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YOUR WEEKLY "HELLO" FROM MISS O

Hello and happy Thursday to our wonderful Little Paxton families,

It seems strange writing to you on a Thursday but don't worry, I still have lots to tell you (as always I hear you all cry). We have packed so much into the final four days of this half term. Remember that tomorrow is our training day, so please enjoy your days at home!

I am honestly so proud of our children. They have coped incredibly well with a very busy 8 week half term to start the new school year. A special well done to our new EYFS children who have settled into school so brilliantly. A massive thanks to our incredible staff team who have been amazing in ensuring the children have made such brilliant starts to their new year groups. I would be lost without the fantastic team of people who make Little Paxton so great and work so well!

On Friday last week, after my deadline for my Paxton Press article, Mrs Caunt came into school to deliver Black History sessions to each phase. It was wonderful to work with Mrs Caunt as we celebrated Black History Month, the theme was 'Honouring our Communities'. The children were so thoughtful during these sessions and joined in so well. I was blown away by some of their answers and their understanding of how we, as a school community, make a difference in the lives of others. It was wonderful to be reminded that 'little contributions can shape communities'. I look forward to working with Mrs Caunt in the future. Our week started with our half termly poetry assembly. Each class learns a poem and performs it to the rest of the school. Mr Simkin does a fantastic job organising this. I think there have been some photos and videos shared on individual Dojos. It has been wonderful to welcome many of you to school for our first parents' evening of the school year. Just a reminder that our next drop in is happening in November if you didn't manage to finish your discussions, you are also welcome to pop your child's teacher a Dojo message if there is anything else you wanted to know/have clarification on.

Sue Bowman, our School Improvement Advisor, and Mr Fairbairn (one of our governors) visited school yesterday. The purpose of this visit was to talk to some of our children and do some 'case sampling' as though we were being inspected just to check we are where we should be in as a school. My favourite part of the day was hearing a group of children talking about what helps them in school, their perspective on what is good about Little Paxton and their learning. Both Sue and I were very impressed with their answers, their honesty and also how much fun they were to spend time with. Well done to Luna, Reu, Sophia and Harry P (all from Year 5). I will be able to share more about the visit with you when I have the report back.

Speaking of amazing children, it's time to announce our praise point champions. Congratulations to ...

Upper School - Imogen (Wren Class) & Isabelle (Sparrowhawk Class)

Lower School - Ella (Kite Class), Ronnie (Merlin Class), Elijah W (Merlin Class) & Pippa (Merlin Class)

Well done to you all! An extra 5 praise points have been added to your totals!

I love hearing about what our children have been getting up to outside of school and I have had some lovely news shared with me about Emily (Year 6) and Willow (Year 1) and their football. Both girls play for local teams and we definitely have future Lionesses on our hands. At the beginning of the month Emily's mum got in touch to let me know that Emily had scored her first goal for her new football team and this helped them to win their very first match as well. I know her family are very proud of Emily, as are we, so I thought she deserved a shout out in The Press. Willow's mum got in touch this week to share that Willow had been selected as player of the match for the second time for her amazing performances on the football pitch. She then was invited to trails at two football academies AND got offer a place for the rest of the season at Cambridge United. We are so proud of Willow and her successes! Well done Emily and Willow!

Thank you to all those who took part in our 'Final Day Fundraiser' and wore non school uniform on Thursday. Your £1 fines will make such a difference to our school, enabling us to continue to offer the "extras" alongside our brilliant curriculum. Next half term is always one of my favourite half terms in the run up to Christmas, but it's also one of the busiest. The school value we will be focussing on is CURIOUS (more to follow on that). I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this half term (we really do have the best school community EVER) and to wish you, and your families, a lovely break. We look forward to welcoming toy back to school on Monday 2nd November at 8.40am when the gates open.



Team Paxton

OPAL Sponsored Bounce Day!

Save the date - Thursday 5th November!

Sponsorship forms have been sent home with your child today! QR code below to sponsorship form.

We are joining 75 other UK schools taking part in OPALS sponsored bounce which will be taking place on this year's Outdoor Classroom Day (Thursday 5th November)!

This is fantastic, fun-filled opportunity for us to raise some funds for our lunchtime OPAL provision.

We will be skipping, hopping, jumping, dancing and bouncing our way through the day.





Poppy Appeal 2026



Our fabulous school captains, Harriet, Seb, Euan and Juliette have been working hard selling Poppies for this years British Legion Poppy Appeal. Well done guys you have been amazing and the collection pot is very heavy.

Thank you to everyone who has supported again this year.

Shout Out



Emily





Well done Emily for scoring your first goal for your new football team, which went on to help you win your first match!

Goooaaal!

Willow!



Willow's been offered a permanent place for the entire season at Cambridge United Girls Under 8's. he Opportunity reflects her hard work and Potential!

Well Done Willow!

Harrison and Leo





The cake sale at the weekend went down a treat and they even had some more to sell in our staff room and on the playground after school on Monday (which went like hot cakes!)

In total the team raised £200 for the school and £200 for Little Paxton Colts U8 football team - yay! We are over the moon, Thank you!

Little Paxton School Association (LPSA)

Don't forget to purchase a ticket for the school disco on Friday 6th November!

Also Friday 6th November is Non Uniform day (no theme) and the "fine" is to bring a Christmas Themed item for the class hamper to be raffled off at the school Christmas fair.





Workers of the Week



1 - This ***half term we are celebrating being caring.***

FOUNDATION

Lovely Lark - ELLA *- is always caring towards her friends and adults. She shares well and always shows respect to our class and our environment. You are a role model Ella!*

Super Starling - ***PHOEBE*** - For always showing our school value of **Caring**! Phoebe is such a kind and thoughtful member of our class, always looking out for her friends and offering a helping hand. She takes wonderful care of our classroom and resources and shows just as much care and pride in her own learning. What a fantastic role model you are, Phoebe! We are so proud of you!

YEARS 1 AND 2

Wonderful Woodpecker – ILLENNA - *because she is always caring towards others and cares lots about keeping our classroom clean and tidy.*

Marvellous Merlin - KAWSU - *This is because he has a fantastic week and showed great care and pride with his work. I have also noticed him being kind to the other children in the classroom. Well done Kawsu, keep being caring!*

Clever Kite - SULLIVAN - *kind and caring member of the class, always doing the right thing and trying his best.*

YEARS 3 AND 4

Remarkable Raven - PHOEBE - *She is always so kind and caring to everyone! She also takes so much care over her work, especially her handwriting. Well done Phoebe!*

Brilliant Buzzard - OLIVIA - *because she has been so helpful within the class trying to support with any jobs, she has taken so much care with her presentation in her book and finally she has been an amazing friend to many people in the class with her kindness. Keep up the good work!*

Spectacular Sparrowhawk - TIWA - *because she consistently shows kindness and care towards her peers and adults in the classroom. She always takes great pride in her work and sets a wonderful example to others.*

YEAR 5

Ready Wren - SEBASTIAN - *is our final Ready Wren of the half-term because he has shown a caring attitude throughout all of our lessons. He wants to succeed and he puts in the effort to do so!*

Perfect Pigeon - ETTA - *Our perfect pigeon this week is Etta because she has had an excellent first term in year 5. She is taking care with her handwriting, trying hard to use our new letter formations and has a brilliant attitude to school. We are so proud of you Etta!*

YEAR 6

Dedicated Dove - *We will roll over this week's Dedicated Dove to the first week after half term.*

Jubilant Jackdaw - JESSICA - *for caring about the class and classroom and maintaining her monitor job consistently and independently for a whole half a term! Thank you for being so enthusiastic and responsible.*

Housekeeping

Tempest - Individual School Photos

Your child will have brought home their photo card which will allow you to order their individual and sibling photos.

The closing date for **free delivery** back to school Is **Tuesday 3rd November. Order through the Tempest website using your unique code - visit** www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest at customerservice@htempest.co.uk

E-Bikes & Scooters

Cambridgeshire Police are continuing to advise that the use of non-authorised e-scooters on public roads is not lawful. The only e-scooters that are permitted to be used are the official council schemes, which are unavailable to under 18-year-olds.

e-scooters are classified as motor vehicles and need to be fully compliant, with those riding having a driving licence and insurance. As you are unable to obtain e-scooter insurance they are not to be used on public roads or in public areas. Official schemes do have insurance in effect, and check driving licences.

Did you know you can only ride an e-bike it if meets certain requirements and you are 14 years or over?

Electric bikes are also known as ‘electronically assisted pedal cycles (EAPC)’ or e-bikes. E-bikes must have pedals that can be used to propel it, and it must show either the power output, or manufacturer of the motor and either the batteries voltage, or maximum speed of the bike.

The electric motor must have a maximum power output of 250W, and should not be able to propel the bike when it is travelling more than 15.5mph.

If an e-bike **does not** meet these requirements then it is classed as a motorcycle or moped, and needs to be **registered, taxed and insured,** you also need a **driving licence** and to **wear a helmet**.

If you are riding an e-bike which does not meet these requirements and it is not registered, taxed or insured, your e-bike **COULD BE SEIZED.**





e-scooters & the law...

While you can legally buy an e-scooter in the UK, you cannot ride it on a public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place it can be used is on private land.

What happens if I am stopped by the police?

You will be advised on the law and may be asked to take your e-scooter home.

Depending on the seriousness of the offence, you could receive a Fixed Penalty Notice which includes a fine and up to six penalty points.

Offences, which may result in penalties, include riding without insurance and a driving licence, riding on the footpath, using a mobile phone, riding through red lights and drink driving offences.

Did you know?

e-scooters are treated as motor vehicles by the Department of Transport and are subject to the same legal requirement as other vehicles, such as MOT, licencing, tax and insurance.

They don't always have number plates, signalling ability or visible rear lights and cannot be used legally on the roads.

Cambridge is taking part in a government trial with e-scooter hire company VOI. You must be at least 18 and hold a valid driving licence to hire one.

Call: **101**
Visit: **www.cambs.police.uk**
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New Winter Schoolgrid Menu (effective after half term)



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Winter Menu 26

• WEEK 1: 1 Sept, 21 Sept, 12 Oct, 2 Nov, 23 Nov, 14 Dec, 4 Jan, 25 Jan, 22 Feb, 15 Mar • WEEK 2: 7 Sept, 28 Sept, 19 Oct, 9 Nov, 30 Nov, 11 Jan, 1 Feb, 1 Mar, 22 Mar • WEEK 3: 14 Sept, 5 Oct, 16 Nov, 7 Dec, 18 Jan, 8 Feb, 8 Mar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL 1	Pork Sausages & Gravy	Mexican Bean Burrito (v)	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Chicken Pie & Gravy	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry (Ve)	Mac 'n' Cheese (v)	Roast Quorn Fillet with Stuffing & Gravy (Ve)	Breaded Bean & Vegetable Grill (Ve)	Margherita Pizza (v)
SIDE DISH	Mashed Potatoes or Brown & White Rice	Diced Potatoes or Herby Garlic Bread	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Mashed Potatoes or Pasta	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
JACKET POTATO VARIOUS	Grated Cheese (v), Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese & Beans (v), Tuna Mayo	Grated Cheese (v), Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese & Beans (v)	Grated Cheese (v), Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese & Beans (v), Tuna Mayo	Grated Cheese (v), Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese & Beans (v), Tuna Mayo	Grated Cheese (v), Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese & Beans (v), Tuna Mayo
COLD OPTION FIXED	Salmon Mayo Baguette	Cheese Baguette (v)	Ham Baguette	Chicken Mayo Baguette	Egg Mayo Baguette (v)
DESSERT	Oat & Raisin Cookie (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Wedges (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Jelly (Ve)	Apple Crumble & Custard (v)	Chocolate Brick Wall (Ve)

MAIN MEAL 1	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Sweet & Tangy Sauce	Chicken Curry	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Quorn Burger (v)	Battered Fish
MAIN MEAL 2	Sunshine Eggs with Baked Beans (v)	Cheese Pinwheel (v)	Quorn Pieces with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy (v)	Veggie Bolognese (Ve)	Margherita Pizza (v)
SIDE DISH	Brown & White Rice or Potato Wedges	Brown & White Rice or Diced Potatoes	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Potato Wedges or Spaghetti	Potato Wedges or Tricolour Pasta
JACKET POTATO VARIOUS	Grated Cheese (v), Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese & Beans (v), Tuna Mayo	Grated Cheese (v), Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese & Beans (v), Tuna Mayo	Grated Cheese (v), Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese & Beans (v), Tuna Mayo	Grated Cheese (v), Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese & Beans (v)	Samon Mayo, Grated Cheese (v), Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese & Beans (v), Tuna Mayo
COLD OPTION FIXED	Tuna Mayo Baguette	Ham Baguette	Chicken Mayo Baguette	Cheese Baguette (v)	Egg Mayo Baguette (v)
DESSERT	Shortbread (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Wedges (Ve)	Fresh Fruit Jelly (Ve)	Pear & Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Custard	Jammy Cookie (Ve)

MAIN MEAL 1	Beef Bolognese	Quorn Hotdog (v)	Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Burger	Fish Fillet Fingers
MAIN MEAL 2	Vegan Quorn Sausage & Gravy (Ve)	Roasted Veg Lasagne (v)	Beany Pasta Bake (Ve)	Baked Bean Slice (Ve)	Margherita Pizza (v)
SIDE DISH	Spaghetti or Potato Wedges	Diced Potatoes or Herby Garlic Bread	Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta	Diced Potatoes or Pasta	Chips or Tricolour Pasta
JACKET POTATO VARIOUS	Grated Cheese (v), Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese & Beans (v), Tuna Mayo	Grated Cheese (v), Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese & Beans (v)	Grated Cheese (v), Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese & Beans (v), Tuna Mayo	Grated Cheese (v), Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese & Beans (v), Tuna Mayo	Grated Cheese (v), Baked Beans (Ve), Cheese & Beans (v), Tuna Mayo
COLD OPTION FIXED	Tuna Mayo Baguette	Cheese Baguette (v)	Ham Baguette	Chicken Mayo Baguette	Egg Baguette (v)
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Wedges (Ve)	Carrot Cake (v)	Fresh Fruit Jelly (Ve)	Apple Charlotte Pudding & Custard (v)	Chocolate Raisin Cookie (Ve)

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A variety of fruit, vegetables and salads are served daily.

V = Vegetarian Ve = Vegan

IMPORTANT! Dates to remember



October

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

November

Thursday 5th - OPAL Sponsored Bounce Day - (Sponsorship forms to follow)

Thursday 5th - Year 4 Parent / Carer Lunch

Friday 6th - Non uniform Hamper Day- Bring a Christmas 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**

Tuesday 10th -Year 4 Parent / Carer Lunch

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



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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.

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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

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PRIMARY SPORTS STARS

2026 OCTOBER SPORTS CAMP

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THEMED DAYS

- Tuesday 27th October – MEGA SPORTS DAY
- Wednesday 28th October – HALLOWEEN SPORTS CHALLENGE
- Thursday 29th October – OLYMPICS DAY

CAMP INFORMATION

- Buckden Primary
- Primary school aged children
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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/ncfcfd/holidaycamps





STEAM Club

St Neots Library

Saturdays 21 Nov, 5 Dec, 16 Jan, 27 Feb, 13 Mar and 24 Apr 10-11am

Perfect for inquisitive children. Enjoy **STEM** activities with a creative **arts** element. Dr Winnie Lui-Roberts will be leading the club. Participants must commit to all 6 sessions.

Age: 8 – 11. Limited spaces. Please book at the library desk.

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Free Topps Match Attax 20th Anniversary Event This Half Term

Topps Match Attax is celebrating 20 years with a **free family event at Olympia London this October half term**. It promises to be a fun event for young football fans and collectors, with a packed day of football activities, competitions, card swapping, creator appearances and a Guiness World RecordsTM attempt.

When: **Wednesday 28th October 2026, 11am – 3pm**

Where: **Olympia London, Hammersmith**

Admission: **FREE**

The event is free to attend, but spaces may be limited, so families are encouraged to register in advance. Full details about the event can be found HERE.


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