

THE PAKEMAN PRESS

Thank you for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter. We hope you will find its contents useful.



**Pakeman
Primary
School**

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Thank You and Goodbye



Another year has passed by and what a busy and successful year it has been. We would like to say a big thank you for the amazing effort that everyone makes to support our school community. Between us, we make Pakeman very special. As always, our staff have been tremendous. We thank them for their continued commitment to ensure that our children are kept safe and have exceptional learning experiences. We also thank our governing body, our parents and carers and our wonderful team of volunteers for their ongoing invaluable support. We are lucky to have you and very grateful for your dedication. Of course, the biggest thank you goes to all our wonderful children who make Pakeman what it is - such a warm and happy place to be.

Sadly, this year, we are saying goodbye to Harry, Hazel and Leah. They have been incredible assets to our school. We shall miss them very much but wish all three the best of luck as they go on to explore new chapters.



We also take this opportunity to say goodbye to our fantastic year 6 children. Throughout the year, you have been super role models to all the younger children at Pakeman. We wish you all the very best in the next stage of your education. Make sure you come back to visit and share some of your new experiences with us. Good luck to you all.



Summer Fair

Thank you Marcia for organising yet another great summer fair. It was such a delightful, sunny event. Thanks also to the staff, parents and carers who helped with the stalls. We must also send a big thank you to London Fire Brigade for making the experience so much fun for our children. Their visit was awesome!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

END OF TERM

Fri 18th July **at 1.30pm**



Please Note:

Mon 1st Sept - Staff INSET
Tues 2nd Sept - Staff INSET

BACK TO SCHOOL

Wed 3rd September



SUPER STARS



The end of year stars are our **Pakeman Gardeners**, for all their hard work this year in making our school look so colourful and lovely. You've done an amazing job! You are all super stars!



Sports Day

Last week, children across KS1 and KS2 enjoyed a fun-filled Sports Day at Market Road, made even better by the lovely sunshine! Pupils took part in a variety of exciting activities including the sprint, sack race, target throw, javelin, bat and ball, and many more. The day ended with the final races, where children cheered each other on and celebrated many fantastic wins. A huge well done to everyone who took part – you were all stars!



EYFS also held their own sports day on the school premises. A great day had by all!



Creative Comics from Year 3 & 4

A huge well done to our talented young artists - Zainab, Maria, Jameela, Firdaus, Taheem, and Aqeel - for their brilliant comic creations! Their imagination and storytelling shine through in every panel.



They had a fantastic time exploring graphic novels and developed their reading skills along the way.

Special thanks to Bookmark and to Will for guiding and running this fantastic project!



Graduation Day

Congratulations to this super group of 2+ children who, this week, have graduated up to nursery.



F.L.A.M.E. Young Theatre Players

This year, F.L.A.M.E have been visiting Pakeman and working with a group of dedicated children every Wednesday. This group was founded in 1991 to bridge the gap between young people and opportunities in creative arts. They use performing arts as a tool and basis to engage young people in creative writing, music, drama and modern/contemporary/street/creative cultural dance. Last week, the group's work culminated in an amazing creative performance. Thanks to Marcia for organising the group. Also very special thanks to Rochelle and Wendy for their energy, patience and big smiles every week. For anyone interested, the group also run Homework clubs at the Old Fire Station.

Flame to me, is a safe place to dance and play around.
It's a safe place to dance with no-one judging you

But, it's not just dancing, it's using imaginations, being creative making friends, collaborating and that's what flame is to me.

written by Anais



Super Attendance

Six lucky children who had 100% attendance were taken for a special ice cream treat, as a reward for being perfect attenders! Thank you Estelle for taking the children on this special outing. They thoroughly deserved it.



Islington Free Swimming Lessons for the Summer Holidays

Throughout the school holidays Islington Council and Better are offering free swimming lessons to Islington residents and children who go to school in the borough.

Sessions are run by fully qualified teachers who help your child learn to swim and improve their swim safety awareness.

Applications for the Summer Holidays can be made via the link: [Islington Swim](https://www.islington.gov.uk/swim)



FREE Access to Sports Project

The Access to Sports project are offering a range of FREE summer sports activities for young people aged 5 - 19 across Islington.



The Access to Sports project is a community led sports development charity that works across the London boroughs of Islington, Haringey and Hackney. They offer an amazing summer holiday coaching programme across a variety of sports. They have recently launched the new full timetable.

Activities include: multi-sport camps, tennis, basketball and many more including trips, visits, events and competitions. Book activities online via www.accesstosports.org.uk/bookings

Summer Open Weekend

Better are running an open weekend - **19th/20th July**. Have a look at what is going on and take part in a range of fun activities across a number of centres in Islington. Each centre has its own programme, with many activities free or low cost.

[Better – Summer Open Weekend](https://www.better.org.uk/summer-open-weekend)



OPEN ACCESS SUMMER SCHEDULE

ARSENAL IN THE COMMUNITY

SUPPORTED BY OUR PARTNERS: Camden, ISLINGTON, Hackney, Arsenal, Premier League Kicks

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Presented in the Community will be delivering free fun holiday camps across various sites during the school summer holidays as part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

CAMDEN HAF AT CANTELOWES GARDENS
 • Cantelewes Gardens, 234 Camden Road NW5 2NU
 Week 1 - Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st Aug
 Week 2 - Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th Aug
 Week 3 - Tuesday 12th to Friday 15th Aug
 Week 4 - Tuesday 19th to Friday 22nd Aug

ISLINGTON HAF AT KING'S SQUARE
 • King's Square Estate Pitch, Central Street, London, EC1V 3DU
 Week 1 - Monday 18th to Thursday 21st Aug
 Week 2 - Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd Aug

ISLINGTON HAF HARVEST ESTATE
 • Harvest Road, London, N7 7NB
 Week 1 - Monday 28th to Thursday 31st Aug
 Week 2 - Monday 4th to Thursday 7th Aug
 Week 3 - Monday 11th to Thursday 14th Aug

ISLINGTON HAF WESTBOURNE ESTATE
 • Westbourne Estate Pitch, 43 Brinkley Street, London, N7 6AX
 Week 1 - Monday 18th to Thursday 21st Aug
 Week 2 - Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd Aug

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PL KICKS TOURNAMENTS

Join us for an exciting tournament at Market Road. Players will compete in a fun and competitive environment! This is a great opportunity to showcase skills, enjoy team play, and experience a fantastic tournament setting. What to Expect: High-energy matches, Competitive but Friendly Atmosphere, Interactive Education Workshop / Skillszone.

The age groups are in line with the 2024/25 school year.

V5 - V6
 Thursday 24th July
 11am - 2pm
 Market Road, London N7 6PL

V7 - V8
 Tuesday 26th August
 11am - 2pm
 Market Road, London N7 6PL

OPEN ACCESS PARKS & ESTATES FOOTBALL

Throughout the summer holidays, many of our regular term time sessions that we deliver on local estates and parks will continue. Please see below a list of the sessions that will continue during the break.

SESSION NAME	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	AGE
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V5-V6
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V7-V8
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V9-V10
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V11-V12
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V13-V14
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V15-V16
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V17-V18
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V19-V20
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V21-V22
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V23-V24
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V25-V26
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V27-V28
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V29-V30
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V31-V32
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V33-V34
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V35-V36
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V37-V38
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V39-V40
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V41-V42
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V43-V44
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V45-V46
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V47-V48
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V49-V50
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V51-V52
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V53-V54
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V55-V56
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V57-V58
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V59-V60
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V61-V62
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V63-V64
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V65-V66
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V67-V68
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V69-V70
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V71-V72
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V73-V74
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V75-V76
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V77-V78
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V79-V80
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V81-V82
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V83-V84
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V85-V86
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V87-V88
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V89-V90
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V91-V92
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V93-V94
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V95-V96
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V97-V98
Camden Park	12-13/11/23	10:00am	Camden Park	V99-V100

GIRLS ONLY PL KICKS & PFA LOTS TO EXPLORE HUB SESSION

In addition to our regular Girls Only PL Kicks sessions, we will be hosting an additional 'Girls to Explore' session at the Arsenal Hub. Girls to Explore is our arts and football programme, created by Little Walsden May. The first part of the session will be a fun, creative workshop, whilst the second will be a practical session on the Hub pitch.

V7 - V8
 Wednesday 20th July, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August
 9:30am - 10:30am
 Arsenal Hub, Arsenal Road, N7 7BA

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Lunch Bunch Summer 2025

Islington Council's Lunch Bunch programme gives young people the chance to enjoy a wide range of **free activities with a healthy lunch**.

You can book activities for free if your child or children live in Islington, attend school from reception to year 11 - or if your child is 4 years old and will start school after the summer. You need to be in one of the following groups:



- ♦ you receive benefits-related free school meals (FSM)
- ♦ you have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)
- ♦ have a social or family support worker, or can be referred by a professional.

Important - You must be registered first. For details click on the link: [Lunch Bunch](#)



Email: lunch.bunch@islington.gov.uk

Call: Family Information Service on **020 7527 5959**

Islington Adventure Playgrounds

Islington has free, safe adventure playgrounds for children aged six and up. Adventure playgrounds are **free for children who live or go to school in Islington**. You don't need to book but children have to register before playing.



Adventure playgrounds: [Crumbles Castle](#), [Lumpy Hill](#), [Martin Luther King](#), [Timbuktú](#)

Free summer fun for children in Islington

Summer holiday dates: 23 July to 29 August Monday to Friday - 10.30am to 5.30pm

Free all-day play - exciting outdoor activities, creative play and a safe space to make friends.

Find out about the programme at your nearest playground:

[Crumbles Castle Adventure Playground](#) [Lumpy Hill Adventure Playground](#)

[Martin Luther King Adventure Playground](#) [Timbuktú Adventure Playground](#)

Bright Start Summer



Find out about the Bright Start activities which are happening in your area this summer. From Midwifery Services to Health Visitor Clinics and Stay and Plays. Many activities on offer are for 0-8 year olds so siblings will be welcome! It's all happening in Islington this summer and it's FREE!

[Bright Start Summer Timetable](#)

