

# THE PAKEMAN PRESS



**Pakeman  
Primary  
School**

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

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Friday 5th September 2025



A very warm welcome back to everyone returning to Pakeman this term. We're also delighted to welcome all our new families and staff. We hope that you all had a lovely summer. We're only a few days into our new term but already the children are settled into their classes and looking forward to the exciting challenges of this academic year.

As always, we will continue to keep you well informed with a range of useful information via texts, Class Dojo, Twitter and this weekly newsletter. With so many lines of communication, we feel confident that our messages do get through to our families. Therefore, if you find that you are not receiving regular messages from school, please contact the school office so that we can make sure we have up-to-date contact information.

This year, we are pleased to introduce several new staff members and a long term student to Pakeman. These include Olga (playcentre), Zannia, Shah, Ana and Nabeela (learning support assistants) and Alex (student). We very much hope they will all enjoy being a part of our Pakeman community.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**5/6 School Journey**  
8th - 12th September

**Half term:**  
Monday 27th October -  
Friday 31st October

**Last Day of Term:**  
Friday 19th December



Holidays are not authorised during term time. Unauthorised holidays could result in penalty charges being issued to each parent/carer with parental responsibility.

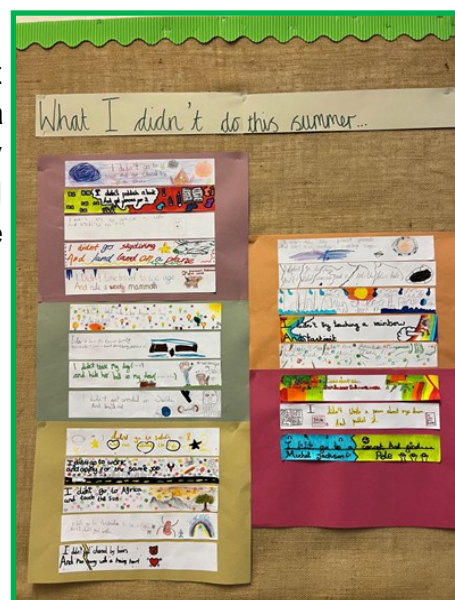
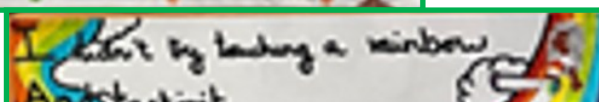
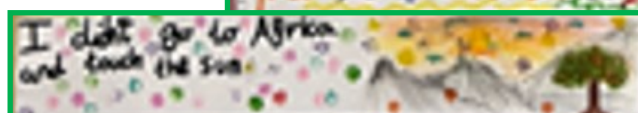
## SUPER STARS



To all of our children at Pakeman for settling into your new classes so well and behaving beautifully.

## What I Didn't Do This Summer – By Year 5 and 6

In Year 5 and 6, the children wrote a class poem about **'What they didn't do this summer...'** This gave children a chance to come up with wild summer adventures that they didn't really do. They came up with some dynamic and crazy ideas, including 'I didn't go to the edge of the universe and catch a star'!



## WORLD AFRO DAY 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025



We're excited to celebrate **World Afro Day** on  
**15th September at Pakeman!**

This is a wonderful opportunity to embrace and showcase the beauty of natural Afro hair.

**We encourage all children to come to school wearing their hair in its natural style to celebrate the uniqueness and pride in Afro heritage.**

*During the day, we will be taking **photo portraits** of the children to mark the occasion.*

*Families are warmly invited to join us **after school at 3:30** for photo opportunities with their children. Let's make it a joyful and empowering celebration for all!*



## Purchasing School Uniform

Pakeman uniform is available here: [School Uniform](#)

All polo shirts, jumpers, cardigans and fleeces must have the Pakeman School logo.



All pupils must wear a Pakeman School polo shirt and a Pakeman School sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece. They must also wear dark grey, black or navy trousers, skirts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings.



Headscarves, if worn, must be dark grey, black or navy.



In hot weather dark grey, black or navy shorts and blue summer dresses can be worn.



Open toe footwear is NOT allowed.

Please note that for safety reasons children are not permitted to wear jewellery at school. Plain stud earrings are allowed.

## PE Timetable

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Years 3 / 4</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Years 5 / 6</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Years 1 / 2</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Years 5 / 6</b> <b>EYFS</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Years 3 / 4</b> <b>Years 1 / 2</b>

## PE Days

For PE lessons, all pupils must wear a white tee shirt and dark grey, black or navy shorts/ tracksuit bottoms or leggings.



Children can come to school in their PE kits on days that they have PE lessons.

## Access To Sports Project

Once again, Access to Sports continues to offer an amazing range of **FREE** sporting activities for children and young people in Islington. The project is a community led sports development charity that works across Islington, Haringey and Hackney.



They provide a diverse coaching programme in a variety of sports for children and adults. They also deliver a coach education programme that equips local people with nationally recognised qualifications.

If you live in any of these boroughs then check out the Access To Sports website to find out what after school sports events are available.

For further information: [Access To Sports](https://www.access-tosports.org/)



## School Journey

On Monday, 8th September a group of children from years 5 and 6 will go on school journey. The children will head off to Howtown Outward Bound Centre in the Lake District for 4 nights.

A big thank you in advance to Emma, Ann, Rose, Tracey and Rob for giving up their time to take the children on this exciting trip. Have a wonderful time everyone. We'll miss you!

*Have a great time!*



THIS SCHOOL IS  
**NUT FREE**



THANK YOU  
for keeping our school safe!

## PAKEMAN IS A NUT & SESAME FREE SCHOOL

Please remember that we are a nut and sesame free school. Please **DO NOT** send nuts, sesame seeds or foods which contain nuts or sesame seeds (e.g. humus and sesame snap bars) in your child's packed lunch or for any school snacks. We have a number of children across the school with severe allergies. Thank you.

## Calmer Nights Sleep Workshop

The Growing Together team is running a relaxed, in-person workshop for parents and carers of children aged 1–5 who live in Islington or have a GP there.

They know that getting a good night's sleep can feel like a distant dream when you have young children, so this session is all about sharing practical tips to help improve sleep routines and boost your confidence at bedtime.

**Where:** Conewood Children's Centre

**When:** Wednesday 10th Sept 1pm - 3pm

**Facilitators:**

Anne-Marie Reid & Emma Kingdom

**Creche available!**



## New Bright Start Timetable

Looking for fun, free, local activities for your little ones?

The latest [Bright Start Timetable](#) is now available. Packed with sessions for babies, toddlers and young children across Islington. From stay-and-play groups to baby massage and story time, there's something for every family.



## easyfundraising

### We need new supporters please - it's so easy to sign up and we have already raised almost £700

If you already shop online with retailers such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Tesco, eBay and many others then why not sign up to Easy Fundraising and raise money for Pakeman School while you shop! It doesn't cost you a thing and it couldn't be easier.

- 1. Join** Go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://easyfundraising.org.uk) and sign up for free
- 2. Shop** Every time you shop online, head to easyfundraising first. There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board, so simply pick the one you want and start shopping
- 3. Collect** After you've checked out, that retailer will make a free donation to your good cause – it doesn't cost you a penny extra

Join [here](#) today and start making a difference...simply by shopping.

Thank you!

