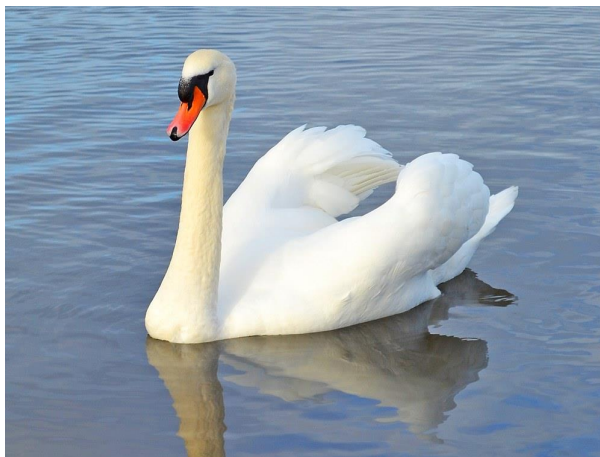




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YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

Hello and happy Friday to our wonderful Little Paxton families!

Where has this year gone? I can't believe that I am writing my final weekly hello of the 25/26 school year. The year seems to have been really long and really short at the same time. I want to start by saying thank you. Thank you for being the best school community anyone

could ask for. I am so privileged to work with such incredible children, such dedicated and talented staff and such wonderful families. Being a Headteacher is not an easy job but your encouragement, smiles in the playground and being so lovely makes it easier and rewarding! It continues to be an honour to lead Little Paxton from strength to strength.

The final week of term did not want to be outdone, so we have packed in lots of learning as well as celebrating the end of another school year. We know that the children, and us as a staff team, struggle when all structure disappears so I want to thank the team for keeping everything as calm and as "normal" as possible this week. It's been a week full of assemblies. The Gener8 Team kicked the week off with an assembly all about being kind to one another; on Tuesday we had a visit from a representative from the St Neots Library telling us all about the Summer Reading Challenge (Mr Simkin has put all of the information on school story on Dojo); on Wednesday we welcomed the team from Happy Fins Swim School to talk to the children about staying safe in the water over the summer (which is really important because our village is so close to open water); Thursday saw a brilliant, and emotional, Year 6 Leaver's Assembly and today we hosted the final 2 Headteacher's Awards Assemblies of this academic year.

I have also seen some children, who came round to share their amazing work. Flynn, Dylan and Albi came to share their DT chairs; Harrison and Muhammed came to show me the bug hotel they had designed and made over their DT days; Phoebe shared the poetry anthology she has written with me (I hope that she is going to continue to add to it) and Lily shared her Crest Science Award and work with me on Monday morning. I am always really pleased to see children's learning and to celebrate with them.

Lily's mum sent though some information about the Crest Science Award, just in case anyone else thinks their child might be interested in it, which I really appreciate:

I just wanted to send a bit of info on the Crest Science Award that Lily has completed, in case it is of interest.

It was for 8-11 year olds, once a month on a Saturday morning at the St Neots Library from October 2025 through to May 2026. Winnie Lui-Roberts who hosted the sessions was brilliant and really engaged the children.

Topics covered included fingerprints and forensics, diffusion, bridge engineering, coding on a micro:bit, studying nature under a microscope, and solving the mystery of a lunchtime mix-up of unlabelled tins to work out which one was soup and which one was dog food!

She received her certificate on 4th July for completing all the sessions, and would really recommend it if they run any again in the future as it was really fun and great to meet and work with other kids from local schools. She is becoming quite interested in the sciences and has mentioned that she would like to one day find a cure for dementia.

Here is the link to the Crest website - <https://www.crestawards.org/>

For a while now we have wanted to move to the children in Upper School coming in for lunch when they are hungry, rather than when they are called. During this week we have tried this out. It has been a real success. The hall has been a calmer place to eat and the children are able to sit in larger groups and with their friends or family from other years. Feedback from the staff, kitchen team and children has been positive so we will continue this in the future. We have also been using different tables which seem to have made it quieter as the children can hear their friends more easily.

We have had an update from our children who took part in the Dance World Cup in Dublin. I can't believe how talented our children are, although I shouldn't be surprised, the videos and photos that have been shared just show how amazing they are. It has been lovely to hear the stories and to celebrate the children's amazing achievements. Well done to all who were involved!

Yesterday, later than planned due to complications with the marking, we received our KS2 (Year 6) SAT results. The children have done so well and we are delighted with the results. Our writing, and combined, are still below National, but have improved significantly since last year. I had a tear in my eye when I was reading how well some of the children had done, especially those who have overcome personal challenges to pass or who have made accelerated progress. We are sending some papers back to be re-marked but for now, here are our results:

So a MASSIVE well done to our wonderful Year 6 children and thank you to the Year 6 Team for everything they have done to support the children.

Today we are saying goodbye to some of our families as they move away. We are so thankful that you have been part of our school community and wish you every happiness in the future. We also say goodbye to the Year 6 Class of 2026 who are moving onto secondary school, they will all be missed. I'd like to say a special thank you to the families who have been part of Little Paxton School for many years and are saying goodbye today. I have appreciated each one of you and everything you have given to our school community over the years.

Have an amazing summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 2nd September at 8.40am when the gates open. It will be a normal morning so the children will wait for the whistle and go round to their new classroom, rather than lining up. If you don't know, or forget, where you are going, don't worry, the leadership team will be out on the playground to point you in the right direction!

Workers of the Week



1 - This half term we are celebrating being confident!

Worker of the week is replaced with Head Teachers Award at the end of term:

FOUNDATION

Merlin

Sankung - He is a kind and thoughtful member of Merlin Class who is always ready to listen, gives his best effort, and is a positive role model for others.

Liliana - *She is a friendly and enthusiastic member of Merlin Class who has grown in confidence and made fantastic progress across the year.*

Sparrow

Dolly - *She is a kind and caring member of the class who is well liked by many children. She is one of the first children to comfort others when they are upset. Dolly shows brilliant listening skills on the carpet and tries really hard with her learning. She explores all of the tables during independent learning time. Dolly is also incredibly helpful, taking great pride in looking after our classroom environment. She consistently ensures that everything is kept neat, tidy, and well organised, demonstrating a wonderful sense of responsibility and care.*

Isabelle - Isabelle is a fantastic role model to the children in class. She is a kind, friendly, and thoughtful girl who has truly thrived during her time in Reception this year. Isabelle has grown so much in confidence and has formed many lovely friendships, always showing kindness, respect, and consideration towards others. She has a fantastic attitude to learning and is always eager to challenge herself, often choosing to write her own books inspired by stories she has enjoyed in class. It has been a pleasure to watch Isabelle's confidence and independence flourish, and she has made fantastic progress across all areas of her learning. We are incredibly proud of everything she has achieved this year and will really miss her as she moves on to Year 1. Keep being your wonderful self, Isabelle!

YEARS 1 AND 2

Lark

Olivia - *This award recognises the fantastic progress that Olivia has made throughout the year. She approaches school with a positive attitude and has shown great maturity in both her interactions with adults and the decisions she makes. Olivia has thoughtfully reflected on how to make positive choices and communicate respectfully with both her peers and adults, demonstrating impressive personal growth. Her wonderful sense of humour brings joy to those around her, and she consistently shows kindness and compassion, always willing to support others when they need help or are finding things difficult. Olivia has also shown great independence in setting herself goals and working hard to achieve them, making her a truly deserving recipient of this award.*

Lewis N - *This year, Lewis has made fantastic progress, particularly in reading and mathematics, and should be incredibly proud of all he has achieved. He approaches every task with determination, always trying his very best and never giving up, even when it means delaying going onto the next activity to ensure his work is completed to a high standard. Lewis demonstrates excellent concentration and focus, never allowing himself to be distracted. He is a polite and well-mannered member of the class, showing kindness and respect to both his peers and adults. With his wonderful sense of humour and sensible*

attitude, he can always be relied upon to make the right choices and to set a positive example for others

Starling

Bella - *Bella has blossomed this year into a confident, determined and resilient learner. Her incredible work ethic and courage to push herself beyond her comfort zone have been truly inspiring. She approaches every challenge with a smile, takes great pride in her achievements and shows a wonderful trust in the adults around her, embracing support and guidance with confidence. Bella's remarkable progress, positive attitude and kind nature have made her a valued member of Starling Class. Quite simply, every class needs a Bella – someone whose beautiful smile brightens each day and whose determination and positivity inspire those around her. We are immensely proud of all she has achieved.*

Lawrence - *Lawrence is a kind, thoughtful and quietly confident member of Starling Class who consistently makes a positive difference to those around him. His phenomenal progress this year, particularly in English, reflects his growing confidence, determination and excellent work ethic. Lawrence is always willing to help others and approaches every responsibility with maturity and enthusiasm. Having taken on the important role of Fruit Monitor, he has shown that no job is ever too big or too small—he simply gets on with it and takes pride in helping wherever he can. His kindness, reliability and positive attitude make him a wonderful role model, and we are incredibly proud of all he has achieved this year.*

Woodpecker

Dylan - *This award goes to Dylan, who has been an outstanding member of our class throughout the year. He is polite, caring, and thoughtful, and shows genuine respect for everyone around him. Dylan approaches every day with enthusiasm and has a real love of learning, always eager to take part and give his best. As a valued member of the Eco Council, he has shown how much he cares about our school by helping to make improvements, such as creating bird feeders and encouraging others to look after the environment. He also enjoys sharing his achievements outside of school, including raising money for charity and taking part in park runs. Dylan is a true inspiration and a wonderful role model whose positivity and caring nature make him a pleasure to teach. We are so proud of you, well done, Dylan!*

Mila - *This award goes to Mila in recognition of the incredible progress she has made throughout Year 1. She has worked exceptionally hard to develop her reading and writing skills and should be so proud of how far she has come. Considering her starting point at the beginning of the year, her achievements have been truly outstanding. Mila always wants to do her very best and takes great pride in everything she does. She approaches every lesson with a positive attitude, enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved. Alongside her determination, Mila is a kind and caring friend who treats others with love and respect. It has been a pleasure to watch her confidence grow this year and she is an absolute joy to*

have in our classroom. Mila – I am so proud of you, and you should be incredibly proud of yourself! Well done!

YEARS 3 AND 4

Raven

Coraline - Coraline has shown time and time again how resilient and strong she is. She takes on challenges and pushes herself out of her comfort zone, even if she knows it's going to be tough. She is so mature and so aware of when she needs support and isn't afraid to ask for it. She is also one of the kindest and most helpful members of Raven class and loves a job or responsibility. I have loved teaching Coraline and feel lucky that she has been in Raven class not just once but twice. I am so proud of the journey she has been on and all the amazing things she has achieved so far. I can't wait to see how she continues to thrive and grow throughout her time here. Well done Coraline, keep believing in yourself and keep being the amazing person that you are!

Gabriel - Gabriel has grown so much this year and it has been a pleasure teaching him. He is so passionate, so enthusiastic and has a love for learning new information. He has also shown how incredibly creative he is with some amazing animation videos that he has created at home. His confidence is at an all time high and he loves to share his thoughts and ideas. It's been amazing watching him grow and I know he will go on to achieve amazing things in his life. Thank you Gabriel for bringing so much joy, passion and energy to our classroom, you light up the room and shine bright like the star that you are! Well done Gabriel, I am really proud of you!

Kite

Joey - Joey, you are one of those children who can brighten a classroom the moment you walk in. Your beaming smile, gentle nature and caring personality make you such a special part of Kite Class. You have a kind heart and a lovely way with others. You are sweet, thoughtful and always want to do the right thing, which is something adults around you really notice. You try hard to please, listen carefully, and show respect in the way you speak and behave. In your learning, you have continued to try your best and show perseverance. Even when things are challenging, you give things a go, and that positive attitude has helped you keep moving forward. Joey, keep smiling, keep trying, and keep showing that kind and caring nature. You have been a pleasure to teach.

Ada - you have been such a lovely member of Kite Class this year. You are kind, caring and funny, and your quirky personality has made you a real character in our classroom. You should be very proud of the steady progress you have made across all areas of your learning. You always try your best, listen carefully, and give things a go, even when they feel challenging. Your positive attitude and determination have helped you grow in confidence and continue to improve. You are a great role model to others. You treat people with

kindness, make thoughtful choices and show care towards those around you. These qualities make you a valued member of Kite Class. Ada, it has been lovely watching you grow this year. Keep trying your best, keep being kind, and most importantly, keep being you.

Kingfisher

Freddie - *Freddie, I could have given you this award at any point during the year. Your attitude and effort in school have been outstanding from the very first day in September until now. It has been clear how hard you have worked to improve your learning in all areas. I am so proud of how you have applied yourself this year, and you fully deserve all the progress you have made. I have no doubt that you will continue to thrive as you move up through the school. You are an absolute role model to your peers. Well done, Freddie.*

Isabell - *Isabel, you have had an incredible first year at Little Paxton. You quickly settled into our school routines and learning. I know there were a few topics that were completely new to you, but this didn't faze you at all, and through hard work, you quickly got up to speed. You are such a diligent worker and always want to produce your very best, even if it does take a little while sometimes! This is simply a testament to how much you care about your work. You will be a real asset to your class next year, and they are very lucky to have you. Well done, Isabel.*

YEAR 5

Wren

Ellie - *Ellie, you arrived at Little Paxton two years ago with confidence, kindness and such a keen attitude to learn. In every single lesson since, you've continued to show these qualities and worked incredibly hard, even when it's been tough. It's all worth it when the ideas click and we see the lightbulb appear over your head! You've brightened up our classroom each day with your smile, your positivity and your brilliant attitude. I'm so glad you've been a Wren.*

Dylan - *Dylan, just one look at your work would show anyone why you're getting this award! All through Year 5, you have been so invested in learning more, improving your work and putting 100% effort into every lesson. You do so with confidence, determination and incredibly neat handwriting! This fantastic attitude helps you excel in class and I know that whenever I see your work, whether it's complicated Maths calculations or a creative story, it'll be the very best that you can do. I'm so glad you've been a Wren.*

Pigeon

Maisie - *Maisie, it has been an absolute pleasure teaching you this year! You are incredibly hard working and always put 100% effort into all you do. Your writing has come on in leaps and bounds this year; you are so adventurous with the words you choose and always present*

your work beautifully. In addition, you are a lovely friend to others and happy to work with anyone. You should be so proud of the year you have had! Well done!

James - James, we are so proud of the progress you have made this year. Not only have you made improvements in your writing, reading and maths through the year but you have also worked hard to increase your pace, your focus and the amount of work you produce in lessons. You are a friendly, kind boy, who is always polite and never says an unkind word to anyone. It has been a pleasure teaching you and we hope you grow in confidence and feel proud of yourself!

YEAR 6

Dove

Samar - Samar, what a year you have had! You have been a shining example of what it means to be a role model in our school. You are kind, thoughtful and endlessly hard-working. Your fairytale narrative, in English, showed such imagination and skill and it was a joy to read. Your performance as Donkey in Shrek the Musical was nothing short of outstanding. You stepped onto that stage with confidence, energy and complete commitment to your character. You have impressed us time and time again and that is why you are our Headteacher Award winner. A huge well done!

Laicee - Laciee, what can I say - you have been an absolute superstar Dove this term. Your dedication to your reading and writing has shone through in every lesson, and your recent big writes have shown just how committed and hard-working you are. You listen so carefully to feedback and apply it with maturity and determination, and that has helped you grow in confidence day by day. I am genuinely super proud of you and everything you have achieved. Keep up your positive work ethic next year - you're capable of incredible things.

Jackdaw

Harrison - Harrison has received the Headteacher's Award in recognition of his excellent attitude to learning and the positive example he sets every day. Harrison is incredibly kind and is always looking out for his friends and younger children within the school. He works hard, is determined to succeed and approaches every task with commitment, whether working independently, with a partner or as part of a group. Harrison has a great understanding of when it is time to have fun and when it is time to focus, and he consistently rises to every challenge, even pushing himself beyond his comfort zone. His outstanding performance as Donkey in our production of Shrek was a wonderful example of how much his confidence has increased this year and what a talented actor he is. Harrison has been an absolute pleasure to teach, and we wish him every success as he begins secondary school. We will miss him greatly.

Muhammed - has received the Headteacher's Award in recognition of the outstanding progress he has made this year, particularly in his maturity and attitude to learning. He approaches every challenge with determination and maintains an excellent attitude, even when he finds learning difficult. Muhammed has grown in confidence, resilience and independence, and should be incredibly proud of all he has achieved. His performance as the Gingerbread Man in our production of Shrek, together with his wonderful singing voice, was a real highlight and showcased his willingness to step outside his comfort zone. Muhammed has been a pleasure to teach, and we wish him every success as he begins secondary school. We will miss him greatly.

Donoghue Cup

Seb - Throughout the year, Seb has consistently demonstrated our school values of being positive, kind and safe. He is always considerate of others, approaches challenges with a positive attitude, and makes sensible choices that help create a happy and secure learning environment for everyone

Rotary Star

Diaz - has made fantastic progress this year and should be incredibly proud of everything he has achieved. He has worked hard, consistently followed our school rules, and shown a huge growth in confidence and self-belief, which has helped him make such excellent progress. He has challenged himself to step outside of his comfort zone all year, culminating in an outstanding performance on stage where he truly shone. Diaz has been a wonderful role model, and this is a fantastic achievement that makes him a very deserving Rotary Star.

Staple Star

Flynn - We are delighted to award the Staple Star to Flynn who has shown exceptional politeness throughout the year. He is always cheery and greets everyone with a smile. He speaks kindly to all adults and children and makes others feel welcome. His chatty and inclusive nature helps everyone feel part of the group. He is always happy and spreads positivity wherever he goes, and even if he is feeling poorly, he remains polite and thoughtful. His positive attitude, excellent manners and caring nature have made him a wonderful member of our year group. Well done Flynn!

[Request from Mrs Shirley](#)

Dear Little Paxton Families,

Following the successful makeover of our Treehouse earlier this year, it's now time to give **The Nest**, our nurture classroom, and outside space a little refresh.

We feel incredibly fortunate and grateful to have such wonderful spaces dedicated to our nurture provision. Both The Nest and The Treehouse are used and loved by many of our children. They are not only quieter learning environments but, more importantly, safe spaces where every emotion is welcomed, accepted, and supported.

As our nurture spaces continue to evolve to meet the needs of our children, we would love to start the new school year with a fresh look for The Nest. Our aim is to make it feel less like a traditional classroom and more like a calm, cosy, and welcoming environment where children can feel safe, relaxed, and ready to learn.

Unfortunately, there is no allocated budget for this project, so we are reaching out to our wonderful school community for support. If you have any of the following items in good condition that you no longer need, we would be incredibly grateful for your donations:

- Artificial plants
- Wicker baskets
- Warm white or warm yellow fairy lights
- Table or side lamps (in good working order)
- Cushion covers in natural colours
- Shade sail
- Planters

We are hoping to create a space similar to the photo below, with a warm, homely atmosphere that will benefit all of the children who use The Nest.

Thank you so much for your kindness, generosity, and continued support. It truly makes a difference to our children.

With thanks,

Mrs Shirley



Happy Fins Water Safety

As part of our PSHE and safeguarding curriculum, we were delighted to welcome Happy Fins Swimming School into school to deliver an engaging and informative whole-school water safety assembly. With many of our children living close to the River Great Ouse and spending time near water during the summer holidays, learning how to stay safe around water is an essential life skill.

The children learnt the four important steps to take if they find themselves or someone else in difficulty near water, helping them to understand how to respond safely without putting themselves at risk. They also explored the different coloured beach flags and what each one means, enabling them to make safe choices when visiting the seaside. The assembly reinforced that water safety is important wherever we are – whether swimming in a pool, visiting a river or lake, enjoying the beach, or even relaxing in a hot tub.

A huge thank you to Happy Fins Swimming School for delivering such an interactive and memorable session. We hope the children will continue to discuss these important messages at home and use the knowledge they have gained to help keep themselves and others safe around water.



Year 5 & 6 Bug Hotels

As part of DT our year 5's and year 6 children have created some amazing Bug Hotels, that will be placed in our woodland walk for some new Little Paxton Primary residents over the summer.

Well done children they are super and look very homely for the bugs!



Office Team Update

Last week was an exciting week in the office, we're delighted to announce that Miss Medlow will be joining the office team, alongside her role as an ISA. Miss Medlow starts in September and will be working Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons alongside Mrs Sheik. We're really looking forward to welcoming her to the team.

LPSA



LPSA - What a year!

Wow! What a year it has been for the LPSA - This year started uncertain whether the LPSA would be able to continue due to a lack of volunteers and somehow, with your help, our small group of volunteers have managed to fundraise over £5,000 for our incredible school AND run some really enjoyable events for our children.

Over the course of the year, we have run 2 discos, 2 movie nights, our first ever chocolate bingo, 10 ice-cream Fridays and we took to the streets with Santa at Christmas collecting donations from our local community - All of this, alongside our other fundraising initiatives like Christmas artwork and Mother's Day gifts.

The money we raise really does help to enrich the school experience for our children - They particularly love the pantomime trip and have enjoyed playing in the sandpit in the warmer weather.

If you want to help fundraise over the summer you can support by signing up to Easyfundraising - a cashback platform that gives money back to the school for your purchases. Or you could try your luck on Your School Lottery who have a Summer Golden Draw on 29th August - The winner receives £5,000 cash AND £5,000 for their school.

We are always looking for new volunteers and fresh ideas, if you would like to join the LPSA in September, please contact littlepaxtonsa@gmail.com



THANK YOU!

Thanks to you, we have raised a
whopping

£5,286

for our wonderful school.

Through our fundraising events, this year we have supported costs for:

- The pantomime trip (as well as other year-group trips)
- The treehouse makeover
- The sandpit
- Classroom resources

Housekeeping

Wellies



We are still sorting the wellies....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.

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.

IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



September

Monday 1st - Staff Training Day - **School Closed**

Tuesday 2nd - School Opens for Autumn Term **ALL YEARS**

Friday 9th - Bikeability Learn to Ride Years 3 - 6

Thursday 17th - Hunstanton & Sealife Centre trip Years 2,3,4 **postponed from last year**

Thursday 17th - Parents / Carers Lunch with Early Years Children 12noon

Wednesday 23rd - Phonics information afternoon 2.30pm for Early Years Parents / Carers

Wednesday 23rd - Parent Drop in all years 3.20pm - 4pm.

Thursday 24th - Burwell Parent Meeting (virtual) 6.00pm

Friday 25th - Flu sniff Day all year groups

Friday 25th - Macmillan breakfast 8am-9am for Children, Parents / Carers, Community
(wear green day for children)

October

Tuesday 6th - Harvest Festival – Years 5&6 9.45am-10.45am, Years 3&4 10.45am-11.45am,
Years 1&2 1.45am -2.45am – walking to Church

Tuesday 13th - Individual Photo Day - Staff and Children

Monday 19th - Parents Evening in person 3.40pm -5pm - (Appointments Via Arbor - Date TBC)

Wednesday 21st - Parents Evening in person 3.40pm-7pm - (Appointments Via Arbor - Date TBC)

Friday 23rd - Staff Training Day - **School Closed**

Monday 26th - Friday 30th - Half Term - **School Closed**

Dates may be subject to change. These will be highlighted with an *

Shout out to.....

Melodie, Airella, Phoebe and Emilia

Dance World Cup in Dublin update.....

Some more pictures from the girls at the Dance World cup, some of the dances were :

Toy Story - commercial dance (Group) Juicy Wiggle - Jazz (Group) Boom Boom - Jazz (Duo)

Comment from Phoebe's proud parents:

"We are so proud of her and her team and to be competing for England is such an achievement in itself. There are over 9000 entrants from 50 countries in attendance"

Well done girls, what an achievement and experience!









Charlie, Leo, Harrison, Isaac, Peter, Tilly, Lawrence

The fantastic children gave up their Saturday to help run a variety of stalls at Paxfest. They all worked incredibly hard, promoting the great range of opportunities available in Little Paxton while raising much-needed funds for Little Paxton Football Club Colts, Little Paxton Preschool, 1st Little Paxton Brownies, and 1st Little Paxton Scouts. These groups all add so much to our village, providing skills, support, and valuable experiences for young people in

the community. Every one of the pupils was a credit to the organisations they supported, to Little Paxton School, and to themselves. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and willingness to volunteer were wonderful to see, and they should all be very proud of their contribution.

Charlie, Leo, Harrison, & Issac teaching penalties taking and selling cookies for Little Paxton Football Colts fundraising for equipment, support for tournaments. Harrison also providing expert guidance to a trainee adult keeper!

Peter selling raffle tickets for Little Paxton Pre School helping to replace and buy new equipment for their program each week.

Tilly busy selling raffle tickets and running the 1st Little Paxton Brownies stand to help them run activities during the year.

Lawrence was busy taking orders for people on the 1st Little Paxton Scouts BBQ stall, helping raise money for new equipment, watersport activities and supporting camping trips.

Well done all!

Events for you

Football Fun Factory - 18th July



Primary Sports Stars -Summer Sports Camps

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.

Join us for exciting daily competitions and prizes!



- ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME
- 08:30AM - 3:30PM
- DAILY COMPETITIONS & PRIZES
- QUALIFIED COACHES
- FUN, FRIENDS & FITNESS

SPORTS INCLUDED

- Football
- Archery
- Tennis
- Hockey
- Tag Rugby
- Athletics
- Dodgeball
- + many more!

CAMP INFORMATION

- School:** Little Paxton Primary
- Year group:** All ages welcome!
- Camp time:** 08:30 - 15:30
- Camp dates:** Tuesday 21st - Thursday 23rd + Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th July
6 days overall - extra days may be added with interest and demand!
- Price:** £25 per day
Plus discounts for multiple days booked!

BOOK NOW!



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Email: psscambsnorth@gmail.com

PRIMARY SPORTS STARS

2026 SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

@ BUCKDEN PRIMARY

After nine successful camps, we're excited to announce the launch of our tenth at Buckden! 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, Dodgeball and many more!

Join us for exciting daily competitions and prizes!



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- Football
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- Tennis
- Hockey
- Tag Rugby
- Athletics
- Dodgeball
- + many more!

CAMP INFORMATION

- School:** Buckden Primary
- Year group:** All ages welcome!
- Camp time:** 08:30 - 15:30
- Camp dates:** Tuesday 4th - Thursday 6th + Tuesday 11th - Thursday 13th August
6 days overall - extra days may be added with interest and demand!
- Price:** £25 per day
Plus discounts for multiple days booked!

BOOK NOW!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE & BOOK!

Book here: www.primarysportsstarscambridge.co.uk/clubs-camps

Email: psscambsnorth@gmail.com

Talent Dance Academy - Summer Camp

A vibrant, tropical-themed poster for Talent Dance Academy's Summer Camp. The background is a warm yellow-to-orange gradient. At the top, the word 'TALENT' is written in large, stylized purple letters, each containing a small figure of a dancer. Below it, 'Dance & Gymnastics Academy' is written in purple, followed by 'SUMMER HOLIDAY' and 'DANCE & GYMNASTICS CAMPS' in green. The poster is decorated with various tropical elements: a large green palm frond on the left, a red flower, a blue parrot, a pineapple wearing sunglasses, a hula dancer, and a pink inflatable ring. A horizontal line of green vines separates the two camp sections.

TALENT
Dance & Gymnastics
Academy
SUMMER HOLIDAY
DANCE & GYMNASTICS CAMPS

Dance Camp
MONDAY 20TH JULY
OFFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
EYFS-YR6
8.30AM- 3.30PM
£29.00PP

Gym Camp
TUESDAY 21ST JULY
OFFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
EYFS-YR6
8.30AM- 3.30PM
£29.00PP

TO BOOK PLEASE VISIT
WWW.TALENTDANCEACADEMY.CO.UK

MOOV by Twisters

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by
twisters
gymnasticsclub.com

SUMMER CAMPS

Movement, confidence and fun await this summer!

A brand-new summer camp experience from Twisters Gymnastics Club, combining gymnastics, dance, acro and movement through fun, active themed weeks.

GYMNASTICS ★ DANCE ★ ACRO

20 JULY - 28 AUG 2026 ↘

Available at:

- Crosshall Infant School & Junior School
- Little Paxton Primary School
- St Anne's C of E Primary School
- Stukeley Meadows Primary School

BOOKINGS OPEN AT
TWISTERSGYMNASTICSCLUB.COM

british gymnastics
REGISTERED CLUB





Discovery Club Grafham Water

DISCOVERY CLUB

GWC KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUMMER 2026!

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH INCLUDED!

AGE 8-16 **09:00 - 17:00**

WWW.GRAFHAM-WATER-CENTRE.CO.UK
01480 379500

GRAFHAM WATER CENTRE
RIDGEWAY, PERRY, PE28 0GW



Summer Family Programme at The Norris Museum

18 JUL SAT TO 31 AUG MON

The Time Travel Gallery Trail Summer Sticker Book!
Complete different gallery trails across the summer holidays and earn stickers to fill your FREE Summer Sticker Book! Five new trails each week, each trail taken down after two weeks - during museum opening times of 10am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday.

5 & 6 AUG

WED & THU

Arts Award Discover SEND

W: 1-3pm

T: 10am-12pm - Creative arts award programme for young people with SEND
BOOKING REQUIRED - £15

7 AUG

FRI

Marvellous Mosaics

10-11:30am or 1:30-3pm

Family craft workshop - clay mosaic tiles with real glass tesserae - BOOKING REQUIRED - prices vary

28 JUL

TUE

Time Travel Family Fun

10am to 3pm

Celebrate 600 years of Bridge Chapel with:
- Medieval/Tudor music, dancing and stories
- Living history artisans
- A customisable LEGO Bridge Chapel
- Family trails and dragon puppet making
- Reduced-price river trips from The Waits around the chapel with the St Ives Electric Boat Company
- FREE to drop in

11 AUG

TUE

If Trees Could Talk

11am to 3pm - trails, crafts & more at The Norris Museum, Holt Island, and St Ives Methodist Church - FREE to drop in

19 & 20 AUG

WED & THU

Arts Award Discover SEND

W: 1-3pm

T: 10am-12pm - Creative arts award programme for young people with SEND
BOOKING REQUIRED - £15

21 AUG

FRI

Marvellous Mosaics:

Moving on

10am-12pm or 1-3pm
Family craft workshop - clay mosaic bowl with real glass tesserae - BOOKING REQUIRED - prices vary

25 AUG

TUE

The Three Little Pigs Move

to St Ives - 10:30-11:30AM

Storytelling, crafts & activities for 3+ year olds
BOOKING REQUIRED
- prices vary

26 AUG

WED

Arts Award Discover

in a Day

10AM-3PM

Creative arts award workshop
BOOKING REQUIRED - £15

BOOK OR

FIND OUT MORE



Take a look at our website & Facebook page - tickets available: tickettailor.com



THE NORRIS MUSEUM

Wherever Your Curiosity Takes You

norrismuseum.org.uk
01480 497314
41 The Broadway, St Ives PE27 5BX



One Leisure - Little Paxton Sports Sessions

Oneleisure
ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

Little Paxton

Little Paxton Sports Sessions

Summer 2026
FREE sports sessions for 5-11 year olds!

Location:
QEII Playing Field, Little Paxton, PE19 6EY

Dates:
Tuesday 21st July
Wednesday 12th August

Time:
2pm-4pm

Register Your Interest
The quickest and easiest way is online:
www.oneleisure.net
Book Now → Community Activities → Parish Sessions

Please complete the Pre-Activity Questionnaire when prompted.
A member of the Active Lifestyles Team will then be in touch to confirm your place.

If you require assistance, please call 01480 388111.

Summer Reading Challenge

2026 Summer Reading Challenge

READ to the BEAT

Explore music and sound this summer through amazing books and activities.

Complete this year's challenge and receive your very own 'Read to the Beat' medal and certificate!

Sign up for free at your local library from Saturday 4th July

SCAN ME



Find out more here

Collect your special 'Read to the Beat' stickers from Sat 18th July



Cambridgeshire libraries

the READING challenge Summer Reading Challenge

Cambridgeshire County Council

Summer Holiday Free Musical Craft Day

Free Family Summer Holiday **MUSICAL CRAFT DAY**



- Come and join us at your local library and make a musical shaker from a plastic bottle
- Join our professional chef and prepare a tasty fruit sundae
- Test your recycling knowledge with our fun bean bag game
- Make a plant pot from newspaper
- PLUS free drinks and refreshments

Event dates and locations:

Wisbech Library, 22nd July 2026, 10am - 11:30am
Cottenham Library, 23rd July 2026, 2pm - 4pm
Bar Hill Library, 28th July 2026, 2pm - 4pm
Cambridge Central Library, 30th July 2026, 10am - 12pm
Cambourne Library, 4th August 2026, 10am - 12pm
Whittlesey Library, 11th August 2026, 10am - 12pm
Soham Library, 19th August 2026, 2pm - 4pm
Ely Library, 25th August 2026, 10am - 12pm

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Summer Choral Course 2026 at St Catharine's College, Cambridge



**THE | OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE
SINGING SCHOOL**

The Singing School was established in Cambridge in 2013 to provide children and young adults with the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

Two courses are available this Summer: a Junior course for those aged 7-12 and a Senior course for 13-18 year olds.

Pupils will learn some beautiful seasonal music and at the same time gain a background in vocal technique, music theory, music appreciation and history. Tutors include Simon Kirk, (St John's College School, Cambridge) and Naomi Macleod-Jones (OLEM).

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see www.oxbridgesingingschool.com or email oxbridgess@gmail.com

20-24 July 2026
with the option to book 2, 3 or 5 days
St Catharine's College, Cambridge

www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk

Wild Fest



Summer Job Opportunity



WORK WITH US

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!



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!



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PSSST...

SCAN HERE FOR OUR APPLICATION FORM



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: Thu 9 July EIFA Drop-ins 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: Fri 17 July EIFA Drop-ins 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: Mon 20 EIFA Drop-ins 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: Wed 29 July EIFA Drop-ins or	

If you have any questions about our support, or the EIFA service in general, please contact earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



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: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or 
Managing Challenging Behaviours	Wednesday, 15 July 2026, 12:30-14:00	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams or 
Sleep	Thursday, 23 July 2026, 10:00-11:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Event Powered by Teams or 
Supporting Your Child with Angry Feelings	Tuesday, 28 July 2026, 10:00-11:30	Book onto this workshop at: Microsoft Virtual Event Powered by Teams or 

If you have any questions about our workshops, or the EIFA service in general, please contact earlyintervention@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



CUFC Summer Soccer School



CUFC SUMMER SOCCER SCHOOLS
AND KELLOGG'S FOOTBALL CAMPS

REDEEM AT SELECTED VENUES ONLY

DATE:
WEEK 1: TUE 21st JULY - FRI 24th JULY
WEEK 2: MON 27th JULY - FRI 31st JULY
WEEK 3: MON 3rd AUG - FRI 7th AUG
WEEK 4: MON 10th AUG - FRI 14th AUG
WEEK 5: MON 17th AUG - FRI 21st AUG
WEEK 6: MON 24th AUG - FRI 28th AUG

TIME:
9AM - 4PM

SIGN UP NOW

LOCATIONS:
CHESTERON - SOCCER SCHOOLS
SWANSEY - SOCCER SCHOOLS
COMBEATON - KELLOGG'S FOOTBALL CAMPS
COLERIDGE - KELLOGG'S FOOTBALL CAMPS

Buy a pack and claim a free day

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