

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 18th September 2026

Gold Reading Award

We are proud to announce that Pakeman has been awarded a **GOLD** Reading Award.

We have been described as a great asset to the Reading Award and an inspiration to other schools!



The judges were impressed with:

- our commitment to reading across the strands of reading for meaning, knowledge and enjoyment
- the way in which we involve the whole school community
- how we encourage a love of reading through the huge variety of opportunities we provide
- our drive to secure funding and support from a huge network to get the best for our pupils
- the range of people we have on board to help us - experts, published authors, volunteers and professionals



All these things help to develop a passion for reading in our children.



This award has been a whole school community effort. We could not have achieved it without the dynamism of our wonderful children, who embrace the reading opportunities they are given. We would like to thank our staff and reading volunteers for the enthusiasm they demonstrate when reading with our children and to the energy they bring to our numerous reading events and initiatives. However, our biggest thanks today goes to Alana and Maxine for their dedication and commitment to making sure that the joy of reading is instilled within the very fabric of Pakeman. You have been amazing!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half term:

Mon 26 Oct - Friday 30 Oct

Last day of term:

Fri 18 December 2026

1.30 FINISH

Dates for a range of events appear at the back of this newsletter.

Bucket and Spades

Year 3 and 4 are going to visit the seaside next Wednesday. If anyone has any unwanted beach toys that they are willing to donate to school please hand in to the office on Monday.



SUPER STARS



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

Heirees
Zulqarnain
Theodore
Yashaiah
Safaa
Rashad
Farah
Zion
Hana
Abjon
Holden
Ethan
Sofia



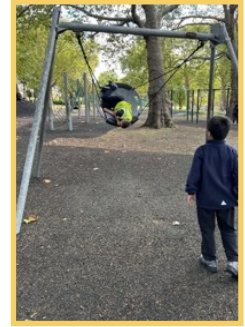
A Busy Week For Years 5 and 6

This week, some of our year 5/6 children have been enjoying their Outward Bound school journey in the Peak District. Emma has sent through some great photos which we will share with you next week.

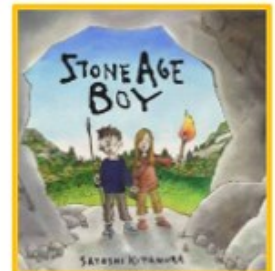


Those 5/6 children who stayed behind at school have also been having a lot of fun!

Here they are having a great time on an outing to Finsbury Park followed by a landscape drawing workshop on a special visit to Buckingham Palace. They have had a super time and shown some fantastic behaviour on their trips!



Cedar class have produced beautiful Stone Age paintings with charcoal, inspired by their class text **Stone Age Boy** by Satoshi Kitamura.





Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Maple Class	Elm Class Pine Class
KS2	Olive Class	Cedar Class



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Lost minutes = Lost learning



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!



ARSENAL IN THE COMMUNITY



Premier League



Professional Footballers' Association

ARSENAL DOUBLE CLUB 26/27



FREE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

AT THE ARSENAL HUB

EVERY THURSDAY 3.30-5PM DURING TERM TIME

FOR YEAR 5 AND 6 GIRLS

READING AND FOOTBALL

EMAIL HENRY MILTON AT HMILTON@ARSENAL.CO.UK FOR DETAILS

SIGN UP HERE:



LONDON CYCLING CAMPAIGN



Get ready to explore London on two wheels as the London Cycling Festival returns this weekend on Saturday 20 September.

Across the capital there will be a programme of family-friendly rides and cycling activities.

Saturday 20 September 2026

Across London including Islington

Free (registration may be required for some rides)

[Click here for more information](#)



Bright Start Islington

Looking for activities, groups and support for your family this autumn?

The new Bright Start Autumn Timetable is now available, with a range of sessions for babies, children and parents/carers across Islington.

Find local stay-and-play sessions, parenting support, family activities and more by visiting the Bright Start website:

Family Bright Start



30 Days Of Play

Looking for simple ways to keep your little one learning and having fun?

CBeebies Parenting have created 30 Days of Play, a collection of easy, low-cost activity ideas designed to support your child's learning, language and development through play.

Whether you have five minutes or a whole afternoon, you'll find plenty of inspiration to enjoy together at home.

Remember, everyday moments spent playing, chatting and exploring together can make a big difference to your child's development.



Pakeman Primary School Key Dates 2026-27

Please see some key dates below for the school year:

AUTUMN TERM:

30th November - Nursery and Reception parents evening
1st December - Year 1 and Year 2 parents evening
2nd December - Year 5 and Year 6 parents evening
3rd December - Year 3 and Year 4 parents evening
9th December – Winter Fair
9th December – AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CLOSED
16th December - Early years nativity performance
18th December – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 13:30, LAST DAY OF TERM

SPRING TERM:

12th February – Pakeman's Got Talent
15th March - Nursery and Reception parents evening
16th March - Year 1 and Year 2 parents evening
17th March - Year 5 and Year 6 parents evening
18th March - Year 3 and Year 4 parents evening
25th March – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 13:30, LAST DAY OF TERM

SUMMER TERM

10th May to 13th May – Year 6 SATs Week
25th May (TBC) – Sports Day
7th June to 18th June – Year 4 Times Tables Check
14th June to 18th June – KS1 Phonics Screening
8th July to 9th July – School production
14th July – Summer Fair
14th July – AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CLOSED
16th July – Reception graduation
20th July – Year 6 leavers assembly
21st July – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 13:30, LAST DAY OF TERM