



PAXTON PRESS - 11th September 2026



YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

Hello and happy Friday to our wonderful Little Paxton families,

What a fantastic first full week at school! The children, and staff, have all been incredible and I am so proud of them all. Mr Saxby and I popped in to visit the classrooms on Thursday morning and were so impressed at the standard of work the children were producing and how settled they were in their new classes. It is wonderful to see so many happy faces. We also had a visit from an Educational Psychologist on Thursday who said what a lovely, calm, happy school we had with such a nice feel. It's always brilliant to hear visitors to our school recognising what we see everyday.

I have had my first visit from a child with their amazing work. Brooke, from Year 3, shared her amazing work about the story of how mountains were formed. I was really impressed with her knowledge, and vocabulary, of tectonic plates and that mountains form when they bump into one another. I also had Toby from Year 6 eager to share a poem he had written with me, I am looking forward to being able to see his amazing work. Phoebe from Year 3 is continuing to develop her skills, now as an illustrator as well as an author, she was very eager to share her latest book, written with Lucy from Year 5, with me on Thursday morning on the playground. Every year I make sure I am in the classroom teaching for at least half a day. I feel it's a really important part of my role as headteacher. This year I get to spend an afternoon teaching Year 6. We had a fantastic music lesson and it was great to be able to have fun and learn at the same time. If you have a Year 6 ask them about Bungalow.

It has been lovely to get to know our Reception Children better now they have started school full time. They are very chatty and curious, always asking lots of questions. All of the children are brilliant eaters and have been excellent at lunchtime, taking the whole day in their stride. It's been lovely to see our refurbished EYFS classrooms full of children. I can tell that they are really enjoying the new bikes, it was finally time to say goodbye to most of the red bikes (they really had been here for years).

Two start of term reminders from me:

- Please send your child to school with a coat just in case the British Weather changes. This allows us to get the children outside in all weathers. It makes such a difference for the children to be able to get outside and move around, their learning definitely improves when they are able to do this. A pac-a-mac that stays in their bag/bookbag would be perfect.

- Please can we ask that you wait on the playground in the morning before school and don't go round the side of the school/onto the field. We have a few children who have early classroom entry agreed who you may see going round, the teachers are expecting them. We ask you to do this so that we can ensure everyone is looked after, and safe, before school starts. If your Year 5 or Year 6 walks to school on their own please can you remind them to wait on the main playground until the whistle goes.

Congratulations to our Praise Point Champions for this week:

TOBY (Dove) is our UPPER school champion

CHASE (Kite) is our LOWER school champions

I am so proud of you both! 5 points have been added to your totals! What a great start to the school year you have made!

We are already planning our Harvest Festival Celebrations, our GO GREEN for MacMillian day, our Christmas events and Mrs Gatward is doing an incredible job of organising everything that is needed for our very posh minibus to make it's first journey out with children (I still can't believe it when I write our minibus).

Finally from me, we will be upping our presence on social media and posting lots of things about how amazing Little Paxton School is. Can I ask you to help us get our name out there by following, liking and sharing our posts like crazy. We want everyone to know we exist and how great it is to be a member of our school community:

Facebook: Little Paxton Primary School

Instagram: little_paxton_primary

All that's left for me to say is have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming you to school on Monday morning at 8.40am when the gates open.

Team Paxton

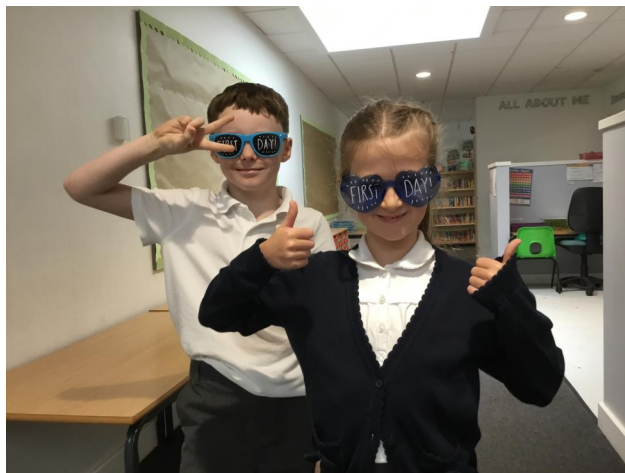


First Day Glasses

Some wonderful pictures from our first day back last week!

More to follow next week.















Shout Out



Congratulations to Daisy in Pigeon class who has not only attended the St Neots Library's CREST Science Club but she has achieved the nationally recognized CREST SuperStar Award!

Daisy had to complete 8 science investigations (such as testing pencil types for fingerprint analysis) where she had to think and act like a real scientist!

Well done, Daisy. We are all very proud of you!



Workers of the Week



1 - This half term we are celebrating being confident!

FOUNDATION

Lovely Lark - MATILDA because she has settled really well into school, she has already shown us what a kind and caring friend she can be to all of the children and her friends. She shares and shows great empathy towards others. Well done Matilda for being super!

Super Starling - RORY has been a very caring and thoughtful friend this week. When another child was finding something tricky, Rory noticed and offered his help, guidance and encouragement. It was lovely to see him being such a kind and supportive friend.

YEARS 1 AND 2

Wonderful Woodpecker – LACEY because she has been super helpful to the year 1's this week and helping them with their coats!

Marvelous Merlin - ZACHARY, I have been really impressed with how kind and supportive he has been with his new class. He always strives to help others by listening and responding respectfully. Great job Zachary, keep being caring!

Clever Kite -

YEARS 3 AND 4

Remarkable Raven - ISAAC, he has settled in so well to Year 3 and has been so positive and focussed with his learning. He has also looked after a friend when they weren't feeling great. He has really impressed the whole of the year 3 and 4 team.

Brilliant Buzzard - RUBY, she has been extremely helpful towards everyone in the class including myself. She is always making sure she is using and looking after school equipment correctly and modelling the correct way for others to follow. Please keep it. What a great start to the year!

Spectacular Sparrowhawk - POPPY for being a caring friend from the very first day and helping other children settle into their new class at school

YEAR 5

Ready Wren - ETHAN cares so much about his learning, which has helped him to have a FANTASTIC start to Year 5

Perfect Pigeon - NOAH has settled into school life very quickly. He cares about his learning which is reflected in his work. Keep up the hard work.

YEAR 6

Dedicated Dove - REJUS, an outstanding start to the new school year and has listened carefully to feedback and applied this in his work. Well done!

Jubilant Jackdaw - CODY for being caring about learning, helping others, and for being active in class discussions which helps inspire others.

Housekeeping

Year 3 Parent Lunch - Tuesday 22nd September



We would love to invite 1 adult to join your year 3 child for school lunch, courtesy of our caterers HCL, on Tuesday 22nd September at 12noon. If you would like to join your child for lunch please complete the form below (if you haven't already done so) with your menu choice by 15th September at 9am.

[Year 3 Parent Lunch Invite - 22nd September 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Please note you will still need to order your child's lunch on schoolgrid for the same day.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - Thursday 24th September

This year we are hosting a coffee and cake afternoon straight from school to raise money for Macmillan.

Please may we ask you wonderful bakers amongst us for baked goods donations and of course your support in coming along to sample these. We would equally welcome shop bought goods for those who can not bake (like myself!)

Donations welcomed from after school on Wednesday 23rd September.

Flu Sniff - Friday 25th September



Vaccination UK will send E-consent links directly to parents and carers through a new system by the end of this week.

Please look out for this email from the team.

IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



September

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. NEW DATE Wednesday 30th

Thursday 24th - Macmillan coffee afternoon for Children, Parents / Carers, Community (wear green day for children) - Cake Donations

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

Friday 25th - Flu sniff Day all year groups

Wednesday 30th - Parent Drop in all years 3.20pm - 4pm. NEW DATE

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

Friday 9th - Year 3,4,5 &6 - Learn to ride bikeability

Tuesday 13th - Individual Photo Day - Staff and Children. Out of school sibling photos between 8am -8.40am.

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

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

Thursday 22nd - Final Day Fundraiser! - **Full details 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 *

Events and clubs for you



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EDUCATION CENTRE EVENTS
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October Half Term Activities

WILDLIFE FAMILY ACTIVITIES

at Paxton Pits Environmental
Education Centre

Come along to Paxton Pits Environmental Education Centre to explore the wonders of the natural world and discover more about bones, including those found in owl pellets and create your own wonderful wildlife bone wall art!



This time we're exploring.....
Brilliant Bones!

26th, 28th & 30th
October 2026
10am & 1.15pm

Suitable for
children aged 4 to 14
(younger siblings under
18 months in prams/ buggies are
welcome).

Booking essential:
£5.00 members |
£7.50 non-members
(per child)

For bookings
& info: →

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Cambsourne, CB23 8DH Tel: 01454 713500 Email: cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org Registered charity No. 3026412



The vouchers below offer **one adult and one child ticket for just £12** when using the code on the voucher. The offer is available for the following home fixtures at the Cledara Abbey Stadium:

- **Saturday 26 September** – 3pm - AFC Wimbledon
- **Saturday 10 October** – 3pm - Blackpool
- **Saturday 24 October** – 3pm - Plymouth Argyle
- **Saturday 21 November** – 3pm - Stockport County

Also a special offer for **Cambridge United Women**, with **one adult and one child able to attend for just £6**. This is available for their upcoming game at the Cledara Abbey Stadium, as well as games at their new home, **Grange Road Stadium**.



BACK IN THE CITY

HOME FIXTURES



20 SEP 2026
CLEDARA ABBEY
14:00 KO



18 OCT 2026
GRANGE ROAD
14:00 KO



08 NOV 2026
GRANGE ROAD
14:00 KO



29 NOV 2026
GRANGE ROAD
14:00 KO



06 DEC 2026
GRANGE ROAD
14:00 KO



10 JAN 2027
GRANGE ROAD
14:00 KO



11 FEB 2027
GRANGE ROAD
19:45 KO



14 MAR 2027
GRANGE ROAD
14:00 KO



25 APR 2027
CLEDARA ABBEY
14:00 KO

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THIS CODE ENTITLES THE HOLDER TO 1X ADULT & 1X U18 TICKET FOR £6.00. THIS CODE CAN BE REDEEMED FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE APPLICABLE FIXTURES VIA [CUFCTICKETS.COM](https://www.cufctickets.com). REDEMPTIONS ARE LIMITED TO ONE PER PERSON AND ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.

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TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW AT [CUFCTICKETS.COM](https://www.cufctickets.com)



Kimbolton School Chemistry Masterclass (Live Show) 2026 for Year 5 & 6

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to invite you to our exciting Chemistry Masterclass Live Show on Wednesday 21 October!

Join us for an evening of spectacular science, exciting experiments and plenty of chemistry fun. This interactive live show is a fantastic opportunity for children and families to experience the wonders of science in an engaging and memorable way.

Tickets are completely FREE, but spaces are limited, so we encourage you to book your tickets now to avoid disappointment!

Date: Wednesday 21 October

Times: 18:00 - 19:30

Tickets: Free – booking required

Book your free tickets now and come along to experience the exciting world of Chemistry at Kimbolton School!

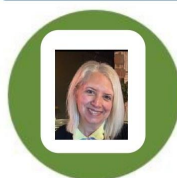
[Kimbolton School event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

Password:

Coolchemistry26

We look forward to welcoming you for what promises to be a fantastic evening of science!

Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor



Katie Smith

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

As Education Inclusion Family Advisors, we offer support in various ways:

- Up to six 1:1 sessions with parents/carers (virtually, or face to face in your child's school on request)
- Workshops on specific topics (currently held virtually)
- Signposting to other services such as parenting courses and support services

For more information, please speak to your school's office, or contact me directly on

✉ katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or by using this link or QR code to request support:

[EIFA support request consent form for Katie Smith – Fill in form](#)





**SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE
CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE**

WHAT'S ON

SEPTEMBER 2026

Welcome to our Child & Family Centres
We aim to provide families of all abilities, identities and cultures
with the support and information they need and to ensure our
centres and zones are friendly and welcoming places for all.
Child and Family Centre groups are free of charge for all
families to attend



B = Booking Required

Things you need to know...

Booking

Booking is essential for some sessions and spaces are limited. All booking is done on our online booking system which you can access via the link or QR code below:

[South Cambridgeshire Child and Family Centres - Booking by Bookwhen](#)



Privacy Notice

The Child and Family Centre holds information about the families and individuals we support for the purposes of monitoring, evaluation and future planning of the Child and Family Centre's services as part of Cambridgeshire County Council. The information will be held in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Further information is available on the Cambridgeshire County Council's website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk (search Privacy Notice)

Addresses

Cambourne Child and Family Centre	Sackville House, Sackville Way, Cambourne, CB23 6HL
Cambourne Blue School	Eastgate, Great Cambourne, CB23 6DZ
Linton Cathodeon Centre	Horseheath Road, Linton, CB21 4LU
Melbourn Child and Family Zone	Mortlock Street, Melbourn, SG8 6DB
Northstowe Child and Family Zone	The Unity Centre, Pathfinder Way, Northstowe, CB24 1FD
Sawston Child and Family Zone	Sawston Community Hub, New Road, Sawston, CB22 3BP
Waterbeach Child and Family Zone	High Street, Waterbeach, CB25 9JU

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