



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 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As 2023 and the school term draws to an end, I would like to thank you all for your help and support. It has been a full term, full of exciting events and opportunities.



Highlights include our Christmas Fair, two nativity performances, Christmas lunch, class assemblies and lots of trips to a range of places including The National Gallery, Hampstead Heath, The British Museum, The Science Museum, The Courtauld Institute of Art and Roundwood Park. Year 6 took part in a week-long project called Into University and experienced the opportunities available to those who move into higher education. Year 6 also took part in the Junior Citizen Scheme, learning how to be safe in the local community.

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Lusa into school. Our junior worship leaders had been due to visit Downing Street with him for an interfaith debate, but unfortunately this was cancelled due to the current conflict in Gaza. Instead Bishop Lusa came to school to host an interfaith conversation with our worship leaders. They spoke to Bishop Lusa about his interfaith work for the Church and what he does. We hope to be able to hold the interfaith debate next term.



Our junior eco leaders organised a 'Slow Fashion' event, with a MUFTI day and provided opportunities for children to recycle and repurpose some clothing. They wrote and delivered an assembly to inform the school about the damage caused by fast fashion and they have even more events planned for the coming year.

I would like to thank a group of parents who have formed a group called Keble Collective. They helped organise the fair and are planning some coffee mornings for next term. The first coffee morning is on 2nd February at 8.45am. If you would like to get involved, please email KebleCollective@gmail.com. This group also has a WhatsApp group. Please see the message below from them and/or attend the coffee morning.

The school fair was full of fun and excitement with many highlights. Our school choir opened the fair beautifully with their high quality melodies. The school hall fell silent as they sang. Santa's grotto was beautifully set up and very popular with the younger children.





Thank you to all of you who supported the school fair. In total we took £1385.



Last week, I sent an email to parents explaining our school data, demonstrating how the published data does not reflect the true attainment picture here at John Keble School. Some of you followed up with questions on the gate. Here is a response from one parent to that email: *"Morning, as a parent, I just wanted to say thank you and well done for taking the time to put this together - the 'home grown' stats are such a helpful dataset for showing (a tiny fraction of) the true impact of John Keble School for children. I'm proud that we get to be part of a school that doesn't let its admission practices be dictated to by the league tables' narrow way of capturing attainment and learning. In my view 'home grown' and data, along with outcomes around social and emotional learning, should be captured nationally to provide a much more holistic picture of how our schools are doing across the country, but in the meantime... keep going!"* Please come and talk to our leadership team if you are worried about data and/or your child's progress.



As we break up for Christmas, I want to wish you all a holiday filled with love and joy. As a Christian School, we celebrate the most important birth ever. Watching the advertisements and looking in the shop windows, it is tempting to want a glossy, perfect Christmas. Jesus' birth was far from picture perfect. Mary had to travel on an uncomfortable donkey. She gave birth surrounded by animals, far from her family. However, this birth was love incarnate and that is what really matters this Christmas.

I wish you all a good and restful holiday.

School starts again on Tuesday 9th January 2024 for the children

Catherine Allard.

Greetings from The Keble Collective - The Parents, Teachers and Friends Association at John Keble.

We are delighted to have officially formed our PTFA, woohoo! Our first task was to help deliver the recent Christmas Fair and fundraiser. We were able to link with businesses and individuals in the local area and source generous donations of gifts for prizes, yummy cakes to sell and free services - all of which contributed towards raising funds for the school. Thank you to all the staff and parents who volunteered their time and donated chocolates and toys to make it a special event.

We have learned many things along the way and are excited to use this experience for all the fun upcoming events we are planning throughout the school year such as coffee mornings and a spring Sustainability Fair. Details will be shared via email and other publicity nearer the time.

JOIN US! We would love for more parents to join the PTFA, we believe the more that we can join together as a school community, the more the school and children can flourish. If you would like to join or receive more information please email: KebleCollective@gmail.com or follow us on Instagram [@KebleCollective](https://www.instagram.com/KebleCollective)



Please remember that the morning gate is open from 8.30-8.40am. Formal lessons start at 8.45am. Children brought to school after 8:40am need to ensure they are brought through the front office to ensure they are registered appropriately.

For the latest news, please remember to check out what is happening on our X (formerly Twitter) feed @JohnKebleBrent, we post at least twice a week. You can also read about our latest news and view images in the gallery on our website. <http://www.johnkeble.com>

A reminder that our school office is open from 8am -4.30pm and closes between 1.30pm-2.30pm for lunch. The office will be closed during the Christmas holidays.

Year 5 making vegetable soup and drawing the nativity.



From Brent Council:

Family Wellbeing Centres

Family Wellbeing Centres (FWC) support families with a wide range of services from the moment parents know they are expecting until their child is 18 years old, or up to 25 for young people with additional needs. FWC have services and support that can help families struggling with the cost of living crisis, support young children to be school ready, improve parenting, health and wellbeing, and have activities for children after school and during school holidays. Centres are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, and some evenings and weekends. For more information and to register please use the link below.

www.brent.gov.uk/familywellbeingcentres

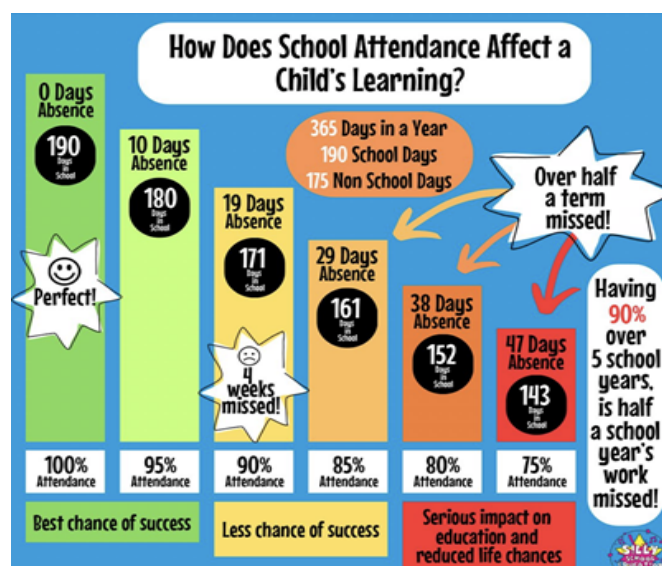


Term Dates 2023-2024

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

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 30th October 2023. 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.



Upcoming Dates

9th January 2024 Year 2 Trip to St Paul's Cathedral

11th January 2024 Year 4 trip to the Mandir

Week beginning 15th January 2024 - Parent meeting for Year 6 parents re: Wales residential

2nd February, 9am Year 4 Holly assembly to parents

9th February, 9am Year 4 Sycamore assembly to parents

12th February HALF TERM

15th March, 9am Year 3 Lime assembly to parents

22nd March, 9am Year 3 Poplar assembly to parents