

# 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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## Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to everyone returning to Pakeman this term. We're also thrilled to welcome our new families and staff. We hope that you all had a lovely summer and made the best of the record breaking heatwave!



We're only one week into our new term but already the children appear settled into their new classes and ready for all the exciting challenges a new year brings. As always, we will continue to keep you fully up to date with useful information via texts, email, Class Dojo, Twitter and this weekly newsletter. We feel confident that, with so many lines of communication, our messages should get through to our families. Therefore, if you find that you are not receiving regular messages from school, please let our school office staff know.

This year, we are pleased to welcome new staff members. These include: Amrine (Senior Business Manager), Jacqueline (Child and Family Support Worker), Rosie (Reception Teacher), Beth (EYFS Intervention Teacher), Kai, Nadine and Ria (LSAs) and Yusuf (Year 1/2 Teacher). We are really pleased that Will is also returning to Pakeman for two days a week. We very much hope that they will all enjoy being a part of our Pakeman community this year.

## Thank You Kingsley Napley

We would like to say a very big thank you to our hardworking volunteers over the summer. Two groups of volunteers from City law firm Kingsley Napley came into school over the summer holidays to scrub down and paint the railings in front of school and repaint Mulberry classroom! It was a big ask and they did an amazing job. We are really grateful to them for their commitment and hard work. Big thanks to Steve too for supervising them.

KINGSLEY NAPLEY  
WHEN IT MATTERS MOST



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Half term:

Mon 26 Oct - Friday 30 Oct

### Last day of term:

Fri 18 December 2026

1.30 FINISH



Did you know unauthorised holidays could result in penalty charges being issued to each parent/carer with parental responsibility.



## SUPER STARS



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

Eren  
Siske  
Jairo  
Thea  
All children  
All children  
Cruz  
Yasmin  
Aaliyah-May  
Klevis  
All children  
Julia  
Aqeel



## Thank You For Voting!

A huge thank you to all our families who voted for Pakeman Primary School at our local stores! We came first which means we will receive **£1500** from Tesco to help with improving our breakfast club provision. **Thank you to Tesco for their generosity - every little really does help!**



We would also like to say thank you to Martha who works really hard behind the scenes at Pakeman to make connections with the outside world to find us much needed funding.

## The Primary Geography Quality Mark

Well done to Leah and the Pakeman team for achieving a Bronze award in the Primary Quality Geography Mark.

The Primary Geography Quality Mark is a prestigious award which recognises and promotes quality and progress in geography leadership, curriculum development and teaching and learning in schools. It also highlights the high standard of geographical teaching and learning here at Pakeman.



## We Need Your Support For Easyfundraising - Please Sign Up!

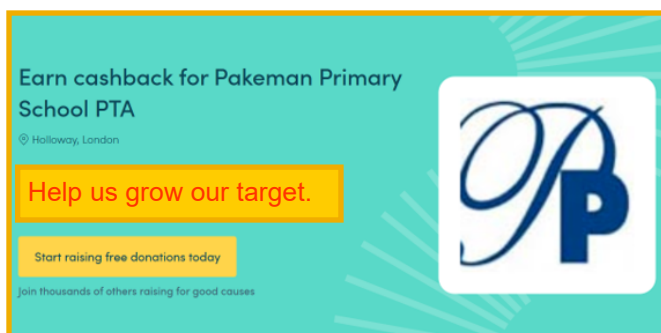
Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for Pakeman Primary School PTA with easyfundraising?

There are over 8,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and **it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.**

All you need to do is:

- Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pakeman-primary-school-pta/> and join for free.
- Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
- After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Pakeman Primary School PTA at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Pakeman Primary School PTA will be really grateful for your donations. **Thank you for your support.**



## The Importance of Reading

Welcome back!

As we continue the National Year of Reading, we're keeping reading for pleasure at the heart of school life. Reading helps children grow their vocabulary, spark their imagination, understand different experiences and develop a lifelong love of stories and learning.



### Reading at home

Just **10 - 15 minutes a day** can make a real difference. Reading doesn't always mean your child reading independently. You could:

- Share a bedtime story or take turns reading.
- Listen to an audiobook together.
- Enjoy a comic, magazine or non-fiction book.
- Talk about the story: *What was your favourite part? What might happen next?*
- Let your child see you enjoying a book too!

Most importantly, keep reading fun and pressure-free. Let your child choose what interests them because every kind of reading counts.

And don't forget to use your child's **book bag and home reading record**.

## Library Monitors Wanted

**Do you love books and enjoy helping others?** We are looking for **new and returning Library Monitors from Years 3–6** to help make our library a welcoming and exciting place for everyone.

### What will you do?

- Keep the library tidy and organised.
- Help children choose and find books.
- Recommend your favourite books and authors.
- Help with displays and library activities.
- Take care of our books.



Being a Library Monitor is a great way to **share your love of reading, take responsibility and help others discover great books**.

### How to apply

On a piece of paper, write **your name, class and why you would like to be a Library Monitor**, then return it to **Alana by Wednesday 16 September**.

**LIBRARY MONITOR**



## Elm Class Art Display

Thank you to the children in Elm class for being the first to showcase their lovely art work in our first newsletter of the academic year. What beautiful colours and mark making!



## Starting Reception

Your child will have lots of new activities and routines to get used to now that they have started school. There are some things they'll need to do more independently than they might have before. Research shows that a child's relationship with their parents/carers is the most important factor in their development, and there's a lot you can do at home to support them as they begin school.

Click on the link for some useful tips:

[Starting Reception](#)



Also, do remember that our EYFS staff are always on hand to help with any questions that you have. If your child is struggling with the idea of coming to school please do make us aware.

**BOYS' EMPOWERMENT CLUB**  
the ACCESS to SPORTS project

THE BOYS' EMPOWERMENT CLUB SUPPORTS BOYS AGED 9-11 IN ISLINGTON TO DEVELOP SOCIO-EMOTIONAL SKILLS THROUGH MENTORING AND SPORT.

**AGE: 9-11**  
**TIME: 4PM-5.30PM**  
**DAY: THURSDAYS**  
**ACTIVITY: MULTI SPORTS**  
**VENUE: SOBELL LEISURE CENTRE**

EMAIL US: [INFO@ACCESSSPORTS.ORG.UK](mailto:INFO@ACCESSSPORTS.ORG.UK)  
REGISTER ONLINE: [WWW.ACCESSSPORTS.ORG.UK/BOOKINGS](http://WWW.ACCESSSPORTS.ORG.UK/BOOKINGS)

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For a more equal future

## Applying For A Secondary School Place

For secondary school places you can apply from 1 September 2026, and **you must apply by the deadline, 31 October 2026.**

Islington council highly recommend that applications are submitted by **23 October 2026**, just in case there are any problems with getting online or logging into the site.

[Secondary School Application Information](#)

Putting Children First

Offer day: 1 March 2027

**Islington Schools:  
Inspiring Learning and  
Achievement**

Your guide to the school application process for children born between: **1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016**

Closing date: 31 October 2026