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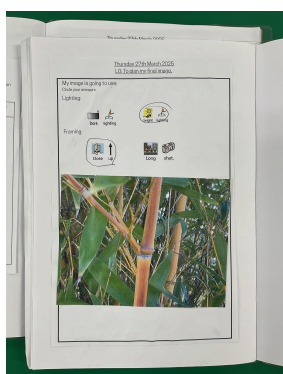
Spring 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



As the end of another term approaches, I have been reflecting on the many events that have happened this term: World Book Day, Brent Choir of the Year heats, multiple trips including our Year 6 residential. The children have had so much fun.

Spring is approaching, the weather is improving and we are enjoying more activities outdoors, including lots of learning in the outdoor classroom. Our reception classes have been learning about plants. They planted seeds in different conditions to investigate how plants would grow best. They also had some plants left for us by Joe The Extraordinary Gardener! He visited the classes and the pupils asked him lots of questions. Nursery pupils have also been visiting the outdoor classroom looking for signs of spring and comparing this to January's snow.



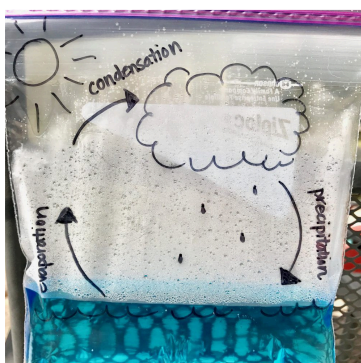
Year 1 went to Hampstead Heath for a maps workshop. They have been learning how to navigate using compass direction and maps, and also studying famous landmarks of the U.K. They walked up to Parliament Hill where they were able to see London's landmarks such as St Paul's Cathedral, the London Eye and the Shard.

Our Year 2 classes have been studying photography in computing lessons. They have experimented with framing, composition and focussing on subjects. On the left is an example of one of their stunning images.



Our Year 3 pupils have had a wonderful spring term. The highlight has to be the class assemblies where they showcased their learning and sang their hearts out to their families and then again to the whole school. In science they planted seeds and measured the lengths of the plants' roots over time. In DT they learned how to make oat bars and enjoyed these tasty (and healthy) treats.

Year 4 pupils have been learning about states of matter. This included many experiments such as the one you can see in the picture, where they created their very own water cycles inside plastic sachets. As a result they were able to see evaporation, condensation and precipitation happening in real time.



In Year 5, the pupils have learned to use computerised equipment to connect motors to their Crumble Controllers. They designed sequences of actions for these components so that they would work with controlled loops.





Our Year 6 pupils have been creating their own websites this half-term. They have also been furthering their understanding of living according to different religions, discussing with children in different year groups about their faith.

Did you feel it? Ms Bennett's science club created an earthquake simulation! They created towers using different resources and investigated which one would withstand a powerful earthquake. They also made their own seismometers to measure the power of their earthquakes. If you would like to make a donation to the UNICEF Appeal to support those affected by the tragedy in Myanmar can do so via this link: [Unicef Earthquake Appeal](#)



There were also some very creative entries for the Science Week poster competition, based around the theme of "Change and Adapt." Here is an example.

Last week, year 6 pupils went to Wales for a week. They took part in many wonderful activities, experiencing new challenges and activities. A big shout out to the staff that gave up a week with their families to accompany the pupils.



Bishop Lusa returns to John Keble for a Baptismal Mass on 11th June 2025. Many children here enjoy Mass and enjoy learning about the Christian faith and the person of Jesus. We recognise that some of these children might like to be baptised. If you are in support of your child making this choice, please return the letter (which is available from each class teacher). If you have any further questions about this, please speak to or email Catherine Allard.

Staffing Updates: a big thank you and good luck to Emily, one of our therapists, who has gone out on maternity leave today. Also a big congratulations to Ms Poland who is expecting her first baby in August. There will be a new face in the office after Easter: Lizzie Hollow is joining our administrative team as office manager. We look forward to welcoming her to our team.

We pray that you will enjoy a blessed Holy Week, a joyful Easter time and a refreshing Easter break.

But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.' - Matthew 28:6

Catherine Allard.

School starts again on Tuesday 2nd April 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.

I always feel that by the end of spring term we have all unfurled, like a fresh green leaf emerging after a cold, dark winter. The sun on our skin and the blossoms on the trees lift our spirits. We look forward to more time outdoors, to longer lighter days.

We have had a brilliant spring term, with lots of exciting events. The Spring Social got us all creating, sowing seeds and got us ready to move with help from Dr Bike's free bike servicing and second hand bikes from Peddle My Wheels - A big thank you to them and to all those who donated an old bike. Also a shout out to the pupils who sold handmade scrunchies and sweet treats to raise money for environmental charities – you are an inspiration!



Our coffee mornings have been especially thought provoking, with an excellent talk from Dr Anna Lavis about staying safe online. Our children can be exposed to the best and the worst of the world while online, and I think we can all benefit from knowing a bit more about how to help them navigate this world. There is so much to talk about in this field, and we are very fortunate to be welcoming Dr Anna back for part 2 of this talk on the 6th June. We also have a related workshop for parents at our next coffee morning on the 9th May - Parenting In The Digital Age - hosted by Smartphone Free Childhood and Collective Power. We hope to see lots of you there.

Summer Term will be with us soon and we at the Keble Collective will be gearing up for the Summer Fair, which takes place on the 14th July – it would be great to have as many parents involved with this as possible. The more of us there are, the better these events become, growing a community for all of us to enjoy.

Wishing you all a restful break from The Keble Collective PTFA.



Parenting in the Digital Age: Friday 9th May at 9am

Supporting parents and schools navigating smartphones, social media and addictive technology with children. Providing non-judgemental, research-backed solutions to help families cultivate healthier digital habits with modern technology.

A talk with Children's Mental Health Expert and Smartphone Free Childhood Leader, Nova Eden

Computing Classes and English Classes for Parents: 12th May - 18th July 2025

Want to learn more about digital skills, study skills or get ready for an English language course? Come and join our upcoming courses at The Lighthouse!

When: Mondays and Fridays from 9:30–11:30 am

Where: The Lighthouse, 60 High Street, Harlesden, NW10 4LL (opposite the Jubilee Clock)

How do I sign up? Either online using the attached QR codes or come to The Lighthouse from 9:30am–2pm on 4th or 25th April.

How much does it cost? For many the courses will be free or very affordable. Please make sure you have all the documents listed in the attached "What you need to enrol" document with you when you apply to get the best price.

Parenting in the Digital Age: Friday 6th June at 9am

Discussing the range of harmful content that young people may stumble across or engage with online such as Andrew Tate and the Manosphere, self-harm and suicide content, eating disorders and body image content, Dr Anna Lavis, Associate Professor at Birmingham University, will deliver part two of her discussion forum at school on this day. Highly recommended for all parents and particularly those of you who have children about to begin their KS3 journey.

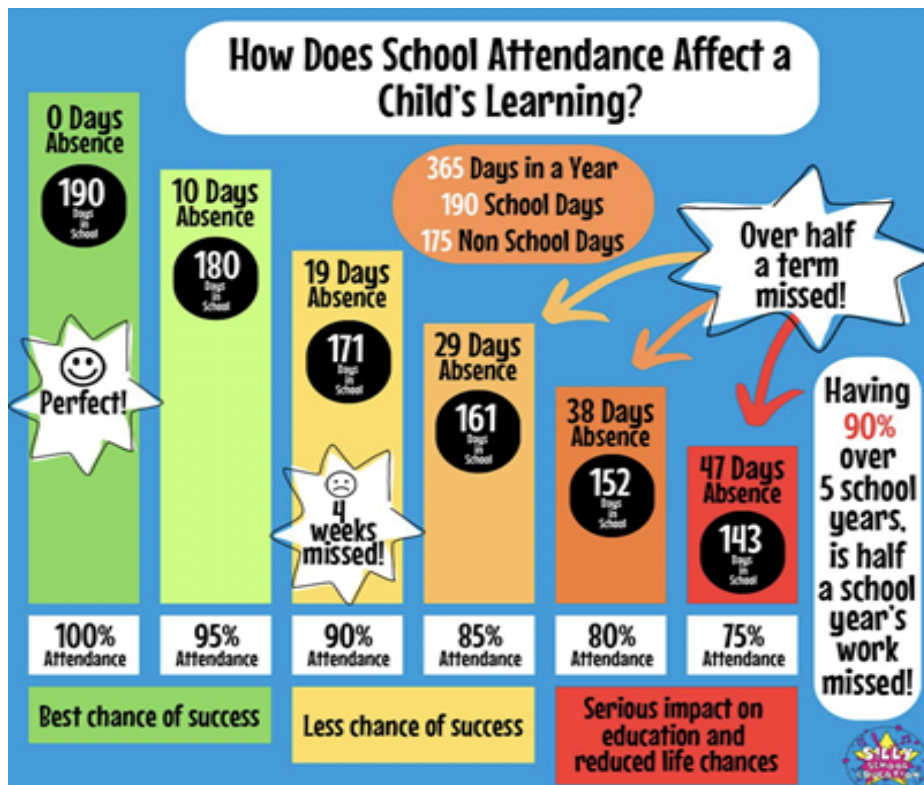
Term Dates 2024-2025

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