



PAXTON PRESS - 19th June 2026



YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

Hello and happy Friday to our wonderful Little Paxton families!

What a wonderful week! Thank you to those of you who joined us on Wednesday for our Sports Day. It was great to see so many families supporting the children and cheering them on! I loved seeing the children's faces as they were competing, so many smiles and lots of determination. Thank you to those of you who arrived at school early to enable your children to take part in the competitive events, this was a real success again and I am so pleased the children have the opportunity to both compete individually and gather points for their team. There are some children who should definitely pursue athletics outside of school as they clearly have a natural talent for this. Sue Bowman, our School Improvement Advisor, who was working with me for part of the afternoon said that it was lovely to see our school community so happy and engaged. Thank you also for supporting our collection for the Meningitis Research Foundation, and thank you for remembering to bring your silver, gold and paper donations on Thursday and Friday. It's not too late if you still want to add to our total, just pop your donation to the school office. I hope that you enjoyed it as much as I did, it is one of the best days of the year!

Our Governing Board held a strategy day last Friday, 12th June, where we talked about the vision for the school and how we were going to make this a reality. This included talking about our Pupil Admission Number, recruitment, staffing structure and much more. One of the things we know we need to do is to advertise all of the great things that are happening at Little Paxton. We need to continue to grow, in terms of pupil numbers, so that we can maintain the level of funding we receive. So, here is a plea from me. We have been discussing our school marketing strategy -getting the good news out there about Little Paxton and continuing to grow our school community. I am in need of some adult family members to volunteer to talk to me (and be filmed and shared on social media and the website) about why you have chosen Little Paxton as the school for your child. It would be good to have 4 families (2 from in the village and 2 who travel in). If you would be up for helping me then please get in touch with me via the office! If you're thinking I would love to help, but I can't do that, then please like/follow/share the things we post, that would be such a support! On Monday evening, the Curriculum and Standards Committee met, this was a really productive meeting and it was a chance for me to share how well the children are doing at school.

I have not had much time to see children's learning this week so I have quite a few to visit next week. Lilly, from Year 5, brought her Maths to show me: I was impressed with her learning and her neat presentation. Maxwell, from Year 1, proudly brought his artwork round to share with me. I was very impressed and loved listening to him talk about his learning. He really demonstrated our values of creativity and confidence. A group of our Year 3 and 4 children attended a tennis event this week, which I know they really enjoyed and were a credit to our

school. I want to thank Mrs Gatward for being willing to step in to enable the children to attend the event (we have had quite a bit of staff sickness this week).

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 have had five praise points added to their total are:

Upper School - Sebastian (Wren Class)

Lower School - Mila (Woodpecker Class)

Well done to you all and thank you for working so hard! As you know, the children work towards a reward for every 50 points they get. I am currently getting rewards ready for the children who have reached a milestone in Summer B, I do this once a term as there are SO many children reaching their rewards and it takes time to ensure they are all celebrated and feel special!

Today we said congratulations and goodbye to Miss Brooks who has been working in Lark Class this term. Miss Brooks has successfully completed her teacher training and has secured a job for September in Cambridgeshire. Miss Brooks has become a valued member of our team, and I know the Larks, and Mrs Rider, will miss her very much. I would like to say a massive 'thank you' to Miss Brooks for the hard work and dedication she has shown to our school community during her placement and we all wish her the best as she starts her next chapter with her own class.

We celebrated our Sports day results in assembly this morning, here they are:

UPPER SCHOOL

Champions: Yellow Team

Runners Up: Green Team

LOWER SCHOOL

Champions: Blue Team

Runners Up: Red Team

All that's left for me to say is have a wonderful weekend, enjoy the weather that is forecast (because who knows what we will get), and we look forward to welcoming you to school on Monday morning at 8.40am when the gates open!

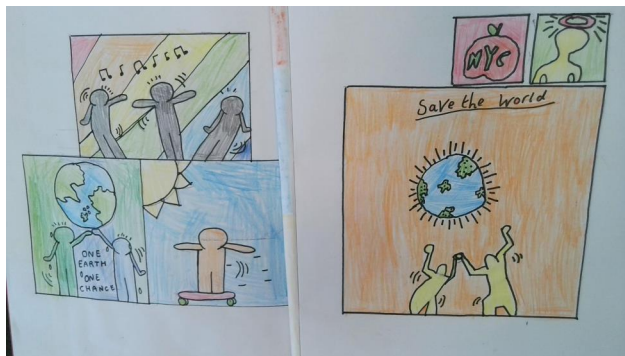
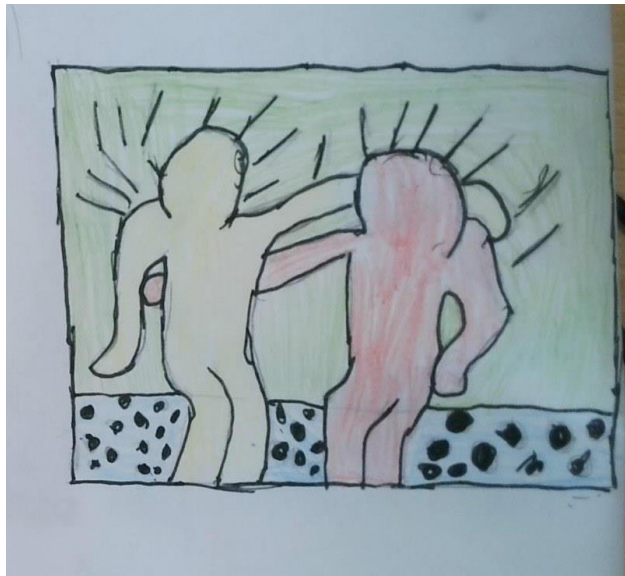
Team Paxton



Message from Mrs Fairbairn.....

In year 5 the children have been learning about Pop Art. We will be looking at a range of different artists and having a go at drawing our own designs in their style. Pop Art is bright, bold and often uses popular images or everyday crazes to send important messages to the world.

Please see some of their work.



Workers of the Week



1 - This half term we are celebrating being confident!

FOUNDATION

Marvelous Merlin - Tasha- Because she has shown how confident she is during our class discussions and during her play. She has a great sense of humor and is very creative with her play. She enjoys iRock and performing in front of others, especially when dancing to music! She also did really well with her show and tell last week and really engaged the rest of the class and dressed up as her grandad! Keep being super confident! Well done Tasha!

Splendid Sparrow - Ella- Because she always shows great confidence in everything she does. She is keen and shares her ideas, she is happy to help others in play and is confident in leading other with her ideas during choosing! It is lovely to see Ella show her confidence and also doing some super listening this week! Well done Ella!

YEARS 1 AND 2

Lovely Lark - Peter has shown great confidence in his performance of his poem in front of the whole class this week. He always shows a confident approach in all his learning and sharing his ideas.

Super Starling - Max for showing fantastic confidence in everything he does. He approaches new challenges with a positive attitude. His confidence inspires others

Wonderful Woodpecker - Mila - because she showed lots of confidence and courage for her very first Sports Day. We are very proud of you, well done!

YEARS 3 AND 4

Remarkable Raven - Harry B - Harry is the perfect example of someone that is confident. He openly shares his ideas, helps others and offers such insightful ideas and thoughts! Well done Harry!

Klever Kite - Ella, who showed wonderful determination and grew in confidence during Sports Day. Ella approached each activity with a positive attitude and should feel very proud of herself. Well done, Ella!

Fantastic Fisher - Eric because he showed supreme confidence during Sports Day. He shone in every event, with the standout moment being the raw speed he demonstrated during the competitive sprint.

YEAR 5

Ready Wren - Seb because he shines with confidence in every single lesson! He is so keen to learn and do more each day, and his confident attitude helps him succeed.

Perfect Pigeon - Euan because it has been amazing see him grow so much in confidence throughout this year. We were really impressed with him at Grafham water on Friday and also with his awesome art work!

YEAR 6

Dedicated Dove - Erin - because she has shown increased confidence during our performance practice. She is really starting to make the character her own. Well done and keep up the amazing effort.

Jubilant Jackdaw - Rocco - has been really confident approaching his role in the production with real gusto as a wicked witch and showed great confidence throughout sport day!

Poppy - has not only shown great confidence in the production as a tap-dancing rat and an ugly duckling but she also showed great confidence during sports day taking on the boys in the running races!

Housekeeping

LPSA



Can you help with Ice Cream Friday's?

This could be helping buy the ice creams during the week and / or selling them on a Friday (being available from 3pm - 3.40pm)

If so please let the school office know, pop a message on the year group whatsapp that are set up, or send us an email:

Littlepaxtonsa@gmail.com

Thank you

School Lunches

Now we are a couple of months into the new school lunch menu we thought this worth a mention.

We have noticed an increase in our EYFS and KS1 children telling Mrs Bridgewater at the counter they do not want the choice food that has been booked and that they would prefer one of the other options.

The butternut and chickpea curry and some baguettes are some of the highest wasted meals. Mrs Bridgewater often gets requests for a further plate of food after they have not eaten their booked lunch. As you can imagine this is quite hard to manage.

If you don't already, please may we ask that you chat with your children and make sure they like the choice of lunch booked. This will help avoid them eating very little of their lunch and keep our food waste down.

Thank you!

Mrs Bridgewater and Mrs Sheik

IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



June

Friday 26th - Years 1, 2 and 3 Trip to Hunstanton & Sea Life Centre - **Remember to cancel hot lunches on schoolgrid**

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 for new Early Years children

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 - appointments via Arbor from 26th June - 3.40pm - 5.30pm

Wednesday 15th - Meet your new teacher - appointments booked via the office (after 1st July) - 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**

[Shout out to..... Benji from Merlin Class](#)

Benji from Merlin class took part in a litter pick last weekend around Little Paxton and collected 3 bags of litter. Benji was inspired by David Attenborough. Thank you for helping keep our village nice and clean. Well Done Benji!



Events for you

Education Inclusion Family Advisor (EIFA)

Katie our area's EIFA is offering single online drop in appointments for families in hope to offer support before we break up for the summer holidays and a workshop around developing less stressful mealtimes.

Please book see posters.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor Drop-in sessions

June/July 2026

Weekly Online drop in
30-minute bookable appointments



Email katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
or complete a support request form
[EIFA support request consent form for Katie Smith – Fill in form](#)
to discuss availability and book a 1:1 meeting via Microsoft Teams



Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing

cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Education Inclusion Family Advisor workshops

June/ July 2026

Managing Mealtimes

Finding mealtimes challenging and stressful?

This workshop will cover building and creating positive food experiences, increasing successful mealtimes and how we can keep calm, manage our emotions and respond positively to our children at mealtimes.

Thursday 9th July 2026
9.30 – 11.00

Click this link to receive the invite today

[Managing Mealtimes EIFA workshop](#)

Links to these workshops will be immediately sent out after completing your request to join.

Handouts will be sent to attendees after the workshop has ended.

If you experience any difficulties in signing up for these workshops, please email your EIFA katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk who can assist you further.

If you would like to speak to your EIFA about an area you would like support with, please email katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk to request a 1:1 drop in appointment.

cambridgeshire.gov.uk

St Neots Tennis Clubs Open Day - Friday 20th June



ST.NEOTS TENNIS OPEN DAY

Come and Give Tennis a Try!

 Saturday 20th June
 10am - 2pm
 St.Neots Lawn Tennis Club
St.Anselm Place, St.Neots, PE18 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  www.stneotstennis.co.uk

Norwich City Football Development Trials

Norwich City Football Development player trials are kicking off next week across all of their centres, running over a two-week period.

They have opportunities available for both boys and girls, with sessions taking place across:

- Cambridgeshire
- Peterborough
- Suffolk
- Hertfordshire
- Bedfordshire

Please find the booking link [here!](#)



FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

OPEN TRIALS

TRIALS IN:
PETERBOROUGH
CAMBRIDGESHIRE
HERTFORDSHIRE
SUFFOLK
SURREY

SCAN HERE TO BOOK

The poster features a green background with a faint image of a female footballer in a green kit running. The text is white and green. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner, and a decorative graphic of green and white diagonal stripes is in the bottom right corner.



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Paxfest - Saturday 11th July

PAXFEST & DOG SHOW

Saturday 11th July 12noon - 5pm

QEII 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



St Ives RUFC

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
6TH 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

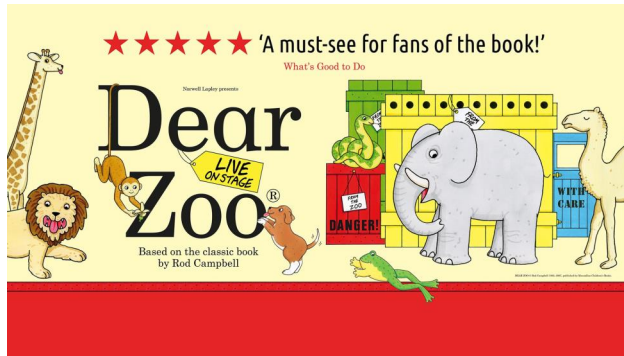
£5 off with code **DEARSCHOOLS**

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 Email: 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!

 Trustpilot
The recruitment process for Barracudas is very simple. The standout part of the process is the recruitment team who are friendly and always quick to respond. I have worked with Barracudas for 8 years and have always had a great experience! I am looking forward to this continuing!

WHY WORK FOR US?

- Competitive rates of pay
- 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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