

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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School

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Friday 8th May 2026



Summer Term:

Half Term

Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May

End of Summer Term

Friday 17th July

Craft and Design: Fabric Of Nature

Over the past few weeks, years 3 and 4 have been working on the art unit 'Craft and Design: Fabric of nature.' They have used inspiration from different artists who have focused on nature such as rainforests, plants, vines and animals to work on different art techniques each week. They have been really great at focusing on the smaller details in their drawings. They have then used their ideas and work to create a final 'batik' piece using fabric, glue and paint. The work they have produced has been brilliant!



Take a look at the link if you want some ideas of where to explore for fabric and textile design: [London Museums](#)



National Children's Day

10th May 2026



National Children's Day UK is all about the importance of a healthy childhood and protecting the rights and freedoms of children.

SUPERSTAR



This week's star of the week is Clare who has become our new History Lead at Pakeman

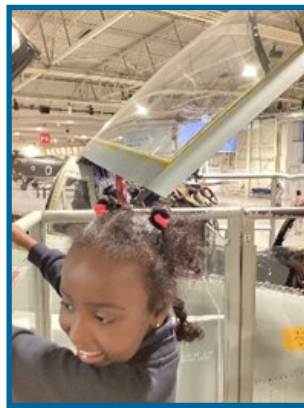
Well done Superstar!



KS1 Trip To RAF Museum

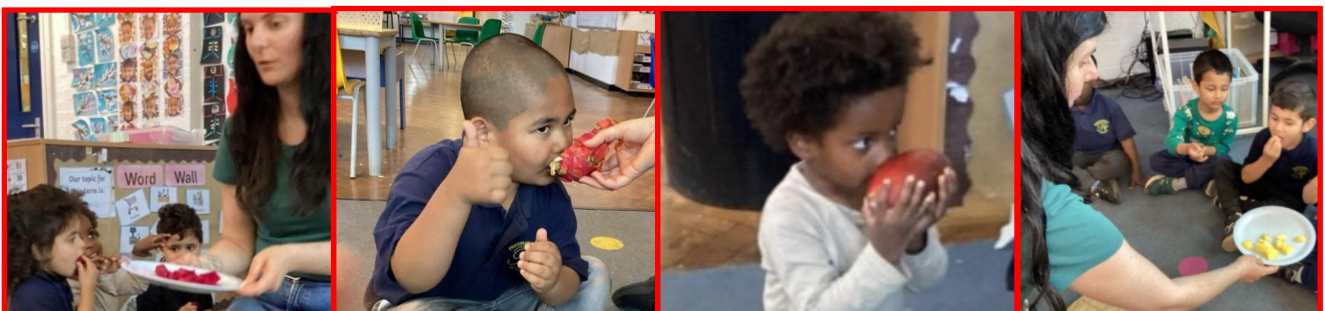
Years 1 and 2 went on a trip to the RAF museum recently. They had a lot of fun learning about aircrafts - all relating to their history topic about the invention of flying.

Take a look: [RAF Museum](#)



Handa's Surprise

Pine class have been exploring '*Handa's Surprise*'. This book is great for supporting children's understanding of memory and sequencing. It also introduces a variety of foods and everyday items in a fun and engaging way. As part of their activities, they enjoyed cutting and sticking fruits to create their own fruit baskets. They also had a wonderful tasting session where everyone was invited to try a range of fruits from the story, including mango, dragon fruit, guava, avocado, and banana. This was a great opportunity to explore different textures and tastes while building confidence in trying new foods.





Family and Friends of Pakeman

The PTA has started a walking club called 'Family and Friends of Pakeman'. If you want to join, meet at the front gates on Friday mornings. No need to commit to every week just come along when you can and kick start a new good habit!



WALK & TALK

Did you know?

The benefits of walking and talking together are backed up by a wealth of research and evidence that shows that something so simple and fun can create such a positive impact.

From Balconies to Blooms: Free Workshops



Got a balcony, windowsill or sunny corner? Join the National Trust's [Sky Gardening Challenge](#) and turn small spaces into green havens.

Free, friendly workshops in Islington will show you how to grow plants, food and pollinator-friendly pots, no experience needed. It's relaxed, practical and perfect for beginners!



Remember - Vote For Pakeman



Pakeman Primary is one of the chosen charities in local Tesco stores so please vote for us using the blue token every time you shop between now and the end of July!

We could be awarded up to £1500 if we have the most votes!

Our amazing Breakfast Club has great plans to improve the food and activities on offer so they need every vote at any of these stores:



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Seven Sisters Road Express N4 2HY
Lower Holloway Express N7 8GA
Drayton Park Express Express N5 1AN
Caledonian Road Express N7 8TP
Sisters Road Express N7 7NS
London Holloway Express N19 4EB
Camden North Road Express Express N7 9GF



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Avoid Tooth Decay



Tooth decay remains the leading cause of hospital admissions among children aged four to nine, so establishing good oral health habits early is vital.

Clear, engaging education helps children see how everyday actions like brushing can protect teeth and support confident, healthy smiles that last a lifetime.

Help your children to take care of their teeth by introducing them to [How to brush your teeth song](#)

Increase In Measles Cases In Islington

There continues to be a rise in the number of measles cases in Islington. Measles is a serious disease which can lead to life changing issues.

Around 1 in 5 children who have caught measles in this outbreak have required hospitalisation. Measles spreads quickly and easily between people who are unvaccinated.

MMR vaccinations are the safest and best defence against measles for you and your family. If you haven't had your MMR vaccination, or if you are unsure whether someone in your family has had their vaccination, please contact your GP. **Vaccinations are free and easily available from your GP at any age.**



Free Swimming Lessons - Book Early



Better Gym are working in partnership with the Royal Borough of Islington Council to provide FREE swimming short courses to children in our community. To register your child to join their next 1 week course of swimming lessons for children aged 4 to 16 (starting from Monday 25th May to Sunday 29th May 2026) at an Islington Better leisure centre, complete the form in the link:

[Free Swimming Lessons](#)

Online Research With Young Children

Research tells us that young children are using tablets, phones and smart TVs as part of everyday life. By the age of 3–5, many children are already going online, so it's important to start building safe habits early. You can support your child by using devices together, setting simple rules, and talking about what to do if something worries them.

Try reading ***Smartie the Penguin*** – a simple online safety story for young children. It follows Smartie as he learns what to do when something unexpected happens online, helping children understand the importance of telling a trusted adult.



For trusted advice and practical tips you can also visit: [Online Safety In The Early Years](#)