

THE LEARNING LOOP

MESSAGES FROM SLT

This week has been wonderful,

All classes have been out on their end of year trips, and they have shown so many qualities it has made us both proud to be at Papworth.

Classes have been to some Escape rooms, Hamerton Zoo, the cinema and Anglesey Abbey. They have experienced many new things and have shown how all of those life skills that we find out about and practice at school are so worthwhile. Independence, risk taking, listening to instructions, growth in confidence and resilience have been seen this week. The adults have all come back exhausted but so happy that our children have been able to visit different places with their peers.

As this week winds down to a cooler weekend, we look forward to our transition week. Classes will be making their learning environments their own, with some of the children already creating their own displays. We look forward to seeing how the spaces evolve. The library will begin to take shape as will other rooms around the school which when they are completed we will share some pictures with you all in September. We look forward to seeing you at Sports Day and don't forget to bring some pennies for refreshments and some items that have been made by students!

Have a lovely weekend.
Carolyn and Jane.

IMPORTANT DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Last day (1/2 day) - 17th July
Sports Day: 17th July 11.00-13.00
Summer Break: 17th July - 28th August
Bank Holiday: 31st August
Inset Days - 1st and 2nd September

REMINDERS

- We are a **nut-free** setting, please ensure lunches and snacks are free from all nut products.
<https://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk/education/>
- Any **devices** that are brought into school will need to be turned off and handed over to the team once onsite.
- Please note our **sickness policy**: sickness and diarrhea require 48hrs from last bout of illness
- **Absence forms** available on our website - please ensure you give sufficient time for these to be reviewed by the team.

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GRAFHAM

What a week of rest and recharge! 🥱 We've been honoring everyone's need for a slower pace, and honestly, it's been exactly what we all needed. Our little learners wrapped up their final phonics assessment 📖, and they did wonderfully showing off everything they've learned. We've spent as much time as possible outside ☀️ (considering the heat) and begun preparing to move to our new class next week.

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PAXTON

Paxton's week at school: we have started our transition for next year gradually by moving classroom from our downstairs room to the old art room. The students were involved in moving their own desk items and some of the classroom equipment. The students have settled in really well into the new upstairs room, with the only downside being that our move has coincided with the latest heatwave and upstairs is warmer than downstairs. We have all been doing our best to keep cool in the hot weather. We have managed to continue doing our Daily Mile walks this week by managing to walk near the shade of the trees towards the woods and we have enjoyed the cooler temperatures offered by the foliage in the woods. In lessons we have been focusing on NCFE Functional Skills Entry Level 1 English assessments, sitting Reading and Writing assessments this week, whilst also preparing to do Speaking, Listening and Communication tasks. Our other main focus this week has been on the careers module we have been doing this year in Paxton. This week we invited Nicola Fenn our school Careers Lead to speak to us.



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HARDWICK

What a fantastic final week! 🎉 It has been such a pleasure being Hardwick class's teacher this year. Every single student has been an absolute delight, and I've genuinely loved every moment with this wonderful group!

This week we kept things relaxed and simply enjoyed each other's company. 🎲 We spent our time playing endless card games, board games, and social games—and honestly, the laughter was contagious!

Our absolute highlight? 🍿 A trip to the cinema to watch Minions vs Monsters, followed by a visit to McDonald's! The students were brilliant throughout—they took the loud noises, bright lights, and exciting energy completely in stride. It was truly a lovely day that I'll remember fondly.

Have a fabulous weekend! ✨ Enjoy transition, and here's to new adventures ahead! 😊

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WYTON

Wyton have been taking advantage of the courtyard this week to evade the worst of the heat.

Each day we start the day as normal in Wyton in order to retain our structure and routine, before transporting our mobile classroom outdoors. The learning is the same; just adapted, and learners still benefit from resources such as their sensory toolkits, now/next boards, visual timers and so on.

Well done Wyton for adapting so effortlessly!

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CAXTON

Caxton Class had an amazing time on our trip to Hamerton Zoo this week! We walked all over the zoo, seeing animals large and small, with plenty of snack and water breaks along the way. Some of our highlights included the white tiger (he was beautiful), the brightly coloured parrots, the incredibly noisy marmosets and the gibbons, who swung around their enclosure like some of our learners like to swing around the garden! We met some very friendly giant tortoises and investigated a huge range of eggs and feathers, too. Our learners were super patient when they needed to wait a bit to make sure everyone was ready to go, and kind in showing their favourite animals to each other – the Caxton team had a lovely day out!

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BARTON

What an absolutely roaring 🦁 week we've had! Our class ventured to the zoo and it was nothing short of spectacular.

From the moment our coach arrived, everyone was ready for adventure. Once we stepped through those gates, we were greeted by an incredible array of animals 🐅 🦒 🦊. The highlight? Getting up close and personal with a magnificent white tiger lounging in its cool spot. Those paws were absolutely enormous—we couldn't believe our eyes!

After soaking in all the amazing sights and colours, we settled down for a well-deserved picnic lunch 🍎. Refueled and refreshed, the children bounded over to the play park where the real fun began! There was plenty of running, laughing, and joyful play 🎉. What impressed me most was watching everyone take turns and share the equipment so kindly—true teamwork in action.

As we climbed back onto our nice cool coach for the journey home, the smiles on every single face said it all. What a wonderful day celebrating curiosity, friendship, and adventure! ✨

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STAR MOMENTS



Paxton: students staying calm and focused to complete their Reading and Writing assessments. Well done!

Caxton Class have been great at showing kindness to each other this week, sharing their favourite things with their friends and helping each other out.

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OUR VALUES

At Papworth Hall School we are committed to enhancing the lives of all our young people through education preparing them for life in the community.

We support our children to be:

Safe – be safe, feel safe, and understand risk
Understanding – be effective and successful communicators

Kind – be kind to all around them, to understand and respect the needs of others

Happy – be healthy and happy individuals who enjoy coming to school

Ambitious – have goals and dreams for their futures and be supported to achieve them

Successful – find regular achievement and celebrate this as part of a community.

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Wyton: Star of the week is this young writer who worked fully independently to expand 3 cue words into full sentences. The progress they have shown this year is stupendous!

To expand	visual	cue	into	a	full	sentence	Full support
Date	Oth						Scaffolded
							Independent
boy		playing		iPad			
The boy is playing on the iPad							
cat		running		dog			
The cat is running from the dog							
goose		swimming		lake			
Goose is swimming in the lake							

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FEATURE OF THE WEEK



Paxton: we really enjoyed our end of term activity at Escape Hunt in Cambridge followed by lunch at McDonald's. The students worked well as a team to solve the various challenges on the theme of King Arthur and Merlin in the Excalibur activity. We did manage to set the sword free from the stone! The challenges were cleverly planned and created and the staff at Escape Hunt were very nice with us.



Grafham: Our students have been channeling their inner artists, crafting some truly special pieces that will be on display during sports day. There's so much creativity and care, and we absolutely cannot wait for you to see what they've made! 🌟

