

Hello and Welcome to the Autumn term 2025

It has been fantastic to have the children start their learning journey at Paxton Academy. They have all settled 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.

Please ensure that all belongings have names written on them and your child brings a Paxton Academy school bag and water bottle each day.

A little about Miss Headley

I am very excited for you all to join us in Reception! I love reading, cooking new recipes and travelling to new destinations! One of my passions is reading and I can't wait to share this with you and to help you all become fluent readers, who love to read as well!

A little about Miss Chong

I am super excited to be in Reception. A few of my favourite things to do are baking, learning new things and travelling to new countries. One of my biggest aims is to create independent, motivated and confident children, ready for the world!

Whole school text

This term as a school we will be reading 'Almost Anything' written by the author and illustrator Sophy Henn. This is a powerful story about a character, who with his friend's support, discovers that the magic is 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 Reception, 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 have a coat.

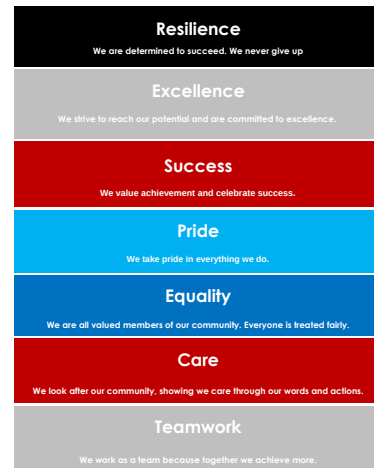
This half term our topic is, 'All About Me.' We are learning about ourselves and our family. We are going to learn about how we have changed since we were a baby. We are focussing on developing relationships with others, sharing and taking turns. Please look at the school website for our Autumn 1 curriculum web. **Please bring in a named photograph of your child when they were a baby for our learning activities.**

PE Day

This year, **Reception Blue will have PE on a Thursday, Reception Red will have PE on a Tuesday.** Please ensure your child comes in their full PE kit.

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 two books: one will be a reading for pleasure book, for you to read to your child, discussing the pictures and asking questions about what they have heard. The second will be a decodable reading book. Your child will be familiar with this book and should be able to read it with fluency and automaticity as they will have practiced in class **(these will be sent out from week 4)**. Please read the book each day it is with you and log your reading on Learning with Parents. Log in details will be shared with you soon.

Phonics

Phonics is taught daily, using the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised phonics program.

Each week, we will send home the sounds and tricky words your child has learnt in phonics. Please support your child in practicing saying these sounds and writing them.

Maths

Your child will soon receive their log in details for Numbots and should be accessing this daily to support their mathematical knowledge.

Parent Phonics Workshop:

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