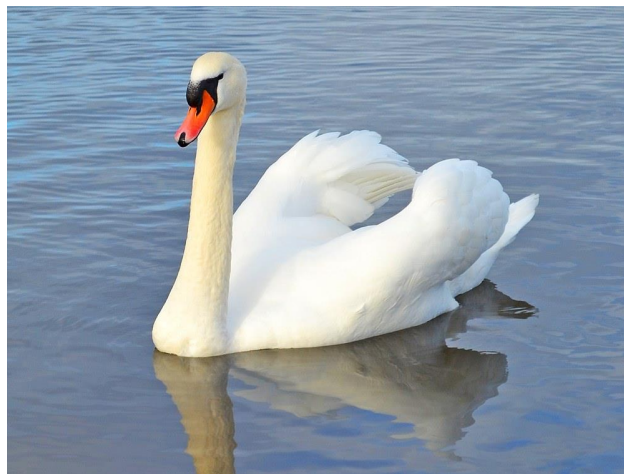




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YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

Hello to our wonderful Little Paxton families and happy Friday to you all!

It's been a fantastic week at Little Paxton. We had had so much going on as well as the children doing brilliantly with their learning. We celebrated in assembly today about how amazing the children have all been at the start of the year, always being ready to learn and following their timetables. Well done everyone!

A special week done to Xander (Woodpecker), Maxwell (Kite), Freya (Kite), Albi (Buzzard) and Brooke (Buzzard) who got to celebrate their amazing learning with me this week (they all got a dip in the Headteacher's Stash). Congratulations to our Praise Point Champions for this week:

MAISIE (Raven) is our UPPER school champion

JAMES (Woodpecker) and EDEN (Woodpecker) are our LOWER school champions

I am so proud of you all! 5 points have been added to your totals! What a great week you have had!

I want to say a special, and VERY big, thank you to our amazing teaching assistant team. We are so very fortunate to have an incredible group of dedicated, caring and skilled teaching assistants who are all totally awesome. Their worth can not be expressed in words, they are all worth their weight in gold. So today, on National Teaching Assistants Day, I want to recognise the role that each of them plays in making our school community such an amazing place to work and to learn. If you see one of our team today, maybe take a moment to thank them for what they do and for the difference they make!

After I wrote my article of the press last week Maisie, Hermione, Megan, Melodie and Mrs Castle welcomed Mr and Mrs James to school when they came to visit the garden. Mr and Mrs James, who live in Little Paxton, have been supporting the school by popping in and asking us if there is anything we need or anything they can buy us/donate for the children. They have brought some gifts for the garden and Mrs Castle, and her team, wanted to make sure they were able to see the difference their support was making to our school. We love being part of a wonderful, and generous, village community.

In school this week we hosted our second 'Come for Lunch' event, this time with our Year 3 families. It was great to see so many adults joining their children for lunch and hear such positive feedback about the quality of our lunches, our friendly kitchen team, the organisation in the hall and how the children know exactly what they're doing and how well the team as a

whole support the children with their lunch. We are planning more events, please keep your eyes out for the next dates! They are really worth coming along to as you get such a lovely glimpse of your child's day! Don't just take my word for it, here is a lovely message we got sent by one of our parents:

I just wanted to take a moment to say how impressed I was with today's lunch session. I was really struck by how well the lunch hall was organised and, more importantly, by how attentively the children's individual needs were being met. In particular, seeing how the needs of the SEN children were supported was fantastic. It was lovely to see such a calm, caring and inclusive approach, and it really stood out to me. It honestly felt like everything I have been looking for in a school for X. It was such a refreshing change from what I have become used to, and I left feeling really positive about what I had seen. I also have to say, the food was absolutely delicious, X never has school dinner and he really enjoyed it!— so please pass on my compliments to the kitchen staff as well! Thank you to everyone involved for creating such a welcoming and supportive environment for the children. It really made an impression on me.

Hopefully you've seen already that it was an exciting week for us, as our minibus took it's maiden voyage with a group of children. A group of our Junior Duke children visited a local orchard to learn all about apples, they even brought me back an apple they had shined for me (I think it is the first actual apple I have ever received as a teacher). The children were incredibly proud to be the first passengers and enjoyed their trip very much. Having the minibus is going to be such a blessing to our school community. I am so incredibly thankful to Mrs Gatward for all her hard work over the holidays getting everything ready so we could get on the road so early in the term. It's off out again next week for another adventure.

We also packed in this week: our GO GREEN for Macmillan day on Thursday! Everyone looked so good in their green and I was blown away by how many of you brought/baked cakes for us to sell. The hall was packed and we raised LOADS of money (if you want to find out how much you will have to read on in the press). Our staff team had a training session from the Local Authority Safeguarding Team with a focus on Online Safety. It was a really interesting session and there were lots of recommended resources to support schools, and families, with the digital age, especially with the prominence of AI. I will be sharing these resources with you over the coming weeks. Mrs Jeakings and I welcomed Clare Easton, from the Strategic SEND Support Team, for a SEND KIT (Keeping in Touch) visit on Thursday. It was a really positive visit and I will be able to share more about this once we have received her report!

Hopefully the sunshine will stick around for the weekend! Have a lovely couple of days everyone. We look forward to welcoming you to school on Monday morning at 8.40am when the gates open!

Team Paxton



Shout Out



Penelope had fun collecting conkers last weekend with her Daddy, something they do every year, it's their own little signal Autumn is here and gives them the opportunity to talk about the seasons.

Maybe we could have some conker challenges as part of our OPLA!



Little Paxton School Association (LPSA)



Last year the LPSA raised over £5000 that paid for and contributed towards fantastic experiences, see poster.

We need you.....

Do you want to help make your child's school experience even better? Our Little Paxton School Association (LPSA) is a friendly group of parents, carers, and teachers who work together to support the school. We organise fun events, raise funds for extra school resources, and bring our school community closer together. Last year over £5000 was given to the school.

Why get involved?

- Make a real difference for the children.
- Meet other parents and make new friends.
- Share your own fun ideas and skills.

No pressure or huge time commitment! Whether you can help out at just one event, bake a cake, or share ideas at our next chat or shop for an event, every little bit of help counts.

Please pop along to pub on 7th October, we look forward to seeing you.

Small
people
big
futures
♡



Our School
Our Community
Stronger
Together
♡

AGM

LPSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Come along and find out more about what we do,
our plans for the year ahead and how you can get involved!



WEDNESDAY
7TH OCTOBER



7:30PM



AT THE
ANCHOR PUB

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE



CHAIR



TREASURER



SECRETARY



VOLUNTEERS

You can give as little or as much time as you like.
Every bit of support helps and we need people to join us to

RAISE VITAL FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL.

♡ Many
hands
make a
difference

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Together
we can do
amazing
things
♡

How much have we raised?

♥ Here's how much we've raised from each event... ♥

 Lottery £203.90	 Easy Fundraising £204.37	 Christmas Fayre £1,790.96
 Chocolate Bingo £168.15	 Spooky Disco £750.53	 Mothers Day Artwork £321.47
 Movie Night £325.11	 Santa with St Neots Round Table £470.00	 Break the Rules Day £834.00
 Ice Cream Friday £970.80	 Summer Disco £431.81	 LP Fest £104.87
		 Fathers Day Artwork £278.24



Thank you!



To everyone who has supported our events throughout the year. You make a real difference! ♥



LPSA

Little Paxton School Association

SUPPORT ♥ FUNDRAISE ♥ ENRICH OUR SCHOOL



Small fundraisers make a big difference!

What have we spent money on?

Thanks to your amazing support, we've been able to fund some wonderful things for our school and children...

Year group funds



EYFS
Year 1
Year 2
Year 3
Year 4
Year 5
Year 6

We've provided funding for each year group to support extra resources and activities to support their learning.

Pantomime trip



We paid for every child to be able to go to the Pantomime!

Other year group trips



We've contributed towards other year group trips, helping to create exciting experiences and opportunities for all of our children.

Makeover on the Treehouse



PLAY EXPLORER BELONGS

We funded the makeover at the Treehouse, providing equipment and resources to create a brighter, safe and more relaxed place for the children to enjoy.

Sand for the sandpit



We've contributed money towards the sandpit for lunchtimes.

New handwriting scheme



We've invested in a new handwriting scheme called Kinetic Letters to support all the children's learning and development.

Classroom resources



We've provided additional classroom resources to help enhance learning across the school.

A little gift for all the new EYFS parents



Welcome to our Little Paxton family!

We've provided a small gift for all the new EYFS parents to help them feel welcome as they start their Little Paxton journey.

Thank you. ♥

Your help and support helps us create more memories for every child at Little Paxton.





SMALL FUNDRAISERS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Workers of the Week



1 - This half term we are celebrating being confident!

FOUNDATION

Lovely Lark - FINN - Finn has been so caring by looking after our classroom and outside area. He is so great at tidying up and ensuring that everything is put away correctly. Thank you Finn!

Super Starling - LOUIE - has been our Caring Champion! Louie is always thinking about the people around him and showing such kindness and care towards both his friends and the adults in our classroom. He is often looking out for others, offering a helping hand, and doing thoughtful little things to make someone's day easier — even holding the door open for others.

YEARS 1 AND 2

Wonderful Woodpecker – EDEN - Eden because he has been helpful and caring in keeping our classroom nice and tidy!

Marvelous Merlin - JUDE - He has been really helpful and caring by keeping our classrooms tidy. He is always eager to help adults and help around the classroom. Well done Jude, keep being caring!

Clever Kite - EMMA - because she is such a caring and thoughtful member of the class. She is always looking out for her friends. Bella shows kindness in so many little ways throughout the day and is a wonderful example of what it means to be a good friend. Well done, Bella

YEARS 3 AND 4

Remarkable Raven - FREYA - She has been such a little star and so kind, caring and helpful to others. She is a role model to others with her dedication to improving her work and the care she takes with her handwriting. Well done Freya!

Brilliant Buzzard - RORY W - He has shown such a great attitude towards his own learning and his partners. Ensuring that they stay on task. His kindness is infectious. You are an absolute credit to our class, and we are so lucky to have you. Keep it up!

Spectacular Sparrowhawk - LENNY - has taken great care with his English work this week and has produced a beautiful piece of writing that he should be very proud of.

YEAR 5

Ready Wren - JONATHAN - I've been so impressed with Jonathan this week - he cares so much about his work and being ready to learn! He is so keen to participate and do his best in every lesson.

Perfect Pigeon - ERIC - because he has really impressed us with the way he has shown care to others by being willing to share his own things. He has also settled into the class brilliantly and is working very hard. Well done Eric!

YEAR 6

Dedicated Dove - SCARLETT - Showing her caring nature during maths. She always offers to support her peers. Well done!

Jubilant Jackdaw - LILY DO. - is the Jackdaw of the week due to her fantastic attitude to all learning. Her determination to improve across the whole curriculum is clear to see. Well done Lily!

Housekeeping

Would you like to join the team here in school. We have a very hard working and diligent cleaning team who need an extra pair of hands for 2.5 hours after school on Monday and Friday. There is a little bit of flexibility with start time but the shift would need to be finished by 6pm.

If you are interested in this position please pop into the office and ask to speak to Mrs Gatward or email HR@littlepaxton.cambs.sch.uk for more information and an application form. If you have any friends who might be interested please feel free to share. We are looking for someone to start as soon as possible, once the appropriate checks have been completed.

Census Day Thursday 1st October

Did you know that a significant part of our school's government funding depends directly on the number of hot school meals served on Census Day?

Every single meal ordered—whether it is a paid meal or a universal free school meal—tells the government how many children we are feeding and directly impacts our overall budget. This money goes right back into providing better resources, extra learning support, and fun activities for all of our students.

We are serving a fun, burger themed menu and special sprinkle cake as a choice for dessert. making it a great day for children who usually bring a packed lunch to try something new.

Please support us for on this important day. It's a win-win: your child gets to enjoy a fun meal, and our whole school community benefits.



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - Thursday 24th September

WOW! Thank you so much for the amazing donations, baked and faked they were fabulous, even a certain cookie according to Chloe from Sparrowhawk (hee hee), we loved welcoming all of you into the hall for the tasty treats.

We have raised a whopping £618.22.

Please don't forget to collect your containers, they are just outside the front office.









Flu Sniff - Friday 25th September



The Vaccination team worked through all the children who had consent.

There will also be mop up sessions and we will confirm these dates ASAP.

Have you got lying around.....

Our reception class is on the lookout for some fake grass off cuts. It comes in handy to use around the sand trays. If you have any that you can spare please drop off to one of the teachers at the pencil fence, or the school office.

We are in need of spare clothes, trousers and shorts in particular for ages 7 - 9. If you have any old uniform that could be donated for this age group please drop them off at the school office.

Thank you!

IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



September

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

October

Tuesday 6th - Harvest Festival – Years 5&6 9.45am-10.45am, Years 3&4 10.45am-11.45am, Years 1&2 1.45pm -2.45pm – 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 - **Please book a slot with the school office**

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.

Events and clubs for you



Shape Your SKILLS AWARD!

BUILD SKILLS. BUILD CONFIDENCE. SHAPE THE FUTURE!

AN ACCREDITED PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR AGES 7-11 (KEY STAGE 2)

Leadership Skills Foundation
Believe. Lead. Succeed.

An exciting afterschool programme that helps children develop the personal and social skills they need to succeed – in school and beyond!

WHAT IS THE AIM?

The Shape Your Skills Award helps pupils develop essential life skills through fun, practical activities and reflection.

PUPILS WILL DEVELOP:

- COMMUNICATION
- TEAMWORK
- ORGANISATION
- PROBLEM SOLVING
- RESILIENCE
- SELF-BELIEF / CONFIDENCE
- LEADERSHIP

Children learn by doing, playing and reflecting on how they use these skills in everyday situations.

WHAT DOES MY CHILD GET?

- ✓ Leadership Passports for pupils
- ✓ Skill stickers that pupils collect as they progress
- ✓ Assessment guidance

WHAT DO PUPILS DO?

The programme is split into four main stages:

- 1 Introduction to the award and leadership
- 2 Skill development – practising key life skills through games and challenges
- 3 A Leadership Challenge – solving real-world problems or leading an activity
- 4 Ready to Lead – reflecting on learning and celebrating achievements

WHAT DO PUPILS RECEIVE?

- ✓ An accredited Leadership Skills Foundation certificate
- ✓ A completed Leadership Passport
- ✓ Recognition of their personal development and leadership skills

HOW ARE PUPILS ASSESSED?

Assessment is based on participation, reflection and demonstrating skills during activities and the final leadership challenge.

WE START ON SEPTEMBER 14TH!

★ YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE TO ATTEND HEMINGFORD GREY SCHOOL TO TAKE PART!

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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](#)



Little Paxton Parish Council

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

Print Hut

**VILLAGE
ADVENTURE
DAY**

10am - 4pm

Little Paxton Village Hall Car Park PE19 6EY

COME ALONG FOR AN ADVENTURE



Mobile Skate Park

**FREE
ALL DAY**

Refreshments
available

For adults & children
Supervised by qualified staff



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