

THE PAKEMAN PRESS

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



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Primary
School

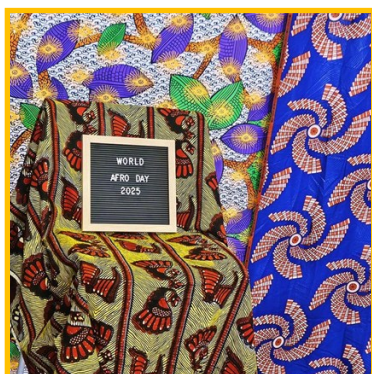
Issue 3 Autumn Term 2025

Friday 19th September 2025

World Afro Day 2025

On Monday, our school proudly celebrated [World Afro Day 2025](#), a special occasion to recognise and embrace the beauty of Afro hair, culture, and identity. We want to say a huge thank you to all the children and families who joined in and helped make the day such a joyful and meaningful success.

A highlight of the day was the stunning portrait photography session with **Steve Lyles**, who beautifully captured the spirit and pride of the event. Steve will be carefully working his way through the photographs, and we'll be in touch with families as soon as they are ready to be displayed or shared by email.



This celebration was a true community effort and we are deeply grateful for your support.

Thank you once again, from both Emma Simpson and Natalie Broomes, for helping make World Afro Day 2025 at Pakeman such a memorable occasion.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half term:

Monday 27th October -
Friday 31st October

Last Day of Term:

Friday 19th December
1.30 FINISH



Join the fun at HOLLOWAY NEIGHBOURHOOD OPEN HOUSE & STREET PARTY

The Old Fire Station,
84 Mayton Street, N7 6QT
Open House: Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st September
Street Party: Sunday 21st September

Come and explore the Old Fire Station, meet your neighbours, and enjoy a FREE fun packed weekend, celebrating Holloway's vibrant community

- Building tours & guided walks
- Craft stalls & activities
- Music & dancing
- Refreshments
- And much more

Email streetparty@hng.org.uk or scan the QR code for more info and to book a free stall

SUPER STARS



Elm
Pine
Cherry
Holly
Maple
Willow
Palm
Banyan
Olive
Cedar
Mahogany
Eucalyptus
Sequoia

Aliya
Hassan
Rashad
La'Nyah-Rose
Marwa
Rayyaan
Deandre
Ishak
Cassie
Monroe
Sofia
Amira
Alisha



Help Us To Achieve the One Education Reading Award!

We're working towards the *One Education Reading Award* and we need the support of our parents and carers. Please take a few minutes to complete our online survey about reading at Pakeman.



Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PYMKKFX>

This will only take a few minutes.

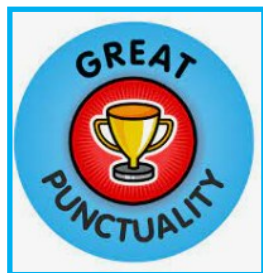
Your feedback is vital in helping us improve and inspire a love of reading in our school. Our reading leads, Alana and Maxine thank you, in advance, for your time and support.

School Journey

Last week, some of our year 5 and 6 children travelled by train, from Euston to the Lake District, for a week of adventure on their school journey. The group stayed at Howtown Outward Bound Centre in Cumbria and had a really amazing week full of adventures. They enjoyed mountain climbing, rock climbing, tunnelling, abseiling, rowing and cliff jumping. They also went gorge walking and played team building games. They seemed to get very wet, but we can see that everyone had a fantastic time. Huge thanks to all the staff involved (Emma, Ann, Rose, Rob and Tracey) for giving up their time so that the children could have such a memorable trip.



Pakeman School Journey - Howton Outward Bound Centre 2025



Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Maple Class	Willow Class	Elm Class Pine Class Cherry Class
KS2	Mahogany Class	Banyan Class	Olive Class Mahogany Class

Food Hub for September

We are still needing volunteers for our weekly food hub?

2:30pm - 3:30 pm (Activity)

3:30 - 4pm (Access to Community fridge for all)



Volunteers needed

Join Our PTA - Make a Difference at School!

We're inviting parents and carers to get involved with our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Together, we raise funds, run events, and strengthen our school community.

What you'll do:

- Help organise fun events for children and families
- Share ideas to support learning and wellbeing
- Raise funds for extra resources and experiences
- Work with staff and parents to make school even better
- Why join?
- Build connections with other parents and carers
- Have a direct impact on school life
- Use your skills (big or small!) to benefit our children

Volunteers needed

Volunteer with Our School Food Hub!

Looking for a fun and meaningful way to give back? Join us every Tuesday from 2:30 - 4:00 PM at the school to help with our Food Hub.

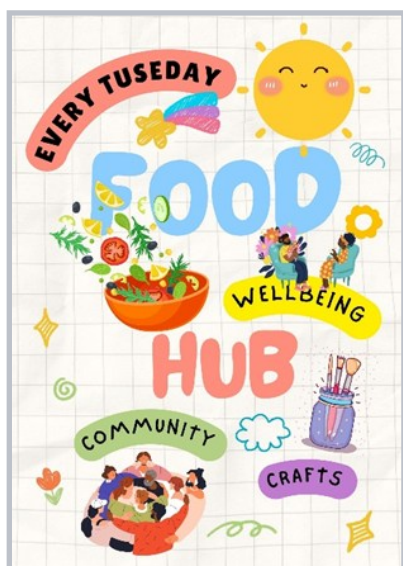
What you'll do:

- Organize and distribute fresh food to families
- Create a welcoming, supportive space for our community
- Make a real difference in reducing food waste and hunger
- Why volunteer?
- Support classmates, families, and neighbours
- Earn volunteer hours
- Build teamwork and leadership skills
- Be part of something positive and impactful!
- Where: [Insert School Location]
- When: Every Tuesday, 2:30 - 4:00 PM
- No experience needed - just bring your energy, kindness, and willingness to help!
- Sign up today or stop by on Tuesday to get started.

If you have been making use of and appreciate this resource, please think about giving some time back, to help it keep running.

Just one hour each week helps to keep it organised and open for everyone.

THANK YOU



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For a more equal future

**FAMILY LANGUAGE
ESOL CLASSES**

Mondays 12:30 – 2:00 pm
with
Lauren



Come along to sign up on
Monday 22nd September
For more information speak to
Nazire: 0745406690
nazire@manorgardenscentre.org

9 Manor Gardens Islington, London, N7 6LA

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COMMUNITY SHARING SPACE

Shop, Swap & Save the Planet!

Everyone is welcome to come and choose from clothes, books, toys and household items – all completely FREE of charge.
If you wish, you can also donate items in good condition to support others in the community.



Every Wednesday | 10:30AM - 12:30PM
9 Manor Gardens N7 6LA

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**JOIN OUR
KNIT & NATTER
DROP IN**

From Friday 12th September
1:30 - 3:30
Manor Gardens Center
6-9 Manor Gardens, N7 6LA

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PROJECTS OR WE CAN PROVIDE.
Basic Knitting Techniques • Reading Patterns •
Project Completion • Troubleshooting


This is a free session, no booking required
contact Michelle for further info:
michelle@manorgardens.org

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Start your wellness journey with Rachel

Mindful meditation



Starts Wednesday 10th September 2025
This is an 4 week course. No booking required

8.15pm until 9pm
at DGH Manor gardens
center N7 6LA.
For more information
michelle@manorgardens.org

Find balance, focus, and
renewal. Warm comfy
clothing required!

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR
CARER'S SUPPORT GROUP?**



Join us on Mondays from 10 to 11 am, starting in
September the 15th, at Number 9 Ground floor, for a
psycho-educational group. This group therapy
focuses on addressing challenges while enhancing
coping strategies among individuals with similar
struggles. It emphasizes recognizing personal
strengths and resources to promote long-term health
and wellness.

Booking required on:

- 07519588576
- khadija@manorgardenscentre.org

6-9 Manor Gardens N7
6LA

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September Activities Calendar, 6-9 Manor Gardens, N7 6LA

MONDAY	
10:00-12:00	Carer's Group (Room 9 Ground Floor) STARTING ON THE 15 TH OF SEPTEMBER A group therapy emphasizing to promote long term health and wellness.
11:15-12:30	Women's Craft Class (Room 9 Ground Floor) BOOKING REQUIRED A safe and welcoming space to learn, understand, get creative and enjoy relaxing conversations
12:30-14:00	Family ESOL class on the 22 nd of September (Room 9 Ground Floor) BOOKING REQUIRED
TUESDAY	
10:00-12:00	Women's Coffee morning (Room 9 Ground Floor) EVERY FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH Join, Posh & Fancy (optional) with us.
11:00-12:45	Reading for Wellbeing (Room 9 Ground Floor) Positive your English through reading of fiction, non-fiction, news publications & poetry
12:00-13:30	English Reading helper for Beginners (Room 9 Ground Floor) BOOKING REQUIRED Learn to write and read English
13:00-14:30	Conversation cafe (Room 9 Ground Floor) Practice English through conversation, discussion and exercises in a friendly space
14:00-20:00	ESOL class - support group (Room 9 Ground Floor) STARTING ON THE 2 ND OF SEPTEMBER Free support & wellbeing for the LGBTQ+ community in a safe, confidential space
WEDNESDAY	
10:00-12:00	Coffee Morning (Training Room, 10 Manor Gardens) Join us for conversations around wellbeing, information and support
11:00-12:00	Food Co-operative and community sharing space (Room 9 Ground Floor) A community co-op with various food for local residents for £3 per week
12:00-14:00	Carer's Group (Room 9 Ground Floor) STARTING ON THE 15 TH OF SEPTEMBER Learn to write and read English
14:15-15:00	Mindfulness Meditation (Room 9 Ground Floor) STARTING ON THE 10 TH OF SEPTEMBER, DROP IN Find balance, focus and renewal during our four week wellness journey
THURSDAY	
10:00-12:00	Men's Coffee Morning (Room 9 Ground Floor) EVERY FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH Join, Posh & Fancy (optional) with us.
11:00-12:45	Reading for Wellbeing (Room 9 Ground Floor) Positive your English through reading of fiction, non-fiction, news publications & poetry
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FRIDAY	
10:00-12:00	Breakfast and games morning (Room 9 Ground Floor) Join us for our weekly fun, friendly tea, toast, conversation and games
12:30-15:30	Men's Coffee Morning (Room 9 Ground Floor) EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH Join, Posh & Fancy (optional) with us.

For more information contact:

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OR
khadija@manorgardenscentre.org

All activities are free & open to everyone.

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IntoUniversity

IntoUniversity is a leading education charity providing local learning centres where young people are inspired to achieve.

Primary Academic Support

IntoUniversity provides a FREE* after school programme in your local area. This programme offers free sessions of structured academic study after school, helping students aged 7-11 to develop essential maths, English and literacy knowledge along with key study skills for the future.

Primary students study our tailored, termly curriculum which is based on university degree subjects. Each 'degree' covers key National Curriculum numeracy and literacy learning objectives

Who: Children ages 7-11 (Year 2-6)
When: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3:45-5:15
Where: IntoUniversity North Islington, Finsbury Park, 29 Marriott Road, N4 3QN

To sign up:



Students also get free access to:

- Our laptops and library
- SATs support
- Trips during the holidays
- Termly awards and prizes
- The chance to have a mentor

020 3602 4961
northislington@intouniversity.org

*As we are funded to work with the young people who need us the most, we will therefore use criteria requirements to assess programme eligibility

Islington Community

NHS Talking Therapies

Whittington Health NHS Trust

Free NHS Workshop

LOCATION
Bemerton Children's Centre

Creche Available
For parents with children aged 1-5 years and parents who live or have a GP in Islington

Address:
1A Coalbridge House, London N1 0DX

For further information, call
Liz Mawle on 020 3316 1824

Worries and Parenting

WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER
9:30-11:30

Many parents with young children find themselves worrying a lot. Sometimes this worry can feel difficult to manage.

Come and join us!
Meet other parents to learn about some practical strategies on how to manage parental worry.
Click on this link to find our events or scan our QR code: [Worries and Parenting Tickets, Wed 22 Oct 2025 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/worries-and-parenting-tickets-wed-22-oct-2025-at-0930)



Bright Start ISLINGTON

Sunnyside Gardens

Make the most of the sunshine while you still can and visit [Sunnyside Gardens](https://www.sunnysidegardens.org) for a 0-5's outdoor stay and play session.

Join in a fun activity with your child and pick up tips on how to support your child's development. All the sessions are for Islington residents, living in any of the Bright Start areas.

Bright Start ISLINGTON

Apply for a secondary school place

You can apply from 1 September 2025, and **you must apply by the deadline, 31 October 2025.**

Islington council recommend that applications are submitted by **24 October 2025**, just in case there are any problems with getting online or logging into the site.

[Secondary School Application Information](https://www.islington.gov.uk/secondary-school-application)

Skinner's Academy

Be the Best You Can Be

Skinner's Academy is a leading secondary school in Islington, offering a wide range of academic and extracurricular activities. We are currently accepting applications for Year 7 and Year 8 students for the September 2025 intake.

Open Evening
Thursday 25th September 5:00 - 7:00pm

Open Mornings
Every Thursday 9:15 - 10:15am 25th September - 18th October 2025

For further details: www.skinneracademy.co.uk

Arts & Media School ISLINGTON

OPEN EVENTS

OPEN EVENING
Please join us for our Open Evening on
Thursday 25th September 5:00 - 7:00pm. Year 5, 6 & 7

OPEN MORNINGS
We will also be holding Open Mornings:
Every Thursday 9:15 - 10:15am 25th September - 18th October 2025

For further details: www.artsandmedia.islington.sch.uk

*"This is an inclusive school where pupils have positive working relationships with their teachers."
"Pupils are proud of the diversity of their school and the wide range of opportunities that are provided."* Ofsted April 2023