

THE PAKEMAN PRESS

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



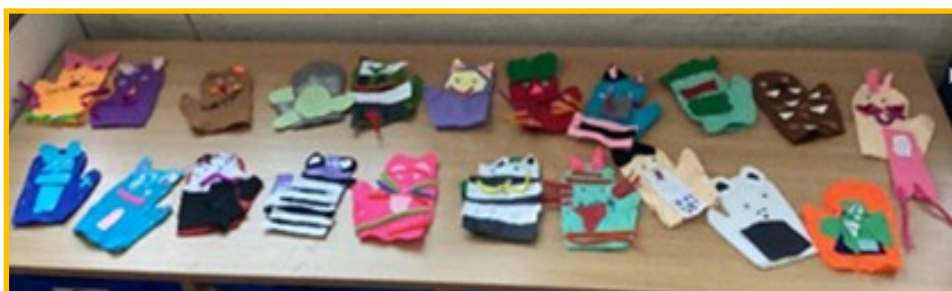
**Pakeman
Primary
School**

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Animal Puppets

This week in DT, the Year 1 and 2 children have had a wonderful time creating their own animal puppets. After choosing their favourite animal, the children joined pieces of fabric using a method of their choice - pinning, stapling or gluing. They then explored a range of materials to add features such as eyes, fur, wings, and tails, bringing their puppets to life. Fantastic work!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Last Day of Term:
Friday 19th December
1.30 FINISH



Weekend Fun

From family fun days to museum events and exhibitions, remember to check out what is going on locally this weekend.

Islington Life



SUPER STARS



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

Usman
Ayaan
Zayan
Zhi Em
Riyad
Alayna
Fatimah
George
Jameela
Raul
Adem
Cece
Aminah



Parent/Carer Session from Breck Foundation - Online Safety

We have the Breck Foundation coming into Pakeman to work with our children about being safe online. The foundation are going to do a parent/carers session online. This will take place on **Monday 1st December 6pm-7pm** before the school workshops. They will talk about the foundation, what children are going to learn and provide helpful information about keeping your child safe online.

Below is the link for any parents/carers wishing to join the session:

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83506885927?
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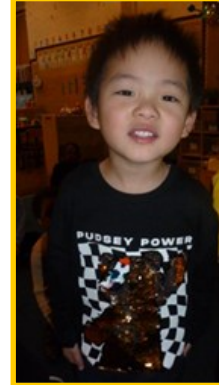
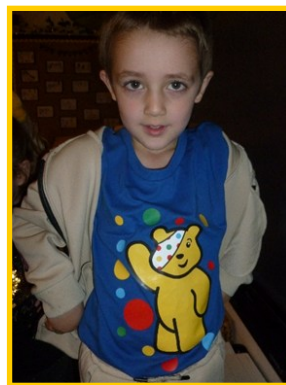
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[Pre-presentation Parent/Carer Information](#)



Pakeman Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Children In Need Non-Uniform Day. We succeeded in raising **£120.45** to send off to the charity which is amazing. Well done!



Music Mark of Recognition for Ambition and Quality

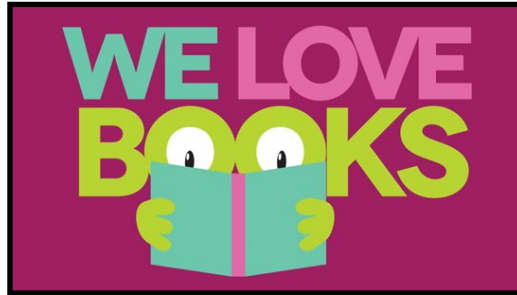
A huge well done to Jack for achieving the Music Mark for Pakeman! The **Music Mark of Recognition for Ambition and Quality** is an award given to schools by [Music Mark](#), a UK association for music education. It recognises schools that have a leading, consistent commitment to high-quality music education and actively collaborate with local music services. Congratulations!



National Year of Reading 2026

We are thrilled to announce that Pakeman is taking part in the National Year of Reading 2026. This is a nationwide celebration designed to spark excitement about reading by connecting it to the things children already love, from hobbies and sports to family time and favourite interests.

We will be taking part in fun activities that show children how reading can open up even more of what they enjoy. We can't wait to see the positive impact this will have on our school community. We are looking forward to a year filled with curiosity, creativity and a renewed love of reading



Non-Fiction November

This month we're celebrating **Non-Fiction November**, a chance for children to dive into exciting facts, true stories, and real-world discoveries. This year, the theme is '**Past Puzzles and Timeless Treasures**', which invites pupils to explore history, archaeology, legends and the evolution of places and objects over time.

We're sharing a brilliant booklist to help families find great reads:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/top-notch-non-fiction/>



Don't forget to visit your local library to explore even more fantastic non-fiction titles!

Library Visits

Years 3 and 4 have begun their library visits this year. This week it was Olive Class's turn. The children chose books, spent time reading, and enjoyed exploring the library.



Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Palm Class	Palm Class	Elm Class Cherry Class
KS2	Mahogany Class	Cedar Class	Olive Class



Did you know... This year Flu has arrived earlier and with a stronger strain. Children can catch it and pass it on quickly, which is why all children aged 2–16 are offered the free flu vaccine. This year's vaccine is proving highly effective, reducing hospital visits for children by around 70–75%.

Nursery Doctors

In our nursery class, the children have been deeply engaged in a doctor's role-play experience. They've explored medical tools, cared for "patients," and acted out real-life scenarios, which has helped them to learn about the human body in a fun and meaningful way. Through play, they discovered the names and functions of body parts and developed empathy as they've looked after others.



The children have also been introduced to their Book Hospital and Book Doctors, where they can repair torn or damaged books. This is a great activity which teaches everyone responsibility and respect for shared classroom resources. It helps children to understand the value of looking after books so they can be enjoyed by everyone.



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