



Believing in the worth of every individual, we are a nurturing, Christian sanctuary of learning, where all can flourish. We aspire for everyone to achieve heights of success, to deepen courage and to experience breadth of creativity, knowing the joy of God's love.

LIVING OUR VISION

Autumn 1 2021

"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken." Psalm 62 5-6

What a joy to be back at school in person again. It is strange that we no longer take an open school for granted but thankfully we are fully open. It has felt like a real privilege to have been able to host some parental events this term. Thank you to those who attended our recent parent/teacher meetings. Our recent coffee morning was well attended too. It was such a treat to be able to finally meet altogether in person: to socialise with each other, share cake and to talk about opportunities for all of the parents to get involved in school life. Following this meeting, we have now put together a timetable of themed coffee mornings:

Date	Theme	Year Groups
2nd November 2021	Early reading and phonics	Nursery, reception, Years 1 and 2
16th November 2021	Christmas Fair Planning	Everyone
30th November 2021	Multiplication Tables	Years 3 and 4
7th December 2021	Restorative Parenting, part 1	Everyone

Additional dates for the diary are:

Christmas Fair - Thursday 9th December 2021

Parent Social Evening Thursday 25th November 2021

Our school vision is influenced by a strong Christian ethos and underpinned by our six Christian values. Both compassion and koinonia were evident as we celebrated harvest. Students brought generous donations into school for our school food bank and other local food banks. Thank you to the parents who volunteer on Mondays and Fridays to prepare the food parcels. (Additional volunteers are very welcome).



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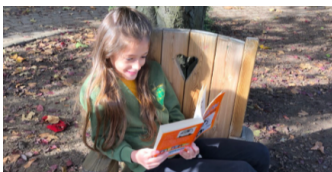


Applications and interviews have taken place in Years 3-6 for our Junior Leadership Team (JLT) this half term. Over 130 children applied for these exciting roles. We have subject leaders, health leaders, eco-leaders, worship leaders and digital leaders. Our JLT works alongside our staff team, including our senior leadership team and governors deciding what is best for our school. Some of our junior leadership team met with our governing board at their strategic day this week to explain their roles and their motivations for applying for them.

This term we have sadly had to say goodbye to Father Michael as he retired from his role as parish priest. Father Michael has served as a governor and priest at John Keble School for 32 years, giving a lot of time and energy to the school. We are so grateful to him for this enormous service and recognise the impact his work has had on so many lives including my own (he was part of my appointment panel for the role of headteacher here).



October is Black History month each year in the United Kingdom. We use the month of October, in addition to other opportunities, to talk about race and racial injustice. As a school community, we have a strong commitment to educate our children (and adults) about black history, heritage and culture. This is part of understanding racism and standing in solidarity against it. Many of our bespoke assemblies focus on black history, celebrating the worth and contribution of individuals, recognising the challenges faced by them and how each of these people has made a difference to our society. Mrs Goddard has written several songs that the children have learnt and sing regularly to celebrate black history. We are reviewing our curriculum over the next year, looking at how we, as a school, are upholding these principles in everything we teach and ensuring that this representation is broad and balanced.



Mr Martin has been creating reading nooks and crannies around the school, so that children can spend time enjoying reading outside of lessons. These areas have been very popular with the children. If you have any unwanted children's books at home, please drop them off at school for Mr Martin.

Interschool sports tournaments have restarted. We have played in a Brent football tournament and a tag rugby tournament. Our team came third in both competitions.



The school's website is updated regularly with information, photos and examples of learning the children are involved in. The assemblies are recorded and uploaded to our website twice a week too. Please explore our website to learn more about school life.

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe half term.

Catherine Allard

School Meal Update: Due to an increase in food prices, we are increasing the price of school meals to £2.20 a day, £11 a week. Please note that this is the first rise in 5 years.

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Term Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2020 (72 days)	
Inset Day	Thursday 2 nd September 2021 and Friday 3 rd September 2021
Term starts	Monday 6 th September 2021
Half term	Monday 25 th October – Friday 29 th October 2021
Term ends	Friday 17 th December 2021
Spring Term 2021 (59 days)	
Inset Day	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Term starts	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
Half term	Monday 14 th February – Friday 18 th February 2022
Term ends	Friday 1 st April 2022
Summer Term 2021 (63 days)	
Term starts	Tuesday 19 th April 2022
Bank holiday	Monday 2 nd May 2022
Half term	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2022
Term ends	Wednesday 20 th July 2022
Inset Day	Thursday 21 st July and Friday 22 nd July

Please do not request leave in term time. It will not be granted. Please take careful note of travel restrictions when planning holidays away in order to prevent disruption to students' learning.

Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022 (70 days + 2 INSET)	
Inset Day	Thursday 1 st September 2021 and Friday 2 nd September 2022
Term starts	Monday 5 th September 2022
Half term	Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October 2022
Term ends	Friday 16 th December 2021
Spring Term 2023 (58 days + 1 INSET)	
Inset Day	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
Term starts	Wednesday 4 th January 2023
Half term	Monday 13 th February – Friday 17 th February 2023
Term ends	Friday 31 st April 2023
Summer Term 2023 (62 days + 2 INSET)	
Term starts	Monday 17 th April 2023
Bank holiday	Monday 1 st May 2023
Half term	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June 2023
Term ends	Wednesday 19 th July 2023
Inset Day	Thursday 20 th July and Friday 21 st July 2023