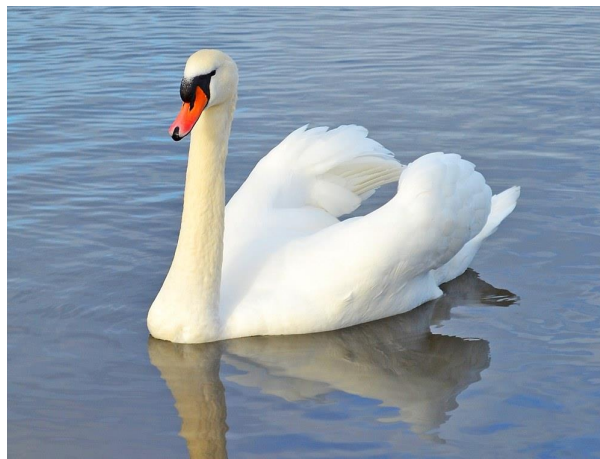




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YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

Hello and happy Friday to our wonderful Little Paxton families,

Welcome back, and welcome to Summer 2! I hope that you all had a lovely break and enjoyed the amazing weather. It was a nice change to have the rain when we returned to

school rather than during half term! The start of term seems a good time to extend a warm welcome to the children and families who have joined our school community during Summer A and this term, we are one child away from 300 children! It's so exciting to see our school thriving and growing!

As you have all probably seen/heard, we have had a busy and exciting week at Little Paxton with the arrival of the newest member of our team, our amazing minibus. We can't wait to go out and about in it. We have applied for our permit and some of the staff team are making their way through the various elements of their mini bus driver training. I am so excited about using our bus, but I have to be patient. As I said earlier in the week, I can't even put into words the difference it's going to make and the doors it is going to open for us. If there is anyone who already holds a D1 driving qualification for a mini bus we would love to hear from you, just in case we can get it on the road sooner! Once again, a heartfelt thanks to Add Working Capital for this phenomenal gift. One of our parents asked me on Thursday what I'm after next: I guess I need to dream again!

I have lots of children to shout out this week for their hard work or excellent attitude both in school and outside! I had a very proud Dojo from Rohan (Year 6) and Isaac's (Year 2) mum. Over the holiday the boys both took part in a community litter pick around Paxton Pits (giving up their bank holiday to do this). I am so proud of both of the boys and thought you would all like to see how much they managed to collect! Michael from Year 4 brought Mr Saxby and I his amazing Maths and English work to share with us, he was very proud of the work he had completed; Phoebe in Year 2 (our budding poet) asked me to read another one of her poems, this time about the ocean - I was VERY impressed with her vocabulary choices; Noah and Annika from Year 4 came to visit and had a dip in my stash on their first day at Little Paxton after really impressing everyone with their attitude and work ethic from day 1; Willow from Year 1 shared the beginning of a story she had written with me when I was on the playground on Thursday morning; Declan from Year 3 came round to celebrate his hard work and I was SO impressed with Year 6 - the production is going to be amazing.

We started this week with our expectations assembly and it was exciting to award our first CONFIDENT workers of the week with their certificates in assembly today (our last school value for the year)! 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 - Amber (Wren Class)

Lower School - Davyd (Lark Class) Alfie (Lark Class)

Well done to you all and thank you for working so hard!

Mrs Sparrow helped us to get a free STEM roadshow for Year 5 and Year 6, which they took part in on Wednesday morning. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, the purpose was to get the children thinking about the possibilities of future careers in this field and how much they use STEM in their everyday lives. The session was really fun and informative, I especially enjoyed the section about F1 as I am a big fan of the sport. I hope that many of the children were inspired and I am sure everyone learnt something, I certainly did.

I am delighted to let you know that all of our current teaching staff have signed up for another year at Little Paxton. This means that I can now decide where everyone is teaching and send this information to you all in the next week. The school structure has already been agreed by governors, we are able to keep our 12 classes again next year and have a budget that balances (which is an amazing achievement in the current climate, massive thanks to Mrs Gatward from her hard work on this). In addition this year, we will be sending home a slip for you to complete with your child(ren) regarding the friends they would like to be with next school year so that families are involved with this process and can talk choices through together.

I'm sure it's been a great World Cup Friday and I am really looking forward to hearing about the other exciting activities that are happening around the school linked to the countries that have been chosen by each class.





Team Paxton



Message from Mrs Fairbairn

We thought the FIFA World Cup would be a really lovely opportunity to combine football enthusiasm with a way of developing the children's understanding and appreciation of the wider world.

Before half term, Mr Pool and I chose a different World Cup Team for each class in the school by pulling names out of a hat. The children were very excited about this! Each class has been finding out things like where their country is in the world, what continent it belongs to and what languages are spoken there. They will be able to follow the team's progress through the competition as the class will keep an eye on scores after games are played. We hope many classes will also be able to try food from these countries and gain a deeper interest in places they have probably never been to before.

If you have something you could share about any of the countries involved, please do get in touch!

Sparrow-Germany, Merlin-Japan, Starling-Spain, Lark-Croatia, Woodpecker-Argentina, Kingfisher-Morocco, Raven-Belgium

Kite-France, Pigeon-Portugal, Wren-Canada, Dove-Netherlands, Jackdaw-Senegal

Our offices have Brazil

Mrs Fairbairn



Message From Mr Booth



Year 5/6 Football Tournament

Yesterday afternoon, I had the pleasure of taking Oliver, Dylan, Casey, Tommie, Elliot, Teddy, Harrison, Rohan, Noah and Charlie to a 7-a-side football tournament held at Crosshall School.

Little Paxton got off to a flying start, beating Huntingdon 3–1. The Year 5 boys, Dylan and Oliver, both found the net with ridiculous finishes to put us 2–0 up early on. The highlight of the game was when Harrison turned into prime Messi, skipping around what seemed like the entire Huntingdon team before calmly finishing in the bottom corner.

In our second game, we had to come from behind to draw 1–1 with Hemingford. Again, Little Paxton absolutely dominated the game with some exceptional passing. Rohan hit the post about 47 times before we deservedly drew level when Charlie curled one into the top bins after a slick team move. What a goal!

With it all to play for in the last game, Crosshall parked the bus and ground out a 0–0 draw. Little Paxton kept going right until the end but just couldn't find a way through, leaving us in 2nd place.

Little Paxton played by far the best football of the day. The boys were composed, kept the ball on the deck and put together some lovely passages of play.

I also cannot speak highly enough of how the boys conducted themselves. They won and drew with grace and showed respect for their teammates, the opposition and the referee throughout. The other three schools would have been very impressed.

Special shout-outs to Noah for stepping in at the last minute to go in goal — well played, Noah! And to Mrs Holmes and Mr Frame for the lifts.

Mr. Booth

[Tesco Stronger Starts](#)



GREAT NEWS! A huge thank you to everyone who donated their Tesco Stronger Starts tokens to our project.

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the top grant of £1,500 to help create our new Woodland Walk.

This funding will enable us to develop an exciting outdoor space for our pupils to explore, learn, and enjoy.

We can't wait to get started and bring our plans to life. Watch this space for updates and progress as the Woodland Walk takes shape!

[Litter Picking heros](#)

Rohan and Isaac spent their bank holiday Monday picking up lots of litter from the nature reserve! Super proud of them and they wanted to show you how much they managed to collect!



Workers of the Week



1 - This half term we are celebrating being confident!

FOUNDATION

Marvelous Merlin - Jude. He was super confident at the zoo and made us proud. He also always wants to challenge himself and do his best. Keep being confident Jude!

Splendid Sparrow - Caleb- he has shown confidence this week on our trip going through the bat tunnel at Shepreth wildlife park! He is always happy, chatty and shows great confidence in class!

YEARS 1 AND 2

Lovely Lark - Davyd for always being confident to tackle new challenges and learning. He is confident in class when answering questions and will share his own knowledge and understanding proudly.

Super Starling - Bella has shown fantastic confidence in her abilities this week. She has approached her learning with a positive attitude and challenged herself. Bella has high expectations of herself and always tries her very best.

Wonderful Woodpecker - Willow because she has been motivated to her best in her writing and has been prepared for learning all week! Well done Willow!

YEARS 3 AND 4

Remarkable Raven - Gabriel has grown so much in confidence this year. He loves to share his ideas with the class and is working really well with other children on a 1:1 basis and in groups. Well done Gabriel!

Clever Kite - Daisy, who has been working incredibly hard to build her confidence. She has shown great determination and resilience, whilst practising for her MTC.

Fantastic Fisher - Orla because she has shown great confidence in her learning this week, especially in English where she has been keen to share her creative writing.

YEAR 5

Ready Wren - When I think of a confident Wren, I think of Dylan - he is so keen to contribute in every single lesson and do his best work. His writing in particular shines with accuracy, confidence and creativity!

Perfect Pigeon - Our Perfect Pigeon this week is Lily Donaldson because we were so impressed with her amazing portal story, it was exciting, descriptive and made us laugh! It is lovely to see how much she has grown in confidence this year; we are so proud of you Lily!

YEAR 6

Dedicated Dove - Calan because he is already showing incredible confidence in his role as Pinocchio for the Y6 performance. Well done!

Jubilant Jackdaw - Harrison Holmes- for showing great confidence during our initial production rehearsals. He surprised us all during the auditions and it has continued during our read throughs- keep it up Harrison! You're going to make an awesome Donkey!

Housekeeping

We are in of need a couple of desk lamps and wonder if anyone has one hiding in a cupboard that they would be willing to pass on to us. If you do please bring to the office. Thank you.

Wet Weather Wear

We have experienced the wonderful British weather this week and it highlighted the number of children caught without their raincoats.

Ideally please can children have a raincoat and wellies left in school so they can be sure to enjoy outside play when it's slightly drizzly, or at least bring one daily.

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



IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



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

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

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 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 - Lower School 9.05am - Upper School 2.45pm

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

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

[Events for you](#)

[Huntingdonshire Child and Family Centre - What's on](#)

Please see attachment in email containing this weeks Paxton Press.

Cambridge United 2026/27 Season Female Pathway Talent ID Sessions Now Live!!



Interested in joining Cambridge United's Female Pathway for the 2026/27 season, then look no further than these Talent ID Sessions below.

We have Talent ID Sessions for outfield players and goalkeepers and are looking for players from 7 years old to 16 years old to join our pathway.

The Cambridge United Female Pathway in our Youth Development Department has 5 steps that include:

- U8s Girls Centre
- Girls Development Centre – U10 to U15
- Girls Elite Centre – U9 to U14
- Girls U16 Elite Centre
- Girls Goalkeeper Centres – U8 to U16

By being a part of these sessions, if successful for the 2026/27 season, players will be involved in 30 weeks worth of training sessions that are delivered by professional coaches and are a great way for players to continue their footballing abilities alongside their grassroots teams, school teams or even for new players starting their footballing journeys .

Please see details of the upcoming Female Pathway Talent ID Sessions here:

Tuesday 9th June at St Ives Town Football Club - outfield

5:30pm to 6:30pm for age groups – U9 to U11

6:30pm to 7:30pm for age groups U12 to U15

Thursday 9th July at Long Road, St Marys Homerton Sports Ground - outfield

6:00pm to 7:00pm - for age groups U10 to U16

Thursday 30th July at Comberton Village College - outfield

9:30am to 10:30am for age groups U8 to U11

10:30am to 11:30am for age groups U12 to U16

Friday 14th August at Swavesey Village College - outfield

1:00pm to 2:00pm for age groups U8 to U11

2:00pm to 3:00pm for age groups U12 to U16

Monday 17th August at Bottisham Village College – outfield and goalkeeper

5:00pm to 6:00pm for age groups U8 to U12

6:00pm to 7:00pm for age groups U13 to U16

Friday 28th August at Comberton Village College - outfield

9:30am to 10:30am for age groups U8 to U11

10:30am to 11:30am for age groups U12 to U16

So grab your boots and come experience the Cambridge United Female Pathway.

To register for an upcoming sessions, please visit our website here for more details:

Girls Outfield Talent ID Sessions - [The Cledara Abbey Stadium Ticket Ordering](#)

Girls Goalkeeper Talent ID Sessions - [The Cledara Abbey Stadium Ticket Ordering](#)

Or email us on ydgirls@cambridgeunited.com for any questions!

We can't wait to see you there!

Best wishes, Girls Programme Management Team at Cambridge United FC

St Neots Tennis Clubs Open Day - Friday 20th June



ST.NEOTS TENNIS OPEN DAY

Come and Give Tennis a Try!

17 Saturday 20th 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 www.stneotstennis.co.uk

Helping an ADHD child with homework

Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



FREE one hour online session for parents
Thursday 25th June 7pm - 8pm

Join us online to get some advice on how to help your ADHD child start and complete their homework.

Book on the **PARENTS - Live Talks** page
facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Previously advertised events can be found on our website.

Thanks for reading