

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 19th December 2025

Winter Fair

Once again, we would like to say a huge thank you to Marcia and our PTA team for putting on a fantastic winter fair. PTA members, Aktlio, Suki, Michelle, Elisabeth and Nina deserve a special mention for their fantastic support. Thanks also to Fatima for her handmade cakes and to all our staff for their time and for making this such a wonderful team effort.

As always, we are very grateful to all our families for coming along and helping to make our Winter Fair such a success. It was so lovely to see our community come together in this way to enjoy the fun and festive atmosphere.



We also say a very big thank you to our local businesses for supporting us with kind donations - Selbys, Waitrose and Better Leisure. It means a great deal to our school to have their ongoing support - their donations really do make a difference!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Last Day of Term:
Friday 19th December
1.30 FINISH



Spring Term:

INSET DAY:
Monday 5 January

School begins:
Tuesday 6 January

Half term:
Mon 16 Feb – Fri 20 Feb

End of Term:
Friday 27 March

Summer Term:

Monday 13th April

SUPER STARS

One big STAR goes to the EYFS team and children for the wonderful Nativity this week!



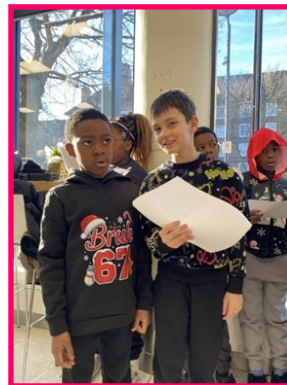
Well done everyone involved!



Pakeman Choir



Our fantastic choir took to the streets of Holloway to sing carols in Waitrose and Selbys. They sounded angelic and stopped customers and staff in their tracks. It was lovely to see so many supporting parents and carers too. Big thanks to Jack for leading and to Lauren for stepping in at the last minute to support the event. The choir received so many compliments and managed to raise **£200** whilst singing so beautifully.



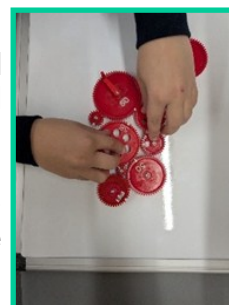
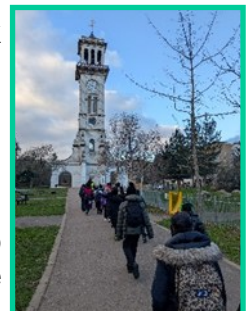
Hidden Heroes Visit the Cally Clock Tower

Our Hidden Heroes had a fantastic time visiting the Caledonian Park Clock Tower, also known as the Cally Clock Tower. They discovered fascinating facts about the 170 year old tower and learned that it was once part of a busy meat market.

During a hands on workshop, the children explored how the clock works, expanding their understanding of forces and movement. The workshop leader was very impressed by the children's scientific enquiry skills and the vocabulary they used, and said she could clearly see why they had been selected as Hidden Heroes.

The group also made great use of the playground and enjoyed time exploring Caledonian Park. It was a fun and memorable day that combined learning, curiosity and play.

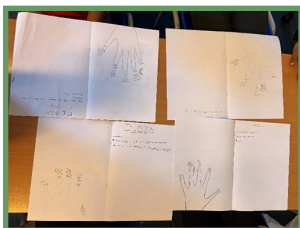
Visitors aged 10 and over can climb the 178 steps to the top and enjoy panoramic views across London. Follow the link for more information: [Clock Tower](#)



Poetry Writing

Year 5/6 are lucky to be working currently with professional poet, Paul Lyalls. Known for his funny, moving, and imaginative poetry, Paul encourages young writers to explore their own voices. The children are learning different skills to write poetry - with the final result being their own poems published in an anthology.

This project is part of “**Read, Write, Share,**” an initiative by **The Reading Agency** in partnership with **Camden and Islington Libraries**. The project aims to boost reading, writing, and oracy skills in children while helping them become confident and creative readers and writers.



We are looking forward to seeing what amazing poems the children create.



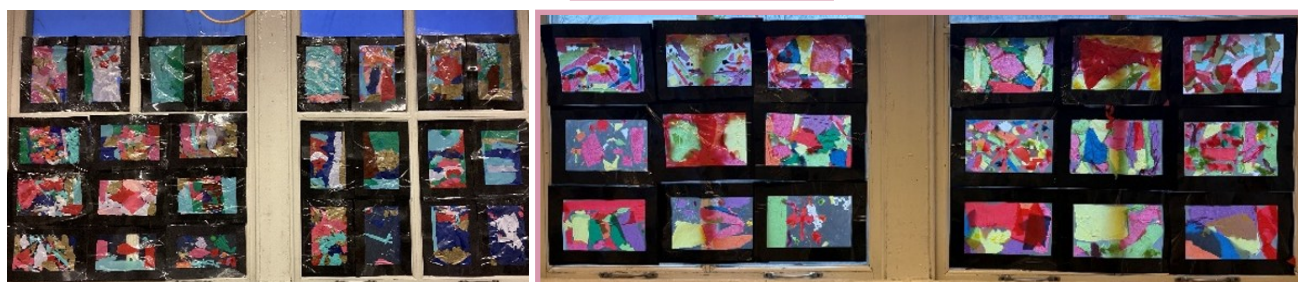
Non-Uniform Day

Last week, school held a very successful non-uniform day to coincide with Christmas lunch. Everyone had lots of festive fun. Thank you to those who sent in a donation. We raised **£91.10** for charity.



Stained Glass Windows

Children in Years 1/2 created their own stained glass for their RE lessons and they look stunning on the classroom windows. Beautiful work!



Bright Start Community Event

Join other families for this community event

Community Fun Day

Enjoy activities - meet health professionals.

Monday 22 December, 12:00–2:00pm

Barnard Park, N1 0ER

Featuring: Zoolab Face painting Santa Activities



Potty Training

Did you know... across the country, 1 in 4 children are not toilet trained when they start Reception. This means children begin their education without the independence they need.

This new Government-backed guide will help you know when and how to potty train your child.



[Potty Training Guide](#)

Pakeman Gardeners

Our Pakeman gardeners have worked hard through every season and, for Marcia, have been such a pleasure to work with.

They will be really missed as the gardening group start up again in spring with a new team of budding gardeners. We really hope the children continue to use the skills they have gained as lunchtime gardeners for many years to come.

They left, on Friday, with their very own amaryllis to care for. Did you know that, if looked after well, an amaryllis can last for up to 20 years and bloom again each Christmas!



Circa Pipeline

Last summer the entire school undertook an amazing art project which involved each child producing a canvas in the style of renowned artist Frank Bowling. Some of those canvases feature in a short film shown at Piccadilly Lights this week.

You can view it [here](#) or a shortened version at Piccadilly Lights every night through December at 20.25 each evening.

[CIRCA PIPELINE: FRANK BOWLING 2025](#)



Meeting Arsenal Players

KS2 girls multi-sports club got the opportunity to visit the Arsenal hub to meet Emily Fox and Alessia Russo. It was a fun session in which they got to play mini activities with the players. A big thank you to both Coach T and Fahima for taking the group, so that they could enjoy this amazing opportunity.



Parent/Carer Breakfast Morning

Julie and Jackie put on a beautiful Christmas breakfast for parents, carers and children attending Breakfast Club. Croissants, pastries, fresh fruit and mince pies were on offer and it was lovely to see so many families coming together. Pakeman Breakfast Club provides a crucial service for working families and we are truly grateful to Julie and Jackie for providing such a warm and welcoming environment each and every morning for our children.

