

# THE PAKEMAN PRESS



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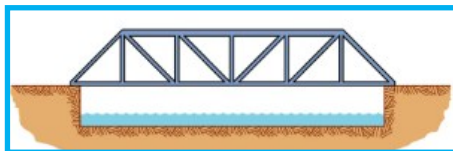
Thank you for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter. We hope you will find its contents useful.

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Friday 4th April 2025

## Spaghetti Truss Bridges

Year 5 and 6 have been learning about different bridges in their Design and Technology lessons. They have created bridges out of card and spaghetti. They built the truss spaghetti bridges across two weeks and they look amazing.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**End of Spring Term**  
Friday 4th April  
(Early Closure 1.30pm)



**Start of Summer Term**  
All children return  
Tues 22nd April 2025



A huge thank to all our amazing children and staff for all their hard work this term.

Have a well deserved rest everyone!

## IntoUniversity



This week, our year 5 children went to their first workshop run by [IntoUniversity](#). The workshop was called 'What is University?' and the children learnt about what they could study and where, university accommodation and clubs and societies.



## SUPERSTARS



Elm	Tyler
Pine	Vincent
Cherry	Amar
Holly	Ranya
Maple	Zayne
Willow	George
Palm	Robyn
Banyan	Holden
Olive	Adam
Cedar	Bayan
Mahogany	Almira
Eucalyptus	Joan
Sequoia	Lauren



## Science Boffins

Professor Keith from Science Boffins came to give an amazing assembly this week. He taught the children and adults some great things.

Did you know that sodium polyacrylate is a super absorbent polymer that can absorb 200 to 300 times its weight in water? This makes it perfect for use in nappies and space outfits!



## The Reading Shed

Reading outside, at our brand new reading shed, has been very popular this week. It has been brilliant to see the children exploring this excellent space designed to encourage reading and a love of books. Our reading shed was made possible through our partnership with Bookmark. Thank you to everyone involved in making this initiative happen.



## The London Symphony Orchestra



Year 3, 4 and 5 had a wonderful time on their recent trip to the Barbican to see the London Symphony Orchestra. The children showcased the singing that they had spent 4 weeks preparing with Jack.

What an amazing experience to perform with the LSO! Presenter Paul Rissmann took the audience on an exciting musical adventure full of strange creatures in need of a home and taught them about the orchestra on the way.



They heard music from Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Modest Mussorgsky, Louise Farrenc and John Williams, alongside an enchanting musical setting of Shaun Tan's award winning story *The Lost Thing*. They finished with a sunny lunch on the grounds of the Barbican watching the ducks play in the lake. Thank you to Jack, Marta and the Year 3/4/5 teams for organising the trip. An amazing experience for everyone!



## Science of Surgery - Free Science Fair



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

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

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 11am-4pm**

UCL scientists and staff will lead hands-on demonstrations to families, showcasing cutting edge medical research. Go on behind-the-scenes tours of labs to see robot surgeons.

For more info visit: [Science Surgery](#) or Contact Simon Watt ([simon.watt@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:simon.watt@ucl.ac.uk))

# ARSENAL DOUBLE CLUB



# FREE HOLIDAY CAMP



AT THE ARSENAL HUB, 56 BENWELL ROAD

MONDAY 14TH TO THURSDAY 17TH APRIL

FROM 9.30AM TO 12.30PM

FOR GIRLS IN YEARS 3, 4 AND 5

FOOTBALL AND READING

EMAIL HENRY MILTON AT [HMILTON@ARSENAL.CO.UK](mailto:h.milton@arsenal.co.uk) FOR DETAILS

SIGN UP HERE:



Arsenal in the Community are running a **free holiday camp for Girls in Years 3, 4 and 5**

The camp will run every day between  
**9.30am and 12.30pm**  
**Monday 14th April to Thursday 17th April**

at The Arsenal Hub  
(located by the Emirates Stadium)

It is not just a football camp; half the time is spent doing creative activities related to reading and stories.

If you would like your child to attend please complete the Double Club Consent Form which can be found by scanning the poster.

There are **limited spaces** so please fill in the form as soon as possible to ensure a place for your child. Once completed you will receive further information.

## 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](http://better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons)  
You can email for more information at [summer.lessons@gll.org](mailto:summer.lessons@gll.org)



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## Easter Holiday 2025 - FREE Bikeability

Islington Council offers free Bikeability cycle training for children aged 5-17 years old in the school holidays.

Where: Highbury Fields (N5) and Tollington Place (N4)

There are **three courses** available to suit your child's age and ability.

**Beginners** – learning to ride (age 5-17, two day course)

**Level 1 Bikeability** – training for more confident riders (age 5-12, for those who have a little more experience with the bicycle)

**Level 2 Bikeability** – an introduction to road cycling for those who can ride (age 9-12)

For more info:

[Bikeability](#)



## Free Holiday Activities With Lunch

Islington's free holiday programmes gives young people the chance to enjoy a wide range of free activities with a healthy lunch.

**Spring programme bookings are now open.**

The programme will take place from **Monday 7 April - Thursday 17 April**

The programme is **free to Islington residents** who are school-aged children from Reception to Year 11, or up to 18 years old for those with SEND and meet one of the following criteria:

- **qualify for benefits-related free school meals**
- **referred by a social worker, family support worker or other professional, including school staff**



There are many more activities available that are **free to all** such as Islington [adventure playgrounds](#) and [youth clubs](#)

## FREE - ACCESS TO SPORT

Access to Sports is, once again, running free activities for children and young people over the Easter holidays all over the borough.

Activities include multi sports camps, badminton, tennis, football amongst others.

They are also running trips and competitions as well as coaching and leadership courses.

Click the link to book: [Access To Sports](#)



## Library Holiday Events

Islington libraries are hosting a series of fun, free craft activities throughout the Easter school holidays.

Make your own bunny mask, craft a card or create a beautiful butterfly or Easter basket. Hop on over to your local library and join the family fun!

[What's on - Islington libraries](#)



**FREE** JIGSAW-GC'S HAF 2025  
**GET-CONNECTED**  
**ACTIVITIES CAMP**  
14TH - 17TH APRIL  
LEARN, PLAY, EXPLORE  
EASTER HALF TERM  
9 AM - 2PM

**Program Excellence**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art & Creativity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multi-sports
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indoor games	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gaming station	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fun games/prizes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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>  
HAF@islington.gov.uk

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