

Hello and Welcome to the Autumn term 2025

It has been fantastic to have the children start their learning journey at Paxton Academy. They are all settling in well and are beginning to get used to the routines and structures of the classroom.

We have an exciting term ahead and we are looking forward to getting to know you all throughout the academic year.

A little about Miss Bediako

I am so excited to be teaching Nursery this year and to watch the children grow and develop into creative learners, all while having fun along the way! My favourite colour is pink and I enjoy travelling to different places to have a range of exciting experiences.

I aim to create a classroom that feels safe, happy and full of joy, a space where children can truly thrive and explore their curiosity. I am looking forward to being a part of each child's learning journey and helping them to build the foundations for a love of learning.

Whole school text

This term as a school we will be reading 'Almost Anything' written by the author and illustrator Sophy Hen. This is a story about a character, who with his friend's support, discovers that the magic inside of him, helping him to believe in his own abilities. It explores themes of self-belief, resilience, courage, and perseverance. Children across the school will study this book for the first two weeks of the term and will create wonderful pieces of work to be displayed proudly in our school corridors.

Curriculum

In Nursery, the children follow a play-based curriculum based on the statutory framework for the Early Years. Children have access to inside and outside play, so please ensure children are dressed appropriately for all weathers.

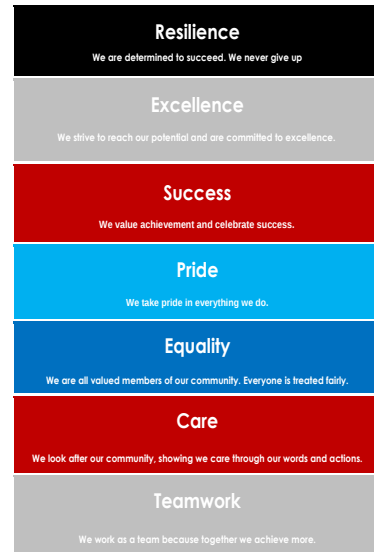
This half term our topic is about, 'Family' and we will be learning about ourselves and our family. We are going to learn about why family is important and different types of families.

We are focusing on developing relationships with others, sharing and taking turns. **Please bring in a named photograph of your child with their family for learning activities.**

Please remember to make sure that all of your child's clothes are labelled and to bring a bag with a spare change of clothes.

Our Core Values

At Paxton, our Core Values weave a thread across all aspects of school life. They are displayed in every classroom and provide the children and staff with a common language which binds us together and creates articulate, confident leaders of tomorrow.



Homework Expectations

Reading

Your child will bring home one book, a reading for pleasure book, for you to read to your child, discussing the pictures and asking questions about what they have heard. Please try and read every night.

Phonics

Phonics is taught daily, using the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Foundations for Phonics programme.

During Autumn 1, we will be learning how to:

- join in and recite nursery rhymes,
- listen carefully to sounds and describe them,
- identify initial sounds,
- recognise and make rhymes.

www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabSupportForPhonics

Parent Phonics Workshop:

It is imperative that you attend the phonics workshop (dates coming soon) where we will provide information on how to support your child reading at home.

**Miss Bediako
and Miss Nasimbwa**