



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

Summer 1 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really busy half term with lots of exciting opportunities for each class.

The highlight of the half term was our choir visiting Downing Street to sing at the Prime Minister's Easter reception. The choir sang Psalm 139 to the Prime Minister's audience in an arrangement written by our music

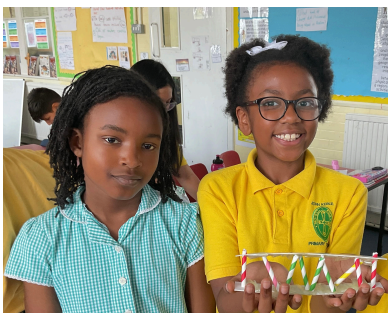


teacher, Mrs Goddard. The choir also made it through to the last five schools in Brent Choir of the Year. Their performance was stunning. They next sing at St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 20th July.

Our Year 6 pupils have just completed their Year 6 SAT tests. We are so proud of them. They have worked diligently to ensure that they achieved their best possible score. The teachers also worked hard to ensure that the pupils were as well prepared as possible. They certainly deserved their fun day in the park to celebrate afterwards.

In science, Year 5 pupils have been learning about the planets in our solar system. They learned that planets are celestial bodies that orbit stars and exhibit distinct characteristics, including elliptical orbits and unique atmospheres. They also studied their various sizes and compositions. We learned to distinguish between

Terrestrial Planets (Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars), Gas Giants (Jupiter and Saturn) and Ice Giants (Uranus and Neptune). We also used scale and measure to study their distances relative to one another!



Year 4 pupils have been exploring bridges in DT this half term. They have made truss bridges, arch bridges and suspension bridges. They have also visited the British Museum to explore early Islamic civilisations and the Roman empire.



Despite it being a shorter half term, Year 3 pupils have been just as busy as usual. As historians, the children have studied Ancient Greece, investigated what their legacy is and how they still influence us today. As artists, the children studied Quentin Blake's designs for Roald Dahl books and created some 3D clay sculptures of his drawings. As animators, the children have created their own Ancient Greece animated video using iMovie maker. Finally, a highlight for all was the wonderful trip to the orchard at Gunnersbury Park where the children investigated and identified different trees. It's been a wonderful term and we look forward to the final term.

Year 1 pupils have been learning about Islam in RE. Muslims in the class were excited to share with other children about their faith who in turn were excited to learn more about Islam. In Science, they explored how hearing works and that sound vibrations travel through the air and into their ears.

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed this term's history unit on Ancient Egyptians. They have been fascinated by hieroglyphics and even created their own 'Cartouche' of their names.

This half term our Reception pupils have been reading and retelling the story of Little Red Riding Hood. The pupils wrote questions for Little Red Riding Hood to answer. The children then had a chance to role play Red Riding Hood to imagine how she might answer the questions.

Nursery pupils have been really engaged with a variety of learning experiences. They have experimented with pendulum painting in the playground and worked collaboratively to build a water course and transport water through the system.

We were very fortunate to welcome Nova Eden into John Keble School for a parenting workshop called **Parenting in the Digital Age**. Nova highlighted the immense dangers that children face when playing games and using social media. Research is clearly showing that children's mental health and well-being is being impacted through screen time, including smart phones.

John Keble School has made the decision to be a smart phone free school. This will be phased in over the next two years. If your child is currently in Year 4, they will only be allowed to bring a phone to school next year (when they are in Year 5) provided it is not a smart phone. We would encourage you to make the swap to a "brick" phone as soon as possible. Our current Year 5 children can continue to bring their phones to school (in Year 6), but parents should be aware that many secondary schools are becoming smart phone free schools.





We return to school on Monday 2nd June. Term then ends for the summer on Friday 18th July at 1.30pm. There is no ASU on 18th July. The term dates for our next academic year are below. Please remember that parents taking unauthorised leave/early holidays will be fined by Brent council.

I wish you all a fun-filled half term holiday.

Catherine Allard.

School starts again on Monday 2nd 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.

Get Involved! Keble Collective PTFA

We're always looking for volunteers and members to join the PTFA—whether you can spare 10 minutes or an hour, your help makes a big difference! Speak to a PTFA member at the coffee morning or email us at Keblecollective@gmail.com

We're celebrating one year since the launch of the Keble Collective, and we're incredibly proud of the close partnership we've built with the school.

Upcoming Event:

Summer Fair: Monday 14th July 2025

Stay connected on socials: [Instagram@keblecollective](https://www.instagram.com/keblecollective)

KEBLE COLLECTIVE
Welcome to Keble Collective,
John Keble's Parent, Teacher & Friends Association!

Join us to help build 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.

Why a Keble Collective?
Strengthen the school-parent partnership
Contribute to a positive school community
Support initiatives that enhance children's education
Foster a sense of belonging and responsibility

There are many ways you can get involved!
• Volunteer at events and fairs as and when you're able to donate to the school
• Attend Coffee Mornings (these will start in the new year)
• Talk about the Keble Collective to other parents
• Share your ideas - for stalls at fairs, for events we could put on for things you'd like to see the school working towards - let us know what matters to you!

What we are doing?
• Helping make school fairs more fun (Christmas, Spring and Summer)
• Run Coffee Mornings to bring the parents together (start Q1 2024)
• Run Second hand Uniform Sales (start Q1 2024)
• School Newsletter - add a Keble Collective PTFA corner with updates and upcoming events (start Q1 2024)
• Raising the profile of the school, raise money and having fun along the way

Follow us on Instagram: @KebleCollective
For inquiries, contact: keblecollective@gmail.com

The more we join together in a school community the more the school and our children can thrive and flourish.

Rooted together in love, growing without limits



Term Dates 2024-2025

Summer Term 2025 (58 days + 2 INSET)	
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

