

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 28th February 2025

A magical trip to the West End

From the moment our Year 6 children heard the words Harry Potter, they were immediately excited for their trip to the theatre. For most of our children, this was their first time ever being in an audience for a West End production and it was going to be an experience to remember.

When we entered the theatre and got to our seats, the children were in awe of the set on the stage – some noticing a hat that looked like it was floating, while others questioned if the dementors were in the show and if they would come out into the audience. The buzz of excitement continued when the lights went down and the show began.



Our children were fully immersed in the storyline, even if they weren't familiar with the previous Harry Potter book. Hearing their gasps, cheers and claps as the sets changed, and during the unbelievable magic scenes, made our experience as adults even more magical! There is absolutely no doubt that their favourite part was the end of Part 1 when the dementors really did come out into the audience – their applause and cheers vouched for that. Coming out of the show, there were smiles on everybody's faces. Each and every child said it was by far the BEST trip our school has ever been on!

It really was a trip to remember. Thank you so much to Artis for providing our children with this memorable experience!

Huge thanks also to Artis Ambassador and Director of *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, John Tiffany, for generously donating tickets to Pakeman children for the dress rehearsal.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**DRESS UP DAY
WORLD BOOK DAY
6th March**

End of Spring Term

Friday 4th April
(Finish 1.30pm)

Start of Summer Term

Tues 22nd April 2025



SUPERSTARS




Our Superstars this week are Julie and Jackie for always giving our lovely Breakfast Club children the best possible start to their day!



Well done Superstars



Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Under 96% 	Under 96%	Elm Class
KS2	Cedar Class	Cedar Class	Mahogany Class

Attendance Matters



Pakeman Homework - Takeaway Menu

Years 3 and 4 have been exploring the topic of 'Anglo-Saxons' this half term, and we've been thrilled to see some fantastic homework projects from the children. Julia, Kaan, Iqra and Mohammed crafted an impressive replica of an Anglo-Saxon helmet using foil and cardboard. Kolin and Keira created a detailed model of a village with materials like paper, cardboard and sticks. Halima designed a sword using tin foil and cardboard, while Nassima filmed herself making Anglo-Saxon bread.



Maple class have also been very busy creating some outstanding homework from their takeaway menu. Shania made an amazing castle. Aliyah, River and Asma made these super crowns.

A huge well done to everyone!
Very impressive work.



JustGiving for Comic Relief

We want to make everyone aware of our JustGiving page to help raise money for Comic Relief, which is on 21st March this year. Thank you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd25-pakeman-primary-school>



**MONTHLY
MONDAY
SEND**
COFFEE MORNINGS

MONDAY 3RD MARCH 2025
9:15AM IN THE LAB

Join us for a supportive session with
Ashleigh from the Bridge school who will be
discussing:



wash face


dry


brush teeth


go upstairs

- Strategies to manage transitions at home
- Using Social Stories to support daily routine




TOILETING COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 1st April 2025
9:15am in the Lab

With Natalie (CFSW) and
Ashleigh Johnson from the
Bridge School

Discussing:

- Toilet training preparation for school readiness
- How school can support what is happening at home
- When toilet training looks different (including additional needs)



Competition Time

This Children's Mental Health Week, young people across the UK are being called upon to get drawing and take part in **M&S x YoungMinds Young Designer competition** – to design a new hoodie or sweatshirt – for the chance to have their design sold in M&S stores and online across the UK to support YoungMinds' work.

The new hoodie and sweater will go on sale to celebrate this year's Hello Yellow, when schools and communities come together on **World Mental Health Day** to show young people they're not alone with their mental health.

Young Designer Competition

THE DESIGN CHALLENGE

What would you say to a friend who needs your support?
How would you brighten their day?

Whether it's words, drawings, or doodles, we're looking for designs that stand out, and remind everyone that one chat can change everything. Don't forget - the sweatshirt and hoodie will be yellow!

THE AGE CATEGORIES

The competition is open to two age groups:
5-11 and 12-16 year-olds

THE JUDGING CRITERIA AND PROCESS

Winning designs will be judged based on creativity, originality, and relevance to the competition theme, as determined by a panel of judges. Please see the FAQs for the judging process.

Closing Date
11.59pm on 31 March 2025



THE PRIZE!

The winners will see their designs come to life on a sweatshirt or hoodie sold by M&S and gain exclusive behind-the-scenes access to watch their creations become a reality.

The winner (along with a parent or guardian) will be invited to visit the M&S office in London to see their designs transformed into artwork or tour the supplier factory in the Midlands to watch them printed live. They will also participate in the September launch event.

Additionally, the winners will receive enough sweatshirts or hoodies featuring their winning design for every student in their class to wear on Hello Yellow Day, 10 October 2025.



Building Joint Attention & Interaction
A Speech and Language Therapy Parent Workshop

An online workshop for parents who would like practical ideas and tips to develop their child's attention and interaction in play and everyday activities.

Thursday 12th December 2024 10:30 – 11:45am
Tuesday 4th February 2025 10:30 – 11:45am
Wednesday 26th March 2025 10:30 – 11:45am
Thursday 15th May 2025 10:30 – 11:45am

Delivered online on Microsoft Teams

Scan the QR code or use the link below to register
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/110823172630492off-official-creator>

Places are limited. You will receive an email with the link once you register.

Any questions? Speak to a Bright Start Practitioner or Bright Start Speech and Language therapy team on 0203 316 1897



Social Communication Team Therapy & Play Session

A drop-in session for children under 5 who:

- Have been referred to the Social Communication Team (SCT)
- Or
- Have a diagnosis of Autism

What the sessions offer:

- A welcoming, inclusive place for children with social communication differences, who are **not yet in school**
- Child focused activities facilitated by the Bright Start Team and supported by the Social Communication Team
- A relaxed and friendly space for you and your child to play together. Opportunity to ask questions, get support and meet other parents and carers.
- Access advice from the SCT therapy assistant, Speech and language therapist or Occupational therapist.

brightstart@islington.gov.uk
Bright Start South 020 7527 4089
Bright Start North 020 7527 8441
Bright Start Central 020 7527 8465

Family Hubs, Start for Life



Early Communication workshop at Under 1s Stay and Play

For Parents / Carers of children 0 – 12 months

Wednesday, 5th February 9:30-11am
Bemerton Children's Centre

Tuesday 4th March 10 – 11:30am
Conewood Children's Centre

Tuesday, 4th March 1:30 – 3pm
Horseley Road Children's Centre

Thursday, 3rd April 3 – 4:30pm
Willow Children's Centre

Friday 4th April 9:30 – 11am
Moreland Children's Centre

Come and meet a Bright Start Speech and Language Therapist at these Under 1s Stay and Play sessions! The Speech and Language Therapist will share information about early communication development and give you some ideas on ways you can support your child's communication development and play skills.

Bright Start continue to offer a range of workshops and therapy sessions.

Contact a Bright Start Practitioner if you need more information.

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MUMS THE WORD

a project for mums aged 30 yrs & under

All Change invites you to join us for **MUMS THE WORD** - a weekly social & creative project

- meet other mums | learn new skills | share parenting challenges & tips | have your say about what matters to you |
- + free school holiday activities for families

Friday mornings 10.30am-1pm (including lunch) at All Change, 27 Dingley Place, EC1V 8BR (Nearest tube Old Street, Buses: 43, 205, 214, 56, 4, 55, 243, 394)

Free to attend
Refreshments when you arrive, plus creche & lunch provided!

For further information call 07949 861284 or email: projects@allchangearts.org
www.allchangearts.org Instagram @allchangeidn




inspire

a creative programme for young parents & parents-to-be (age 13-25 years)

EVERY FRIDAY 10.30am-3pm
27 Dingley Place, London EC1V 8BR
Lunch & Crèche provided

meet other young parents | learn new skills | take part in creative projects | get advice & guidance on personal development, education, employment, health & wellbeing | develop your skills & confidence as a parent | get qualifications | go on trips & outings ... and more!

FREE ADMISSION | BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Call or Text: 07904 328864
DM: @inspire_family
Email: projects@allchangearts.org



Mums The Word

Friday mornings from 10:30am - 1pm for ages 30 and under

Inspire project

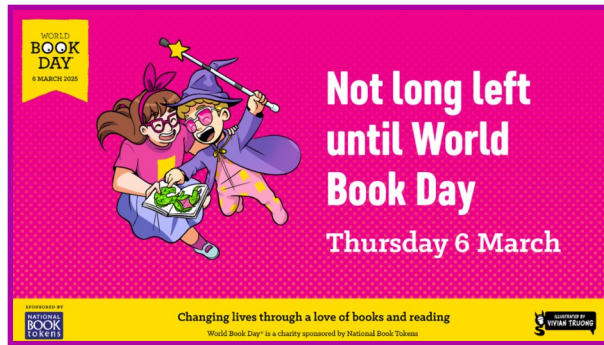
Friday afternoons for young parents ages 25 and under from 1pm - 3pm.

Note:

Mums under 25 years old are welcome to come **for the whole day OR just the afternoon**. Mums ages 26-30 years will be asked to leave at 1pm to ensure that there remains a dedicated space for young parents.

A free lunch, support with transport, and free onsite creche (for children 5 weeks old up to compulsory school age) is provided. Both projects are **free to attend**.

Reminder - World Book Day Celebrations



World Book Day is next Thursday, 6th March



Read with your child at Pakeman

You are invited to come to school to read with your child.

Years 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 – Thursday 6th March

Early Years (2+, Nursery Reception) – Friday 7th March

Please arrive from 8:45am and stay until 9:20am. In class, you will read a book with your child during soft start and then we will complete a World Book Day activity as a class.

Why not wear a costume or a clue to show what kind of books you like to read.

Don't forget to use your £1 Book Token

Use your World Book Day £1 token to get a brilliant read for free between
13th February and 23rd March



We're excited to support children to 'Read Your Way' - encouraging everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations, and empowering children and young people to have fun discovering reading on their own terms. We're supporting children to 'Read Your Way' by wearing something that expresses what they like to read.

Follow the link to World Book Day's World of Stories, where you can enjoy a selection of FREE audiobooks. Audiobooks are a brilliant way of enjoying books being read aloud, whether you're sharing them with family or friends, or listening on your own.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

