



*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 2 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Advent is my favourite time of year. I never tire of the Christmas story; a story of love, of a love so great and so incomprehensible. God sent his only son, Jesus, to live on Earth to show us who He is and to demonstrate how much he loves each one of us, no matter how unlovable we might believe we are. This birth is a story of divine love, a love that can change hearts, a love that says you have infinite worth, you are precious, you are my child. Our youngest children performed and sang, retelling this story to each other and their parents and carers. They grew in confidence during the rehearsals and then we saw their immense pride and huge smiles when you, as their family, came to watch them. Your partnership in this has been invaluable.



As the autumn term draws to a close and we focus on the holiday season ahead, I would like to take this opportunity to say how inspiring and fun this term has been at school. Staff have worked incredibly hard to make learning at school interesting, inspiring and fun.



Our nursery children have been making volcanoes. They built a volcano shape around a bottle with sand. Then they mixed together bicarbonate of soda, red paint and vinegar to create volcanic eruptions. They discovered that there were lots of volcanoes when dinosaurs roamed the earth and that they may have contributed to their extinction. The children have also acted out the nativity story in R.E. lessons.

Our Reception children have been learning about seasonal changes, and went on an autumn walk to collect "autumn treasures", such as conkers and different coloured leaves. As the weather got colder, they learnt about the winter and enjoyed investigating the snow. They conducted an experiment to see how they could free Stick Man from the ice!



Year 1 have been learning lots of different methods to subtract.

In art this term, they have learnt about how paints were made in the past. They used natural resources like turmeric, strawberries and beetroot to make different pigments by crushing the materials. They then added liquid to turn them into our own paints, before using them to create cave paintings.

Year 2 have been learning how to make a pop up card in design technology to give to family or friends, and enriched their knowledge of The Great Fire of London with a visit to St Paul's Cathedral. They even burned down a replica London to learn how the fire spread and was extinguished.





Year 3 have been learning about the Stone Age as well as enjoying many myths and legends of the British Isles. They have created some very atmospheric writing inspired by Beowulf, Grendel and King Arthur.



Year 4 and 5 have been learning about ancient Egyptian history. The children have been re-enacting Anubis: weighing a heavy heart after multiple lies and complemented their learning by exploring the ancient artefacts held at the British Museum.

Year 6's geography unit was based on a local study of Harlesden. During this time, Year 6 looked at how the geography of the area has changed over the years, and what happened as a result of these changes. They examined the importance of maps including Ordnance Survey (OS) maps. They learnt how to read and understand a 6-figure grid reference.

Our end of term Mass took place at St Matthew's Church this week. Father Andrew led us in a reflection of John the Baptist. The school, led by our amazing choir, filled the church with Advent worship. During the service, we celebrated Father Andrew's ten years of service to the school and community. The children prayed for Father Andrew as he prepares to move to Blackpool.



We also say goodbye to Ms Bell, one of our dedicated teaching assistants, who is working hard to finish her British Sign Language qualification so that she can work in this field. We are very grateful for her skilled work with our youngest children.

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 Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 8.30am for the children

## Term Dates 2022-2023

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



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