



PAXTON PRESS - 2nd October 2026



YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

Hello and happy Friday to our wonderful Little Paxton Families,

Another week has flown by at Little Paxton. As always, there has been lots going on, so I have lots to tell you about! If you're sitting comfortably, then I will begin!

Our minibus has been out on two trips this week, I get excited (and also feel so very thankful) everytime it leaves the site. On Tuesday a group of our Year 1 and 2 children travelled to Ramsey for a Multisports Event. The children were so well behaved and I know the team that took them were really proud of them. On Wednesday our second Junior Duke group set off for Meadow Lodge Farm to learn all about apples. All of the children came back buzzing from their events and couldn't wait to tell us all about it!

Mrs Jeakings attended her SENDCo Cluster Meeting this week, this is a great opportunity to be a bit nosey, to find out what is happening in other local schools as well as a chance to share and celebrate what is going well. Mr Saxby did a fantastic job of leading our staff meeting this week. The next curriculum subject that is having it's Little Paxton makeover is PSHE. We found out about the changes being made to make our PSHE days even better, it was great training! As part of who we are as a school, we are passionate about supporting the training of the next generation of teachers. In Year 1/2 we have welcomed Miss Peters to the team, her placement is in Woodpecker Class, she will be with us until Christmas and we will be welcoming 2 other trainee teachers who will be working in Lark and Merlin Classes. It is also an excellent experience for our class teachers who are mentors as they get additional CPD to take on this role.

It was so lovely to welcome so many of you to our 'Drop In' session on Wednesday afternoon. We had so many people that we even had to turn people away. If you dropped in, but were not able to see your child's class teacher then you should get a message from them to arrange a catch up. For future drops ins, we will start at 3.30pm, and limit appointments to 5 minutes to ensure everyone who wants a catch up can have one. Please be aware our amazing teachers are attending training from 4pm as part of their professional development so it is not possible for us to continue appointments after this time. Year 6 welcomed Mrs Qureshi, the new Principal of Longsands Academy, on Monday who came to talk to them, and say hello, ahead of their Open Evening. It was really good to see Mrs Qureshi making links with the children and the staff at Little Paxton.

Mrs Gatward and her team did a fantastic job preparing for our Health and Safety Audit on Tuesday. The visit was a success, and it was lovely to hear the member of the Local Authority Team say how impressed she was and "you're in safe hands with this lady" (Mrs Gatward). So, thank you and well done to Mrs Gatward and your team. The leadership team have also been out and about this week looking at the impact of our new handwriting scheme. There are so many examples of the children's handwriting improving rapidly with the new scheme (Mr Booth's handwriting is also now excellent as well).

Our Larks and Starlings built an amazing race track on the playground this week (they took EVERY item from the outdoor area to build it with). This was for their bikes and scooters to race round on. Miss Rose even had a go round on one of the scooters and helped another child to learn to ride the scooter (a great example of our school value, caring). I had lots of children from Wren Class (Oliver, Reu, Harry, Sophia, Imogen, Beatrix) excited to show me their English work and the improvement in their handwriting under the new scheme we are using, I was VERY impressed. I also had a visit from Kamil (Wren) and Frankie (Sparrowhawk) who wanted to share their excellent writing with me! All of these children went away with an item from my stash.

Speaking of excellent work, now seems like a perfect time to announce our Praise Point Champions for this week:

BEN (Sparrowhawk) is our UPPER school champion

JUDE (Merlin) is our LOWER school champions

I am so proud of you both! 5 points have been added to your totals!

Finally from me, I need your help with school dinners please! This week we have had more than usual numbers of children coming to the hatch without pre-ordering a dinner (so nothing cooked for them) or having a packed lunch with a school dinner ordered that is then wasted (we don't know that they're not going to eat that dinner until they come to the hatch so we are not able to reallocate this food to a child who hasn't pre-ordered). Please help us with this so all children have the food they want/have ordered and we waste as little food as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend, we look forward to welcoming you to school on Monday at 8.40am when the gates open!

Shout Out



Multi-Sports Event

We were very excited to take our first KS1 trip out in our new minibus! We had a fantastic morning at the Multi-Sports Event, and the sun was shining for us once again! The children enjoyed taking part in a variety of fun activities, with the Hungry Hippo ball game being a particular favourite! It was wonderful to see the children working together as a team, encouraging one another and cheering their friends on. Everyone joined in with such enthusiasm and showed fantastic teamwork throughout the morning. We had a brilliant time and were very proud of them all!

Miss Henson





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.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Many hands make a difference

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



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



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



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 caring.

FOUNDATION

Lovely Lark - ISLA - because she is such a kind and caring friend to everyone. She always makes others feel welcome and often invites her friends to join in with her games and play. It is lovely to see how thoughtful and considerate she is towards others and how she helps everyone to feel included. Well done, Isla!

Super Starling - ISAAC - Isaac has been showing such lovely caring behaviour towards the adults in our classroom this week. He is always thoughtful and loves to give kind compliments, making the adults around him feel happy and appreciated.

YEARS 1 AND 2

Wonderful Woodpecker – DYLAN - for being caring towards another Year 1 student and reading to him every morning.

Marvelous Merlin - JOSH - He is such a kind and compassionate member of Merlin class. He is always willing to help others and is caring to all of the members of the year group. Well done Josh! Keep being caring!

Clever Kite - JAKE - Jake takes great care and pride in his work and is always looking for ways to improve. He is also a caring and supportive class friend who is always willing to help his peers. Well done, Jake!

YEARS 3 AND 4

Remarkable Raven - GABRIEL - He has worked so hard on his handwriting and is really taking care over his work. He has really impressed all of the adults in school this week! Well done Gabriel!

Brilliant Buzzard - GRACE - because she always put so much effort and attention towards her presentation. She is always finding new ways to challenge herself to become the best that she can be. The care she shows in the classroom and towards the class help create an amazing environment for her peers. You are amazing! Keep up the fantastic start to the year!

Spectacular Sparrowhawk - BEN - because he has taken great care and pride in his work this week, producing creative and beautifully presented sentences in English.

YEAR 5

Ready Wren - SOPHIA - is such a caring individual. She cares about her learning, making her handwriting the best it can be. She cares about the classroom, helping to keep it neat and tidy. She also cares about the other children in Wren class, helping them to be their best.

Perfect Pigeon - ALBIE - Our perfect pigeon this week is Albie because we have been so impressed with the way he has settled into year 5. He is always ready to learn, he cares about his work and is an excellent role model. Well done Albie!

YEAR 6

Dedicated Dove - POPPY - always cares for the presentation of her work in all subjects. She cares for others and the classroom environment.

Jubilant Jackdaw - MAISIE - is always kind and caring. She cares about her work and especially responding to advice and corrections. She is caring for her friends and the classroom environment.

Housekeeping

Vacancies

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.

Road Safety



We have received some reports from concerned parents that Little Paxton Children aren't being particularly safe on their bikes and scooters to and from school.

Please remind your children of the importance of being safe on the road.

Census Day Thursday 1st October

Thank you to all who placed orders for school lunch yesterday, burger day was a success.

IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



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**

November

Friday 6th - Non uniform Hamper Day- Bring a Xmas item to school to add to your class hamper (The best hamper wins a Class Prize)

Friday 6th- School disco all years **EYFS/Year 1 & Year 2 -4pm-4.45pm** Year 3 & Year 4 - 5pm-5.45pm **Year 5 & Year 6- 6pm-7pm**

Thursday 12th- Hilltop Parents Information Meeting- 6pm (Virtual meeting link will be sent via dojo)

Wednesday 18th-Parent Drop in all years 3.20pm-4pm (meet by the garden area)

Wednesday 18th- Parent information evening 6pm onwards (Our Curriculum)

Friday 20th - Children in Need day Non Uniform (bring a donation for Children In Need)

Wednesday 25th - Send Parents Evening 3.30-5pm in person, invites will be sent out

Monday 30th - Staff Training Day - **School Closed**

Dates may be subject to change.

Events and clubs for you



Exciting news! Your child has the opportunity to join their very own band through fun weekly music lessons here at our school.

Through weekly band lessons, children can learn drums, electric guitar, keyboard or vocals, play songs they know and love, build confidence and enjoy making music with their bandmates. **All instruments are provided and no previous experience is needed.**

If your child would like to join, you can enrol them here:

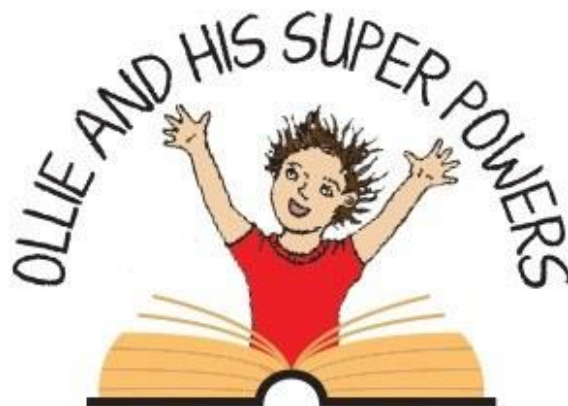
[Click Here to Enrol Your Child](#)

(If you're not sure whether iRock is right for your child, all new starters are covered by a **first lesson money-back guarantee.**)

To find out more, iRock has created a short year-group guide showing what children can learn and achieve through the **iRock curriculum** at each stage of primary school.

[Learn more about iRock by year](#)

If you have any questions, the iRock team will be happy to help. Please contact them on 0330 174 2655 or info@irockschool.com.



Many parents are trying to support children with anxiety, big emotions or challenging behaviour but do not know where to turn. This welcoming evening could help them understand what may be happening beneath the surface and introduce them to a different form of support.

The event is not only for professionals or people interested in becoming coaches. It is for anyone who wants to understand emotions differently and discover how the Ollie Model could help a child, family, school or organisation.

HEMINGFORD GREY - Cambridgeshire

Wednesday 7 October at 7pm

The Hemingford Pavilion

Manor Road

Hemingford Grey

Huntingdon

PE28 9BX

Tickets are just £5.

Book here:

<https://bit.ly/OllieHEMINGFORD>

There will be no complicated jargon and no pressure. It will be a warm, practical and thought-provoking evening with real conversations, useful insights and plenty of opportunities to ask questions.

We would love to welcome members of your team. Please also share the attached information with your staff, parents, carers and wider school community.

One evening could change the way someone understands a child's emotions and give them a clearer idea of what to do next.

With best wishes,

The Ollie Team, Ollie and His Super Powers



Learn to Save a Life

Minutes Matter!!!



FREE

Defibrillator Awareness Training



26th October @ Hub Little Paxton
2026 2 Samuel Jones
7pm - 9pm Crescent, PE19 2QY



**It takes only 5
minutes to
save a life!**



The session is run by the **Community HeartBeat Trust**.
Refreshments will be provided!





TALENT DANCE ACADEMY

I am delighted to be able to invite your child along to the Talent Dance Academy,
After School Musical Theatre Club at Little Paxton Primary School
In Autumn Term 2 we are very lucky to be able to offer your child the exciting opportunity to attend
our club!

Children will get the chance to learn a routine to a popular song, use our props and costumes, learn
new tricks and skills and play dance based games within their lessons and put on a mini
performance for you at the end of the half term.

Children will meet their coach in the hall with all their belongings.
We ask that you officially sign up your child with us before you send them to the club.

Watching week will be on Tuesday 8th December

Club	Cost	Times	Day & Dates	Venue & Coach
Musical Theatre Year 1 to 6	6 weeks £36.00	3.15pm- 4.15pm Collection from School Office	Tuesdays 3 rd November to the 8 th December	Hall Miss Harriet

There are some pupil premium funded spaces available for our clubs!
Please get in contact with the office for more information and assistance before you
book.
A code will then be issued to you to input into the website, to help with the cost.

HOW TO APPLY
Please go to www.talentedanceacademy.co.uk and follow the "Book Now" instructions
online.

Places are limited so it is essential you book and pay online!
Children will need to bring a PE/ Dance kit and trainers with them.

If you would like more information about our clubs, or are having difficulty with signing up online,
please email talentedanceacademy@hotmail.co.uk and we will be more than happy to answer any questions
and assist you.

You can go to our website www.talentedanceacademy.co.uk or also find us on Facebook
"Talent Dance Academy".
Here you will find lots of useful information and also our up-and-coming camps, and events.

Many thanks and we are very excited to welcome your child to our club!

Charlotte Cooney
Head Coach

PRIMARY SPORTS STARS

AUTUMN 2 AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

@ LITTLE PAXTON PRIMARY

Join us for another exciting half term of after-school sport
in a welcoming, inclusive environment. Fun, active sessions
led by qualified coaches to help children build confidence,
stay active and enjoy sport.



CLUB TIMETABLE

TUESDAY	HOCKEY
WEDNESDAY	FOOTBALL
THURSDAY	MULTISPORT
FRIDAY	BASKETBALL

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS
3:15 – 4:15pm

£6 per session

CLUB INFORMATION

- Primary school aged children
- Qualified coaches
- Inclusive sessions
- Build confidence
- Fun, friends & fitness

Further clubs may be added in the future.

BOOK NOW!

SCAN TO BOOK
YOUR PLACE!

If you signed up for re-enrollment, check your emails for confirmation.

Book here:
www.primarysportsstarscambridge.co.uk/clubs-camps
Email:
psscambsnorth@gmail.com

PRIMARY SPORTS STARS

BUCKDEN OCTOBER CAMP

THEMED DAYS AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER – MEGA SPORTS DAY

- Classic camp favourites
- Football, dodgeball, archery, tennis and team games
- Fun challenges, competitions and prizes
- A great day to settle in, get active and enjoy the camp

WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER – HALLOWEEN SPORTS CHALLENGE

- Monster dodgeball
- Pumpkin points challenge
- Ghost tag
- Haunted obstacle course
- Optional Halloween colours or sporty fancy dress

THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER – OLYMPICS DAY

- Children compete in teams
- Points earned across the day
- Sprint races, relays and target events
- Team challenges and a medal-style finale

A TYPICAL CAMP DAY

	08:30 – 09:00 Arrival
	09:00 – 10:30 Morning sports sessions
	10:30 – 11:00 Morning break
	11:00 – 12:30 Mid morning sports sessions
	12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
	13:30 – 15:00 Afternoon sports session
	15:00 – 15:30 Prize giving and pickup

SCAN TO BOOK

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!

Buckden Primary

08:30 – 15:30 each day

£30 per day or £80 for all 3 days

Only 30 spaces each day

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

Email: psscambsnorth@gmail.com

PRIMARY SPORTS STARS

2026 OCTOBER SPORTS CAMP

@ BUCKDEN PRIMARY

After ten successful camps, we're excited to launch our eleventh at Buckden Primary! Open to primary school aged children, our camp is the perfect way to stay active, make friends and enjoy three exciting themed days, with daily competitions and prizes!

3 THEMED DAYS
ONLY 30 SPACES EACH DAY

★ THEMED DAYS

Tuesday 27th October
MEGA SPORTS DAY

Wednesday 28th October
HALLOWEEN SPORTS CHALLENGE

Thursday 29th October
OLYMPICS DAY

i CAMP INFORMATION

Buckden Primary

Primary school aged children

08:30AM – 3:30PM

Tuesday 27th – Thursday 29th October

£30 per day or £80 for all 3 days

BOOK NOW!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!

PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

08:30AM – 3:30PM

DAILY COMPETITIONS & PRIZES

QUALIFIED COACHES

FUN, FRIENDS & FITNESS

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

Email: psscambsnorth@gmail.com

Education Inclusion Family Advisor Online drop-in sessions

October 2026

30-minute bookable appointment slots available throughout the day on

**Thursday 8th October
and
Monday 19th October**



Use one of the following to book a 1:1 meeting with your
EIFA via Microsoft Teams
Email katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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



Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence
- Any other family challenges you might be facing

Education Inclusion Family Advisor Online workshop

Managing Mealtimes workshop

Finding mealtimes challenging and stressful?

This workshop will cover building and creating positive food experiences, increasing successful mealtimes and how we can keep calm, manage emotions and respond positively to our children at mealtimes.



Thursday 22nd October 2026
12.00 – 13.30

Please sign up by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code and completing the registration form.

[Managing Mealtimes EIFA workshop](#)



Links to these workshops will be immediately sent out after completing your request to join.

Handouts will be sent to attendees after the workshop has ended.

If you experience any difficulties in signing up for these workshops, please email your EIFA katie.smith@cambridgeshire.gov.uk who can assist you further.

If you are looking for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life, please email your EIFA to request a 1:1 appointment.

cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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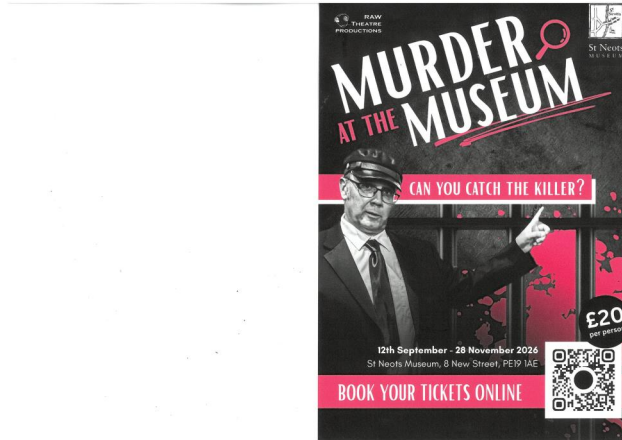
OCTOBER 26-29

Now available to book ▼



Norwich City Football Development October Half term holiday camps are open for children from 5 - 14.

Please find the booking link here - <https://www.abler.io/shop/ncfcd/holidaycamps>



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