



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 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



The term has been filled with fantastic learning opportunities, trips, class assemblies, Christmas lunch and four performances of our nativity plays. All of these opportunities have not only enriched the children's experiences at school, but also the lives of others, with St Marks' Senior Fellowship Group coming to listen to our choir sing carols also attending an intergenerational Mass. Our choir also sang with such confidence for everyone at the Christmas

Fair. We are very proud that the London Diocesan Board for Schools used a recording of their singing in their Christmas bulletin. To hear it for yourself follow the following link:

[John Keble School Psalm 139 on Vimeo](#)

Thank you to the parents and carers who have supported our children by helping with events and coming to watch them perform. It makes such a difference for the children to know that you are there for them. The Christmas Fair was a great success with a real community feel to it. A massive thank you to those that attended, but especially to our Keble Collective, who worked so hard to make it so special. We raised £2382.20, resulting in a profit of £1929.63. We are also very proud of two of our Junior Leadership Team (JLT) who sold homemade coconut ice at the fair. Daniel and Cyrin raised £31.40 for Friends of the Earth, one of our school charities this year.



Our Strong Roots parent wellbeing course brought together over twenty parents for four engaging and practical workshops. Participants explored a variety of topics, shared experiences, and gained valuable tools to support themselves and their relationships with their children. With so much packed into just four sessions, many were eager for more – stay tuned for future opportunities! Here's what some participants had to say:



"We built a sense of community – we're all in this parenting journey together."

"The facilitators shared valuable knowledge in a clear and memorable way, making it easy to apply in daily life."



Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the course such a success!



This week saw the publication of the Department for Education's performance tables. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive school and want to see every child flourish in their own way, but are also very proud of our results which you can see in the following link:

[Compare School Performance Service.gov.uk](https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk)

We are really pleased to welcome a new site manager, Mr Reway. He is already working to help our site look its best. You will have seen him at the main gate, getting to know everyone. At the end of this term, we say goodbye to Ms Chowdhury in Reception and Ramona, one of our cleaners. We wish them every success in their new ventures.



It is important to note that we have a **new mobile phone policy** that has been ratified by our governing board. A copy accompanies this newsletter. Please read it. We will be sending out the mentioned permission form at the beginning of term.

A few parents are reporting absences to teachers via the Dojo App. It is the school office that needs to be informed of absences, not the teachers. Please follow the school procedures for reporting absence: either email (admin@jkeble.brent.sch.uk) or phone (020 8965 5072) the school office.

Please check on the next page for information connected with our parent and carer group, The Keble Collective. Coffee mornings are the first Friday of every month. Come and meet other parents and learn more about school life.

Please also remember to check out our news and gallery on our website. <http://www.johnkeble.com>



As we break up for the Christmas holidays and I reflect on this season of Advent, with its nativity plays, acted out by our youngest children, I am reminded of the key Christmas messages: Christmas is the revelation of God's love for each one of us. As we watch each precious child play their part in the nativity, we are reminded of the fact that God sent his only, precious child to Earth. The shepherds and the magi knew this and visited this child, sent out of God's love for us. We also

see that as each child in the nativity is part of a family, Jesus was born into an earthly family. Families matter and it is important that we honour them. Jesus calls his church to be a family on Earth and it is important that we, at John Keble School, are a family too; we need to demonstrate the loving heart of the gospel. Jesus came as Saviour, to reveal the kingdom of God; a kingdom that is a place of peace and a place of reconciliation. With Jesus, we can have a new heart and hope. I wish you all a good and restful holiday.

*May the joy of the angels,
The eagerness of the shepherds,
The perseverance of the wise men,
The obedience of Mary and Joseph,
And the peace of the Christ Child
Be ours this Christmas. Amen.*

Catherine Allard.



School starts again on Tuesday 7th January 2025 for the children

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 be brought to 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 holidays.

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

And it's a wrap!

As this month marks the first anniversary of the Keble Collective PTFA, we wanted to reflect on all we've achieved...and it's a lot!

When we first set up the Keble Collective, our vision was to create a community where everyone belongs and takes responsibility for supporting each other. This year, that vision truly came to life - coffee mornings have been very popular, promoting the Strong Roots Parenting Support workshop run by Mimi and Emily (which was a great success!), also with Mr Martin's session on reading and Mrs Allard's Restorative Approach sessions all bringing us together, creating a vibrant community where every parent is not just a part of the school but an integral force in shaping the well-being of our children and the entire school community.



And we can't end this note without mentioning our Christmas fair. So much work was put into it and what a great team effort it's been! We've seen more parents getting involved than ever before, helping with raffle prizes, decorating, preparing, running stalls, liaising with local businesses and more. The Christmas magic was felt by all, children and adults included!



The Keble Collective PTFA sends its heartfelt thank you to all of you, and a special mention for Mrs Allard and Mr Martin for supporting our vision and inspiring us to continue bringing the school community together. We wish you all a happy Christmas and see you in the new

year!

Rooted together in love, growing without limits



If you would like to get involved or have any ideas or questions please contact us on: KebleCollective@gmail.com or follow us on Instagram @KebleCollective

We wish you all a relaxing half term holiday and look forward to seeing you in the next half of term!

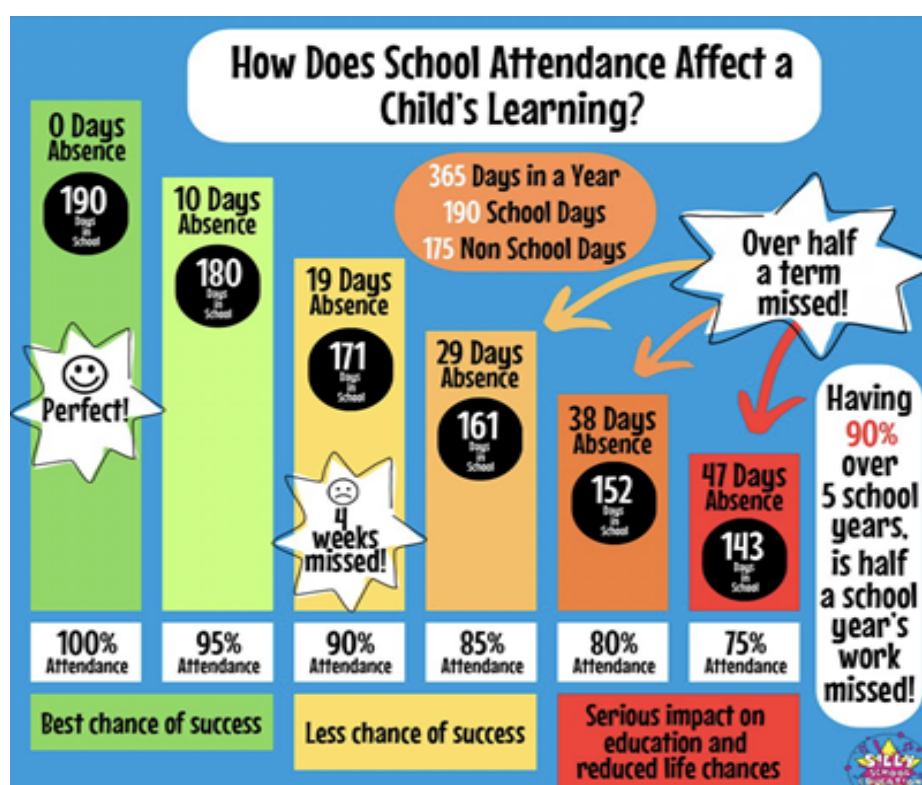
If you would like to join the school community WhatsApp group please scan the QR code below.

Term Dates 2024-2025

Spring Term 2025 (59 days + 1 INSET)	
Inset Day	Monday 6th January 2025
Term starts	Tuesday 7th January 2025
Half term	Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025
Term ends	Friday 4th April 2025 at 1.30pm
Summer Term 2025 (58 days + 2 INSET)	
Term starts	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Bank holiday	Monday 5th May 2025
Half term	Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025
Term ends	Friday 18th July 2025 at 1.30pm
Inset Day	Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July 2025

This year's dates and next year's dates are published on this letter and our website. 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 at the start of the new half term. 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.





The term dates for the next academic year have been scheduled and are as follows:

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025 (73 days + 2 INSET)	
Inset Day	Monday 1st September 2025 and Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Term starts	Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Half term	Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025
Term ends	Friday 19th December 2025
Spring Term 2026 (58 days + 1 INSET)	
Inset Day	Monday 5th January 2026
Term starts	Tuesday 6th January 2026
Half term	Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026
Term ends	Thursday 2nd April 2026
Summer Term 2026 (59 days + 2 INSET)	
Term starts	Monday 20th April 2026
Bank holiday	Monday 4th May 2026
Half term	Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026
Term ends	Friday 17th July 2026
Inset Day	Monday 20th July and Tuesday 21st July 2026