

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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Friday 12th December 2025

Christmas Theatre Treat

A **huge thank you** to everyone who donated to our Christmas Appeal 2025. Through the generosity of parents, carers, governors, volunteers and Kingsley Napley we were able to take 6 classes to Jacksons Lane for a Christmas treat! It was a magical experience for the children, some of whom have never been to the theatre before! Ask your children what the story was all about and what they enjoyed the most about their trip.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Last Day of Term:
Friday 19th December
1.30 FINISH



Reminder

"Bring a Parent/Carer to Breakfast"

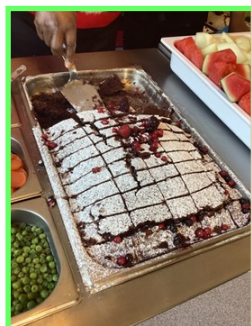
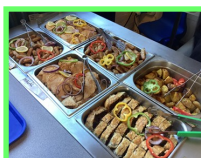
Tuesday 16th December
from 7.45am – 8.45am

Breakfast in the Lodge



Christmas Lunch

Once again, we extend our thanks to the kitchen team for all the delicious cooking that they do for us throughout the year. But we say a special thank you for the lovely Christmas lunch they all provided for us this week. The children queued up enthusiastically and loved coming together for this special meal.



SUPER STARS



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

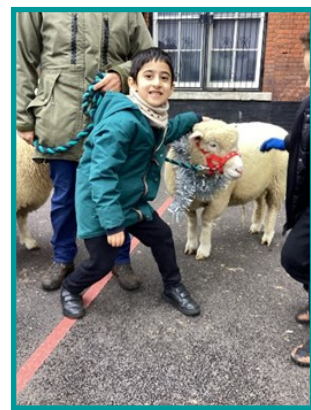
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Vicencio
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Mohamed
Noah
Jameela
Zainab
Dania
Hana
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Pakeman Gets A Taste Of Farming Life

This week, our children got a taste of authentic farm life. A group of farmers from all over the country paid a very special visit to our school, bringing a tractor, live sheep and hens.

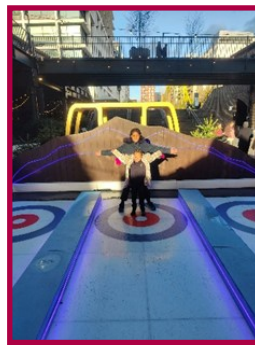
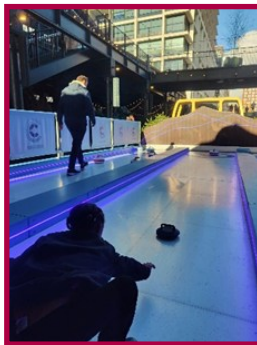
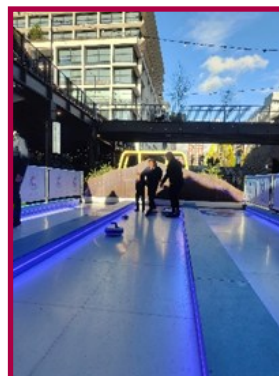
The farmers chatted about their livelihoods and delivered a range of fun, hands-on activities. They talked with the children about a variety of topics, including dairy, meat and cereals. Many of our children got to make butter. Some smaller children got to sit in a tractor and get up close to the animals. It was such a great day!



Thank you so much Emma for organising the day. The children had such a lot of fun and learnt a great deal about the farming world. A huge thank you also to all the farmers who gave up their day to come to Pakeman and share their farming knowledge and skills with our staff and children.

Hidden Heroes Go Curling

Last week, some of our breakfast club and after school hidden heroes went curling with Julie and Jackie. They showed brilliant team work and kindness throughout the trip! Thanks to both staff for taking these children. Everyone had a super time.



Library Takeover: Celebrating Christmas with Angela



We're delighted to share that Angela has brought festive warmth to the library with a beautifully curated Christmas Takeover. She selected decorations and meaningful artefacts to create an inviting space for children to enjoy reading.

She also chose a range of diverse winter and Christmas themed books, giving children the chance to explore stories that celebrate community, kindness, and the joy of the season.

A big thank you to Angela for her creativity and care. Her festive display has added a wonderful touch of seasonal magic to our library!

Follow these links to discover even more lovely winter and Christmas themed books at your local library and don't forget to join the Winter Reading Challenge while you're there:



[Christmas Booklist](#)

[Winter Booklist](#)



Action Mats Trial Day

Last week, children across the school had the opportunity to trial Action Mats. Everyone had a great time combining PE, play and learning. The mats encourage teamwork, cooperation and collaboration. Thanks to Action Mats for providing the opportunity through this super trial initiative. Thanks also to Coach T for teaching the lesson.

[Action Mats](#)



Attendance and Punctuality

| Year Group | Best Attendance | Most Improved | Best Punctuality |
|------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| EYFS & KS1 | Under 96% | Under 96% | Elm Class |
| KS2 | Eucalyptus Class | Sequoia Class | Olive Class |

More Free Festive Events

Islington Council continues to put on several free festive events in the borough. Enjoy live music, wreath making, facepainting and stalls from local businesses. Santa will also be paying a special visit, handing out complimentary mince pies and toys!

Check out dates and locations:

[Festive Events](#)



UEFA Trophy comes to Pakeman!

Last week, the Arsenal team brought the Women's Champion's League trophy to Pakeman! It was so exciting to see and hold the trophy - such a fantastic achievement! It reminded us all of the importance of not giving up and always believing in yourself.



Bright Start Community Events

Join other families for two **FREE** Bright Start community events

Bright Start Christmas Singalong

Sing winter favourites with Highbury Grove School and Finsbury Park Community Choir.

Wednesday 17 December, 4:30–5:30pm
Highbury Fields Wildlife Garden, N5 1QLJ

Community Fun Day

Enjoy activities - meet health professionals.

Monday 22 December, 12:00–2:00pm
Barnard Park, N1 0ER

Featuring:

- Zoolab
- Face painting
- Santa
- Fun activities



No booking needed - just turn up. Outdoor events, so dress for the weather!

The Toy Project

Once again thank you so much to the Toy Project. This week, they have sent us 330 Meerkat Oleg soft toys for each of our children! It certainly put a smile on so many of our children's faces!

For more details or different ways to support The Toy Project please see the link:

[Toy Project](#)

