 2

**Lovely Lark - Poppy,** you have been so confident coming into school this week and in class you are always enthusiastic and determined to try your very best. Well done, keep it up!

**Super Starling - Anna** for growing in confidence and starting to believe in her own abilities. She keeps trying hard and should be very proud of her progress. Well done, Anna!

**Wonderful Woodpecker - Colby** because he has always shown confidence in subjects that he is really interested in but recently has begun to show confidence in a wide range of subjects. He is sharing his ideas and has a positive attitude to learning. Well done!

## YEARS 3 AND 4

**Remarkable Raven, Clever Kite and Fantastic Fisher** - We have chosen the **whole cohort of Year 4** this week due to how they have shown an increase in confidence in completing their MTC. They have all worked so hard and managed to continually try to improve their own scores. We are so proud of all the effort you have put in. Well done everyone! from the Year 3 / 4 team.

## YEAR 5

**Ready Wren - Layla** has grown so much in confidence this year. She's a world away from the child I taught in Year 2! She puts in 100% effort and shows fantastic confidence across the board, but especially in Maths.

**Perfect Pigeon - Elijah** as he has impressed us all year with his confidence and today he has written a fantastic newspaper report. We are SO proud of you Elijah!

## YEAR 6

***Dedicated Dove - Phoebe*** - Stepped in to cover other peoples parts during production rehearsals and did so with great confidence and ease, well done!

***Jubilant Jackdaw - Noah C*** - increase in confidence during production rehearsals and responding to stage directions brilliantly.

Housekeeping

LPSA



**Come and Join the LPSA**

Starting school is a big step—for children and parents! The LPSA is a friendly group of parents and carers who work together to make school life even more fun and rewarding for everyone.

**What do we do?**  
 We organise enjoyable fundraising events throughout the year, like:

- 🎵 School discos
- 🎬 Movie nights
- 🍦 Ice-cream Fridays

These events help us raise around **£5,000** every year for the school.

**Where does the money go?**  
 Everything we raise goes straight back into enriching the school experience for the children. For example, we help to:


- 🚌 Reduce the cost of school trips for families
- 🎠 Provide playtime equipment (like the train on the playground!)
- 🌳 Fund special projects—this year we funded a makeover for the treehouse room.

**Why join us?**

- 👋 Meet other parents and make new friends
- 🍎 Enrich your child's school experience
- ⚡ Help out as much or as little as you like
- 🍷 Relaxed and friendly group - no experience required and we usually meet at the pub!

Whether you can spare an hour at an event or help with the shopping, we'd love for you to join.

📧 To register your interest or find out more, email us at:  
 littlepaxtonsa@gmail.com




Easyfundraising .....

Would you do something amazing and support Little Paxton School Association on easyfundraising?

It takes a moment to join and once you have, whenever you shop online, the retailers will give a cashback donation to us at no extra cost to you.

Please join, it honestly makes such a difference. Any questions let us know!

Littlepaxtonsa@gmail.com

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/littlepaxtonschassoc/rm2ddc/c2s/J1YccjD6/CE942/facebook/>

Treetops - Well Done!

Congratulations to the wonderful team at Treetops on your Ofsted rating of Strong Standard!

Please see poster for QR code to view the full report.

You can also access via this link:

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50302432>



## Lost Property

Please ensure all clothing items are labeled, with the delightful changing weather during play times the children whip off their jumpers and cardigans and forget about them. It becomes very difficult to try and decipher who's is who with no names in them.

We also have a selection of lost and found in the office, see photo below:

Please pop into the office if any are yours.



IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



## June

Wednesday 17th - Sports Day - Upper School, Yr 5/6 Competitive Races 8.30am all other activities 9.30am -12.00pm. Lower School - 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Friday 19th Father's Day Gift Event

Wednesday 24th - Reserve Sports Day - Upper School Yr 5/6 Competitive Races 8.30am all other activities 9.30am -12.00pm. Lower School - 1.30pm - 3.00pm

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

Monday 29th - STAFF TRAINING DAY - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

## July

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

**Monday 6th July - Year 6 dress rehearsal to the school during the day**

**Monday 6th July - Year 6 production- evening performance**

**Tuesday 7th July - Year 6 production-evening performance**

**Tuesday 7th July - Parent Drop In's 3.30pm - 4pm**

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

Thursday 9th July - Teddy Bear's Picnic

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

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

Thursday 16th - Leavers' Assembly - 1.30pm

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

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

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

## Events for you

### St Neots Tennis Clubs Open Day - Friday 20th June



**ST.NEOTS TENNIS OPEN DAY**

**Come and Give Tennis a Try!**

 Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
 10am - 2pm  
 St.Neots Lawn Tennis Club  
St.Anselm Place, St.Neots, PE19 1AP

**All ages and abilities**

- ✓ Free taster sessions
- ✓ Fun games and coaching
- ✓ Family friendly
- ✓ Rackets available to borrow
- ✓ BBQ & Bar

**Whether you're a complete beginner or returning to tennis, everyone is welcome!** **Come along and pick up a racket!**

 If you require any further information, contact us at [stneots@nptennis.co.uk](mailto:stneots@nptennis.co.uk)  [www.stneotstennis.co.uk](http://www.stneotstennis.co.uk)

Paxfest - Saturday 11th July

**PAXFEST & DOG SHOW**

Saturday 11th July 12noon - 5pm

QEI Playing Field, Little Paxton PE19 6EY

**Live Music, Stalls, BBQ, Games,**  
Petting Farm, Alpacas, Circus Avago,  
Magic Show,  
Miniature Railway

A Little Paxton Parish Council event

COMMUNITY FUND

Print Hut

St Ives RUFC

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# MINI & JUNIOR SEASON LAUNCH & REGISTRATION DAY

**AGES**  
U7 - U16

**MINIS** 9.30 - 11.00  
**JUNIORS** 11.30 - 13.00

**BOYS AND GIRLS  
ALL WELCOME**

**COME JOIN US**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026**

**LOCATION**  
**SOMERSHAM RD,  
ST. IVES PE27 3LY**

**EQUIPMENT**  
BOOTS AND GUMSHIELD (U9+)

**TEAMWORK  
RESPECT  
ENJOYMENT**

**CONTACT**  
**stivesminisandjuniors@gmail.com**

Dear Zoo - Cambridge Arts Theatre 17th - 19th July

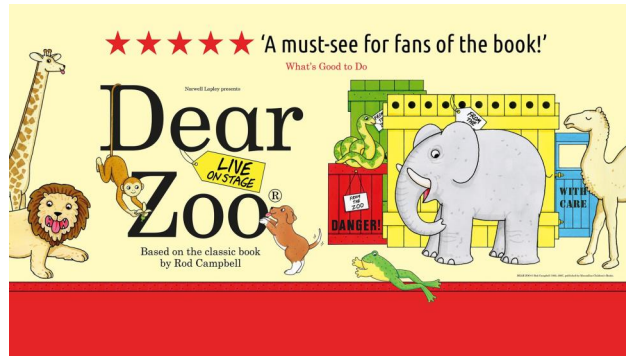
£5 off with code **DEARSCHOOLS**

Valid on all performances

Enter the code **before adding your tickets to basket online** or quote the code to our Box Office on 01223 503333

You can find out more about the production and online booking here:

<https://www.artstheatre.co.uk/whats-on/dear-zoo/>



## Summer Sports Camps - Primary Sports Stars

# PRIMARY SPORTS STARS

**2026 Summer Sports camp @ Little Paxton Primary**

After eight successful camps, we're excited to announce the launch of our ninth at Little Paxton. Open to all ages and abilities, our camp is the perfect way to learn sports from scratch or level up your existing skills.

We have daily sports such as Archery, Football, Tennis, Tag Rugby, Hockey, Athletics, Football and many more!

Join us for exciting daily competitions and prizes!

- 📍 **Schools:** Little Paxton Primary
- 👤 **Year group:** All ages welcome!
- 🕒 **Camp times:** 08:30 – 15:30
- 📅 **Camp dates:** Tuesday 21st – Thursday 23rd + Tuesday 28th – Thursday 30th August  
6 days overall - extra days may be added with interest and demand!
- 💰 **Price:** £25 per day - plus discounts for multiple days booked!

Book here: [www.primarysportsstarscambridge.co.uk/clubs-camps](http://www.primarysportsstarscambridge.co.uk/clubs-camps) Email: [psscambsnorth@gmail.com](mailto:psscambsnorth@gmail.com)

**Scan the QR code to find out more & Book...**

# Summer Job Opportunity



## SEASONAL WORK WITH EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY CHILDREN!



**DO YOU HAVE:**

- Experience working with Early Years children (nursery, preschool, reception or similar)
- Understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
- Qualifications as a Primary Teacher or training towards a Primary Education degree
  - CACHE Level 2 or above

**THEN WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**  
We are hiring now for Early Years Group Leaders & Assistants!



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**WHY WORK FOR US?**

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- Employee benefits available
- Free nationally recognised training courses
- Meet like-minded people and work in a fun social environment
- Spend your holidays earning and having fun
  - Enhancing your CV and skillset
  - Non-term time work opportunities
  - Submit an online application now

**45+ LOCATIONS!**

**PSSST...**  
SCAN HERE FOR OUR APPLICATION FORM



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