



*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 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,



It has been an incredibly busy start to the new academic year and it is hard to believe that it is half term already. The children have settled really well into their new classes and there is a very purposeful learning climate around the school. The careful planning from staff and the children's positive attitudes to learning have resulted in many fantastic opportunities for the children to make excellent progress at school. The following few examples are some of the many highlights: The Big Bad wolf visited our reception classes, so they could interview him about a crime that he had committed in school; Year 4 made working traffic lights as they learnt about their inventor Garrett Morgan; Year 6 took inspiration from William Kamkwamba and their English text, 'The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind' by designing and making their own self-propelling cars; while Year 5 investigated how size can impact upon the speed of a dropping parachute.



We are delighted that our broad and balanced curriculum has been recognised in a variety of ways this half term. We have won a Music Mark Award from the Brent Music Service for our music curriculum which has included Year 3 learning the cello and viola in their classes (in addition to their weekly music lessons) and Years 4, 5 and 6 learning the steel pan drums. Several recent visitors have also commented on the quality of the children's singing across the school including Bishop Rob who, after delivering mass, tweeted that the children's singing was 'stunning, beautiful and genuine.'



Furthermore, our sports teams have performed very well this half term. Our Year 1 and Year 2 football team won 5 out of 7 games at a local tournament and our tag-rugby team won the Brent Championship last week. This means they will now go on to represent the borough of Brent at the London Youth Games in March 2023! Congratulations to all the children who participated. We are also very grateful to Ms. Domingo from St Claudine's School for helping us to provide high quality

Spanish lessons for our older children in Key Stage 2.

Our Junior Leadership Team has been interviewed and appointed. Many of our new leaders have started their roles. Our worship leaders were involved in the appointment process for the New Vicar at All Souls this week. Peer mediators have





started their training too.

On 5th October, we welcomed fellowship groups from St Catherine's Church, Neasden and St Gabriel's Church, Willesden to celebrate Mass with us. The multi-generational service was a great success and clearly moved our visitors, who found the children's joy infectious.

Thank you to all of you for all the generous harvest contributions that you sent in. The school celebrated its harvest assembly and the food has now been added to our foodbank. Please let the office know if you would like support from our foodbank or if you are able to volunteer to help with its distribution.

Thank you too for your votes in our recent parent governor elections. Over 400 votes were cast. Jennie Thomas, was re-elected to the Governing Board and Pete Gladwell was newly elected to our Board. We are very grateful to Ahmed Herzi for standing. The governors believe that Dr Herzi has a lot to offer the school and we are meeting with him to see how he can also support the strategic vision and direction of the school.

Please remember to check out what is happening on our Twitter feed @JohnKebleBrent, we post at least twice a week and check our news and gallery on our website. <http://www.johnkeble.com>

I wish you all a good and restful holiday.

Catherine Allard.



School starts again on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October for the children

## Term Dates 2022-2023

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

# Rooted together in love, growing without limits



Please do not request leave in term time. It will not be granted. Please ensure that your child/ren are back in London ready to start school on 31st October 2022. Action, including fines, will be taken by Brent Council against families whose children are not back in school. There is a clear correlation between children's attendance at school and their academic performance. Children with the best attendance have the best results.

We have published our term dates for 2023-2024 below to help you ensure that all travel is booked outside term times.

## Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023 (72 days + 2 INSET)	
Inset Day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 and Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Term starts	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Half term	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Term ends	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023
Spring Term 2024 ( 53 days + 1 INSET)	
Inset Day	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Term starts	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Half term	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Term ends	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Summer Term 2024 ( 65 days + 2 INSET)	
Term starts	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Bank holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Half term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
Term ends	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024
Inset Day	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July and Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024



Rob Wickham @bpedmonton · 12 Oct

It was such a joy to be with you. And the children's engagement and singing..... stunning, beautiful and genuine. Thank you. I left having met with Jesus in this encounter.



John Keble C of E School @JohnKebleBrent · 12 Oct

So delighted to welcome Bishop Rob to John Keble School to preside at Mass @LDBS1836 @bpedmonton #Harlesden



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