

THE PAKEMAN PRESS



**Pakeman
Primary
School**

Thank you for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter. We hope you will find its contents useful.

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Friday 21st March 2025

Willow Class at Forest School

Willow Class started Forest School last week. They had lots of fun finding and creating things in the natural environment. Children said it was the "best day ever!" High praise indeed!!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

End of Spring Term

Friday 4th April
(Finish 1.30pm)

Start of Summer Term

Tues 22nd April 2025



Rhymes and songs are great for children's language learning and development.



Why not try some new ones with your toddler?

[Rhymes and Songs](#)

SUPERSTARS



Elm	Cairo
Pine	Mykah
Cherry	Zahra
Holly	Sienna
Maple	Fatmah
Willow	Nova Rae
Palm	Maryam
Banyan	Jessica
Olive	David
Cedar	An
Mahogany	Nyla
Eucalyptus	Ifrat
Sequoia	Adelmalek



Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Under 96%	Under 96%	Palm Class
KS2	Mahogany Class	Banyan Class	Sequoia Class

Children's Achievements



We love to celebrate the many achievements of our Pakeman children but we don't always know about them.

If your child does something amazing, in a club they take part in outside of school or for a charity they might raise money for, then we would really love to hear from you. Take a photo of your child and let us know what special thing they've done. The best way to let us know is via the school office or by telling your teacher on Class Dojo. If we can, we'll do our best to share your news in our newsletter so that our school community can celebrate too.



Cinnamon Rolls

Get ready next term to buy yourself a freshly baked cinnamon roll.

Maryam, Sofia, Skyla-Rose and Nina practiced their baking skills this week. They have been giving out samples ahead of setting up their very own enterprise stall next term.

How much will you pay for one?

The feedback has been great so far!



FREE JIGSAW-GC'S HAF 2025

GET-CONNECTED ACTIVITIES CAMP

14TH - 17TH APRIL

LEARN, PLAY, EXPLORE

9 AM - 2PM

Program Excellence

- Art & Creativity
- Indoor games
- Gaming station
- Multi-sports
- Dance
- Fun games/prizes
- And more

Requirements

- Must be 7-12 years old
- Registered to HAF online
- Free school meals
- can be referred by a social worker, family support worker or other professional.
- Completed online Enrolment Form
- Create an account on Plinth
- Confirm your email address using the link sent to your email

more info: info@jigsaw-gc.com

How to register: <https://book.plinth.org.uk/calendar>

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JIGSAW-GC HAF

GIRLS ONLY

GIRLS ON THE MOVE

GET CONNECTED EASTER ACTIVITIES

FREE

ROWEN'S TEN PIN BOWLING & ARCADE

10 Stroud Green Rd, Finsbury Park, London N4 2DF

22/04/2025 11.30am - 2pm

CASTLE CLIMBING CENTRE

Green Lanes, London N4 2HA

23/04/2025 10am - 2pm

Must be 10-12 years old
Registered to HAF online
Free school meals
can be referred by a social worker, family support worker or other professional.
Completed online Enrolment Form
Create an account on Plinth.
Confirm your email address using the link sent to your email.

Fun & Laughter: Enjoy a day of bowling, friendly competition, and making memories with new friends!
Bonding & Friendship: Team up for fun activities and build lasting friendships!
School Transition: Share experiences and get ready for the exciting move to secondary school!

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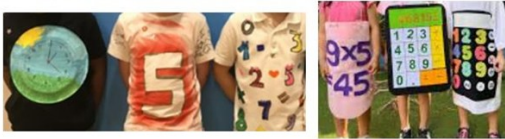
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World Maths Day!

Wednesday 26th March

Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite number, symbol or an area of maths that they love. Here are some ideas to inspire you!



Pakeman School 100 Square Challenge!

As part of our world maths day celebration, we are setting our children and parents/carers a maths challenge!

The challenge is to see how much of the 100 square we, together as a school, can fill with real life pictures. Children are encouraged to look around and search for numbers in the real world. For example, the number 43 could be of the 43 bus or the number 5 could be a £5 note.



Pictures need to be clear, and the number needs to be visible. You can send your pictures to Tamanna and Rose on Class Dojo or children can bring them into school! Once it is complete we will make a whole school display to showcase our achievement!

Brain Teasers

Have some fun with these brain teasers and problems ...

If all of the whole numbers from 0 to 100 were arranged alphabetically, which number would come first? Which number would come last?

I am an odd number. Take away one letter and I become even. What number am I?

Think of a number. Double it. Add 10. Halve it. Take away your original number. Your answer is ... 5! Can you explain how this works? Try exploring what happens if you change the number that you add.

Can you move just 3 coins to flip this triangle upside down?

You have a birthday cake. You must cut it into 8 equal parts by only making 3 cuts. How do you do it? You could try this out using playdough or why not use a real cake!

I add five to nine, and get two. The answer is correct, but how?

Move one matchstick to make this calculation correct.

Did You Know?

Mathematics can be fascinating and magical. Discuss and explore these interesting examples.

The idea of numbers and counting goes back a long way in history. Some historians suggest that humans were counting as far back as 50,000 YEARS AGO!

FOUR is the only number that is spelled with the same number of letters as its value (4).

There are lots of different languages used around the world. See if you can learn to count to 10 in a different language.

9 is known as the **MAGIC NUMBER**. If you multiply a number by 9 and add together the digits of the answer until you get a single digit number, this will always be 9. For example: $11 \times 9 = 99$, $9+9 = 18$, so $1+8 = 9$.

FORTY is the only number that is spelled with letters arranged in alphabetical order.

Take a look at this **MAGICAL** calculation ...

$111 \times 111 = 12321$

The numbers on opposite sides of a dice always add up to seven.

If you add two even numbers together, the answer will also be even!

What happens when you add two odd numbers together?

$12 + 3 - 4 + 5 + 67 + 8 + 9 = 100$

Can you find another calculation to make the answer 100 using the numerals 1 to 9 in order?

TOILETING COFFEE MORNING

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

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)



Reminders



CLOTHES UPCYCLING COFFEE AFTERNOON

WE ARE EXCITED TO INVITE YOU TO A CLOTHING UPCYCLING COFFEE AFTERNOON

A FUN AND CREATIVE WAY TO REFRESH YOUR WARDROBE AND MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE!

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN HOW TO BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO YOUR OLD CLOTHES WITH THE HELP OF FABRIC, CLOTHES EMBELLISHMENTS, AND SEWING MACHINES (ALL PROVIDED)

WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED PRO OR JUST LOOKING TO TRY SOMETHING NEW, THIS SESSION IS PERFECT FOR ANYONE WHO ENJOYS ARTS, CRAFTS, AND FASHION!

TUESDAY 1ST APRIL 2:15PM - 3:15PM
IN THE LAB



Science of Surgery

Want to do something fun, FREE, and family friendly over the Easter holidays?

Then make sure you visit the UCL Hawkes Institute annual science fair, Science of Surgery.

Friday 11th April 11am-4pm

UCL scientists and staff will lead hands-on demonstrations to families, showcasing cutting edge medical research. Use a medical ultrasound scanner, try simulated keyhole surgery, and go on behind-the-scenes tours of labs to see robot surgeons.

For more info visit: [Science Surgery](#)

Contact Simon Watt
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ACTIVE DAY CAMPS

EASTER HIGHGATE & CROUCH END

WEEK 1: MON 7TH APR – FRI 11TH APR

MULTI-ACTIVITY ST MICHAEL'S, HIGHGATE
EARLY YEARS ST MICHAEL'S, HIGHGATE
FOOTBALL & MULTI-SPORT CHANNING JUNIOR SCHOOL, HIGHGATE

WEEK 2: MON 14TH APR – THU 17TH APR

MULTI-ACTIVITY ST MICHAEL'S, HIGHGATE
EARLY YEARS ST MICHAEL'S, HIGHGATE
FOOTBALL & MULTI-SPORT HIGHGATE WOOD SCHOOL, CROUCH END

NEW ACTIVITIES ALERT!

- GO-KARTING
- EASTER EGG HUNT
- BOUNCY CASTLES

SCAN FOR BOOKINGS

TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

FARM MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP ON A FARM!
AGES 6-12 YEARS | APRIL 7TH-17TH | TUE-THU
SWEETREE FARM, MILL HILL, NW3 6QN

020 7846 0253 ENQUIRIES@ACTIVEDAYCAMPS.COM

Free holiday activities for children



Islington's free Holiday Activities with Food (HAF) programme is back for eligible children during the school Easter holidays!

Look out for:

- Fun and friendly, multi-sport, arts and crafts camps - Drayton Park Primary School (5-12 years)
- SEND only sessions - Harry Rice Hall (4-6 years)
- Little Angel Theatre performances (4-9-years)
- Choreography - William Tyndale Primary (4-11 years)

Bookings now open

For young people who are not eligible, there are lots of activities that are either free or require a small payment. For more info:

[Spring Programme 2025](#)

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS IN ISLINGTON

Throughout the school holidays and in partnership with Islington Council, we are proud to be able to offer a variety of free swimming lessons for children and families. Lessons will run during Easter, May Half Term, Summer and October Half Term. Sessions include:

- Adult and child swimming lessons: 6-week course for under 3's *Summer holiday only
- Swimming lessons for 4-13-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Teen swimming lessons 13-16-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Family swimming lessons, 6-week course for up to 2 adults and 2 children to learn to swim together and enjoy the pool together *Summer holiday only

To apply please scan QR code or visit website at better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons
You can email for more information at summer.lessons@gll.org

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FATHERHOOD CONSORTIUM

EMPOWERING FATHERS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

About Us

We are dedicated to empowering dads to achieve their full potential. With a team of seasoned professionals and a wealth of industry experience, we offer tailored bespoke mentoring, coaching and counselling, to help dads overcome the challenges of fatherhood offering them a unique and bespoke holistic universal support.

FREE SERVICE !!



"Join the Fatherhood Consortium" programme and take advantage of our specialised services designed to empower and support fathers. Remember all our services are FREE!!



Counselling

We offer up to six sessions of personalised counselling and coaching. These sessions address various aspects of fatherhood, including emotional well-being, stress management, and personal development. Our professional counsellors are culturally competent, ensuring they understand and respect your unique background and experiences. This approach helps create a supportive and effective therapeutic environment.



The Fatherhood Consortium is dedicated to supporting mainly young fathers under the age of 25. (exceptions can be made with age range)
Our comprehensive universal service offer also includes:

- ✓ Personal Development
- ✓ Emotional support groups
- ✓ Advocacy
- ✓ Family court assistance
- ✓ Co-parenting
- ✓ Financial management



Wellbeing networking events

Our events provide a unique opportunity to connect, share stories, and uplift each other while taking part in a range of engaging activities and interventions. Experience personal growth, build meaningful connections, and empower yourself in a supportive and inclusive environment. Whether you're looking to network or try something new, our events offer something for everyone!



Mentoring/Coaching

We connect you with experienced mentors and life coaches who have successfully navigated the journey of young fatherhood. Our mentoring program offers you the opportunity to learn from those who have been in your shoes, providing practical advice, encouragement, and a supportive network.

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Bright Start

Did you know? Families are welcome to attend the Child Health Clinics, where they can speak with members of the health visiting team about routine queries regarding sleep and the development of their child.

You can find details about the location and schedule of your local clinic on the Bright Start timetable.

There are places for eligible young people with SEND, including some providers who are offering activities just for those with SEND. You can find these activities listed on our booking system.

If your child is eligible and has a SEND, it is important that you share the details about your child's needs with the activity provider so they can confirm your child's place and make reasonable adjustments.

[Bright Start Clinics](#)

