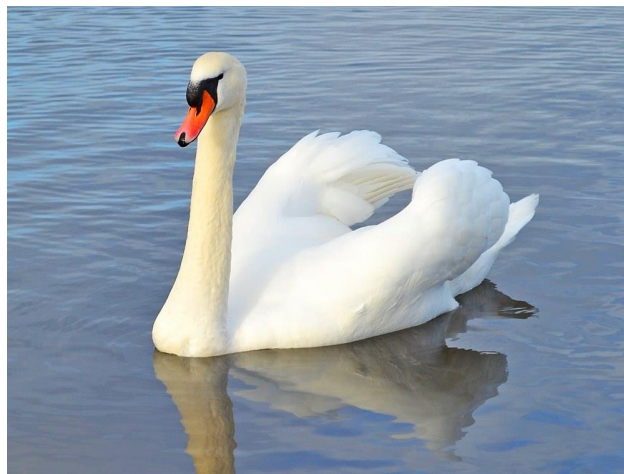




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**YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O**

Hello and a very happy hot and sunny Friday to our wonderful Little Paxton families,

What a week? Summer holiday weather in the middle of term, it's not quite the same when you're going to school and work as when you're away on holiday! Thank you to every member of our school community for working together this week to keep everyone safe, happy and cool. I really appreciate your patience as we have postponed trips; coordinated early collections and still tried to keep as much normality as possible for everyone. The children and the staff have all been incredible and I am feeling very proud as I write this!

Even with the hot weather, there has been lots of amazing learning going on. I have seen some incredible independent writing from Thiago (Merlin) of African animals. Fikayo, Maxwell and Noah came to share their amazing maps of the school ground with me, complete with keys. I also had my weekly visit from Michael (Kite) who wanted to show me the diary he had written. All of the boys went away with an item from my replenished stash. This week I also had Tommy (Dove), Freddie (Jackdaw) and Evalyn (Raven) helping me to hand out my golden tickets (for 100 praise points) and star badges (for 150 praise points). I was so grateful for their help.

On Monday, in assembly, we celebrated Olivia's (Woodpecker) our of school cheerleading success, she spoke so well about her achievements in front of the whole school and had an update about our garden. I was so impressed with the presentation the girls had created and their confidence in speaking clearly to the whole school. A massive well done to Tabitha, Isabel, Freya, Maisie, Ellie, Ruby J, Megan, Melodie, Evalyn and Callie. Mrs Castle invited Hannah from Groundwork East, and her son Jude, to the assembly and we were able to thank Hannah for all the support she gives us as a school, we love working with her. Our celebration assembly today looked a bit different with the children's certificates being awarded in class so that we weren't all in the hall together.

It could not have been a better week to have our sandpit open and ready to use at lunchtimes. It's in a perfect place on the field in the shade, so it really did feel like the children were at the beach. The classes are taking it in turns at lunchtime, whilst it is new and therefore very popular, with the children who helped to dig and fill the sandpit having the first turn. Another amazing thing for us to shout about.

It was Longsands work experience this week and we welcomed back seven ex-pupils. It was so lovely to see them all again and to find out how well they are doing. Some of them have changed a lot, some of them don't seem to have changed at all (except they are taller with deeper voices). They have loved working with the children and we are very thankful for all the help they have given us this week. So thank you Ellis, Harry, Emelia, Carlie, Evie, Isobel and Rebecca - keep being great, it's so lovely to know you're all thriving! We also welcomed Sydney, who was on work experience with Miss Charlotte and Evie who completed two days with Miss Rose and Starling Class.







## News from the Garden

Quite a few “Thank-You” from the garden team. Lennie’s (Larks) nan kindly donated lots of additions for our fairy garden, including some gnomes – who doesn’t love a gnome! The Smith family have dropped in some very useful planting pots – thanks Elliot’s (Kites) mum. By the way, Elliot has an apple tree in the garden that he planted from a pip from his lunch box fruit last year. Wickes at Huntingdon have donated £100 worth of equipment – a much-needed wheelbarrow, a broom and a long-handled pair of shears. Thank you Wickes!

Our Garden Club presented an assembly on Monday as a thank you to Hannah Smith from Groundwork East who has been working with us for two years; the funding is now at an end unfortunately. We will obviously still all be working hard in the garden though.

We have been busy harvesting, and the children have been handing out samples of courgettes, cucumbers and new potatoes so far. Still to come are broad and French beans, tomatoes and aubergines.

Like all of us the garden has been struggling in this hot weather, but rain is on the way!







## LP Fest



Today your child will have received a book of raffle tickets for our annual draw at this years LP Fest, which is after school on Wednesday 8th July.

We have some awesome prizes again, VIP tickets to James Arthur at Hitchin Priory, 4 Ball Golf voucher St Neots Golf Club, 2 tickets for open air adventure cinema, gift voucher for Rumble, Big Sky session pass, voucher for Saints Pool and Sports Club, £50 gift voucher for Dinky Little Dot, with more arriving!

£1 per ticket, cash payment in a named envelope to the office (the drop box is fine). We have the stubs (with your details on) and you keep the larger ticket.

Please may we ask any unwanted tickets are returned to the office before the event. Thank you!

## Workers of the Week



1 - This half term we are celebrating being confident!

### FOUNDATION

**Marvelous Merlin - Sankung.** For showing quiet confidence during assessments this week and impressing us with all that he can do. It has been lovely to see more of his chatty and cheeky personality during play.

**Splendid Sparrow -**

### YEARS 1 AND 2

**Lovely Lark - Darcy -** for growing in confidence in all areas of her learning. It has been a pleasure to see how much she has grown and see you come out of your shell. Keep it up Darcy!

**Super Starling - Ollie** has shown great confidence in the way he has approached his SATs. He has tackled every challenge with a positive attitude and has demonstrated real determination to do his very best

**Wonderful Woodpecker - Fikayo -** because he did a fabulous job in making his map of Little Paxton School. He was motivated to do his best and you had great attention to detail, well done!

### YEARS 3 AND 4

**Remarkable Raven / Klever Kite / Fantastic Fisher**

This week we have decided to give it to **all the children in Year 3/4** for showing us how resilient they are whilst doing their end of term assessments, especially with how hot it has been. They have grown so much in confidence this year and made all of us so proud! Well done Year 3/4!

## **YEAR 5**

**Ready Wren** - The **VERY** confident Ready Wren this week is **Jack**. He has worked **SO** hard in assessment week - you can practically see the cogs moving in his brain as he puts 100% effort in and achieves well.

**Perfect Pigeon - Felicity** - because she has grown in confidence so much this year and impresses us every day with her resilience and courage. She also wrote a fantastic newspaper report! Well done Felicity!

## **YEAR 6**

**Dedicated Dove - Harry** - is our worker of the week because he has continued to show increased confidence in everything he does. In recent weeks, his confidence in English lessons has grown. In addition, he is confidently scoring full marks on TT Rockstars and Numbots.

**Jubilant Jackdaw - Oliver L** - for being very confident with the production script and being a great help to Mrs de Souza starting the music on time as well as helping with prompts and singing brilliantly.

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](mailto:littlepaxtonsa@gmail.com)



## Housekeeping

### Wellies



We plan to sort the wellies in school next week and will be sending them home with the children. Any wellies which are not named will go into the school stock of spares. If you are expecting wellies to be returned that don't appear please can you let the class teacher know via dojo and we will do our best to find them.

If your child brings home wellies that no longer fit them and you don't need them for other children in your family we would love to have them for our spares collection. Please remove your child's name and drop them off with the office. (or we may find a box for you to put them in.)

We hope to have lots of spare wellies next year so that the children can always access the field even when it is wet. If you are buying new wellies over the summer please do ensure that they are clearly named for your child.

HCL Taster Event - Tuesday 7th July



Mrs Bridgewater is thrilled to invite you to experience our delicious lunch menu on Tuesday 7th July, alongside the Parent Drop In's. It's a wonderful opportunity to see the care and variety going into our lunchtime choices and it may entice children to join us for school lunches on more regular basis. Please come and support this event and enjoy the tasty offerings.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Free School Meal Changes



The Department for Education (DfE) has recently updated its guidance on Free School Meals (FSM), with important changes coming into effect from September 2026.

You will be receiving an email at the end of July giving full details of the changes and confirming how you apply or re-apply for free school meals, so please look out for this email.

Free School Meals funding is important to schools as this may carry extra funding for the school, so we would ask everyone to look at the email (on 31st July) and eligibility criteria.

If your child is in EYFS, Yr 1 or 2 you will still continue to receive Universal Free School Meals however, you should apply or re-apply for the FSM if eligible.

If your child is moving from Yr 2 to Yr 3 their Universal Free School Meal entitlement ends and meals will be chargeable at £3.05. Schoolgrid will automatically change to enable you to pay. Direct Debit can be set up with school grid to make payments easier. We will also reconfirm this in an email to you towards the end of term.

## Threadworms

We have been made aware of cases of worms within school. Please ensure if your child is showing signs you arrange treatment for the whole family.

Taken from the NHS website -

### **Signs of threadworms:**

You can spot threadworms in your poo. They look like pieces of white thread.

You might also see them around your child's bottom (anus). The worms usually come out at night while your child is sleeping.

**Treatment for threadworms from a pharmacy:**

You can buy a medicine called [mebendazole](#) for threadworms from pharmacies. This is usually a chewable tablet or liquid you swallow. Treat everyone over 2 years old in your household, even if they do not have symptoms.

### Small Construction themed cars



Our Early Years and KS1 children would love some small Matchbox type construction vehicle toys for their play areas.

These little gems are perfect for imaginative play and would bring so much joy to our classrooms. If you'd like to give them a new home with us, simply drop them off with your child's class teacher or pop by the school office. Every vehicle finds an adventure here!

## IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



### June

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

### July

Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd July - Transition days for Yr 6 children going to 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 and HCL Taster Event 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 - 2pm - 3pm

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 TBC** - 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**

## 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 see posters for information about how to book.

## Education Inclusion Family Advisor Drop-in sessions

June/July 2026

### Weekly Online drop in

30-minute bookable appointments



Email [katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto: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



## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) who can assist you further.

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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

QR code and Little Paxton logo

The poster features a vibrant green background with a yellow banner at the top. It depicts a woman in a purple top and a dog, surrounded by various animals including alpacas, llamas, and dogs. Below the animals are illustrations of stalls, a BBQ, and a miniature railway. Logos for the Community Fund and Print Hut are visible, along with a QR code and a sign for Little Paxton.

## 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...


QR code

The poster has a blue background with white and yellow text. It features a circular logo with silhouettes of a person running and another person with a ball. A QR code is prominently displayed on the right side. The text provides details about the camp, including dates, times, and contact information.

# 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



**OFTSED REGISTERED**

Barracudas is committed to safeguarding & promoting the welfare of children and young people & expects all staff to share this commitment. All offers of employment are subject to an enhanced Barracudas disclosure and two satisfactory references

## Education Inclusion Family Advisor (EIFA)

EIFA team are hosting further drop in appointment opportunities.

Please see posters.

## Education Inclusion Family Advisor Team Countywide Drop-in Support

Would you like to talk with an EIFA on a 1:1 basis about parenting issues such as challenging behaviour, sibling rivalry, routines, sleep, etc? Then book onto one of these **July** drop-in dates below. Sessions are 30 minutes each.

1:1 Drop-ins 30 minute individual sessions	Thursday, 9 July 2026, 10:00 – 14:45	Book onto a drop-in session on this date at: <a href="#">Thu 9 July EIFA Drop-ins</a> or	
1:1 Drop-ins 30 minute individual sessions	Friday, 17 July 2026, 10:00-14:45	Book onto a drop-in session on this date at: <a href="#">Fri 17 July EIFA Drop-ins</a> or	
1:1 Drop-ins 30 minute individual sessions	Monday, 20 July 2026, 10:00 – 14:45	Book onto a drop-in session on this date at: <a href="#">Mon 20 EIFA Drop-ins</a> or	
1:1 Drop-ins 30 minute individual sessions	Wednesday, 29 July 2026, 10:00-14:45	Book onto a drop-in session on this date at: <a href="#">Wed 29 July EIFA Drop-ins</a> or	





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

EIFA July 26 EIFA workshop poster

# 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 July.

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 Feelings of Worry	Wednesday, 8 July 2026, 12:00-13:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</a> or 
Managing Challenging Behaviours	Wednesday, 15 July 2026, 12:30-14:00	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams</a> or 
Sleep	Thursday, 23 July 2026, 10:00-11:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Event Powered by Teams</a> or 
Supporting Your Child with Angry Feelings	Tuesday, 28 July 2026, 10:00-11:30	Book onto this workshop at: <a href="#">Microsoft Virtual Event 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)

EIFA Managing Mealtime workshop July 2026 Managing Mealtimes

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