



BECKET KEYS CELEBRATE IN STYLE!

Becket Keys Church of England School has celebrated Christmas this week with a variety of different events.

On Monday a Christmas concert was held in the main hall with our choirs, orchestra and instrumentalists playing. It was a lovely festive occasion with the audience singing along to various carols and opportunities to listen to pieces being performed. We were privileged to be joined by Tilbury Brass Band who entertained and inspired us all with their 40 piece group. Students of all abilities spoke of how pleased they were to have the opportunity to play alongside professional musicians in this way.

On Tuesday, students and staff enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch in our Bistro. Everyone agreed that the food was excellent and the in-house entertainment, led by Mr Hughes, was extremely enjoyable as well. You had to see it to believe it!

In the evening, the Friends of Becket Keys (FOBK) organised a Christmas Disco for our students. With a local DJ, Pizza from Dominoes and other food and drinks laid on by FOBK, it was a great way to relax together and celebrate Christmas. Take a look at the



Members of the choir rehearse at church on Wednesday

photos inside! We'd like to thank all those parents from FOBK and other helpers who made this event run so smoothly. Mrs Uwins organised the whole thing and deserves a special mention! Thank you!

On Wednesday, we went to church and Father Colin led us in considering what we can learn about the way we approach Christmas by thinking about the Wise Men and how they returned to the East 'a different way'. He got us thinking about how we should come out of our Christmas holiday 'a different way'. In coming into a deeper understanding and experience

of the birth of the Messiah, our lives should be changed.

We also celebrated the Eucharist together and every student either received communion or a blessing. The choir sang a number of more reflective pieces and students prepared prayers and Gospel readings.



OTHER NEWS

PARENTAL FEEDBACK

Thanks for all your feedback via the OfSTED website! It has been great to see your passionate support for our school being presented to OfSTED via this website. If you have not responded yet – please log on today:



Visit OfSTED's '[parent view](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)' website: www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Although the website requires you to register, as far as we know there is no 'junk mail' that follows, it is just to try and stop people sabotaging the system.

DAVE WARRINER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Dave Warriner, a number of parents, staff and governors have contributed to a fund that will be used to buy a bench for the school grounds in his memory. We would like to purchase the best quality bench possible and are aware of a number of families who said that they wanted to contribute, but have not yet done so. We would like to order the bench after Christmas so please do contribute, if you are able to do so, via the school office.



BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion have written to us to thank our students, staff and visitors for their generous giving in this year's Poppy Appeal. If you bought a poppy from us – thank you!

CHANGE OF TERM DATES

The end of the school year will be on Friday 18th July rather than Tuesday 22nd July as previously announced. The two days will be used for staff training. All other dates remain the same and can be found on our Becket Keys Church of England website.

NEW WINDOWS

The Education Funding Agency have confirmed they are funding a full replacement of all the windows at Becket Keys Church of England School with new double glazed units. These will dramatically improve safety, security and insulation. The additional funding (in excess of £1million) was announced this week.

LATEST NEWS ABOUT JONATHAN ALLEN

We are pleased to confirm to you that Jonathan Allen has made some crucial progress in the last 24 hours. He is finally responding to treatment and doctors have said that his recent scan was very positive. There is still a long way to go and his parents have asked for us to continue to pray for him. Let us all join in remembering him and his family at this distressing time.

APOLLO THEATRE

Several parents from local schools had taken a trip to the theatre last night to see 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time' and were caught up in dreadful accident. Tom and Adam Burkert's mother, Donna, was badly hurt and has broken her hands and her face is cut. Please pray for the family and those others affected by this awful experience.

SPORTS NEWS

Inter-house Sport

Last week we continued with our inter-house sport competitions. The year 7 boys and girls took part in inter-house football, while the year 8s took part in inter-house hockey. It was fantastic to see students get into the spirit of the competition and many students and staff came down to the astro to offer their support.

WINNERS



The inter-house results are as follows:

Year 7 Boys' Football Winners: Wiggins and Weir

Year 7 Girls' Football Winners: Hoy and Simmons (pictured left)

Year 8 Boys' Hockey Winners: Ainsley and Cockcroft

Year 8 Girls' Hockey Winners: Pendleton and Peacock



PE LESSON WITH SPECIAL VISITORS

As part of our commitment to becoming an inspirational school for cricket, this week, we had a visit from two of England's best cricketers! Lydia Greenway and Heather Knight took the year 8 PE lesson on Tuesday and gave our students some top tips for batting and bowling. We were so lucky that they could come as they are off to play cricket in Australia soon! A reminder to girls that cricket club is on Thursday after school if you want to get involved.

Y7&Y8 BASKETBALL V TRINITY SCHOOL

Lots of students made their debuts for Becket Keys in this friendly fixture. We battled well and demonstrated a resilient attitude throughout the game. The final score was 42-20 to Trinity. We look forward to playing them again after more training sessions.

Y7 BOYS' FOOTBALL V HYLANDS

We drew 1-1 against Hylands School. Some great defensive play from members on the team. Owen Day made two fantastic saves which kept us in the game. We agreed that we need to work on keeping possession and building attacks more slowly.

Y8 BOYS' FOOTBALL V HYLANDS

After some tough games recently our Y8 team bounced back and played some lovely football in the first half. Frustratingly, Hylands had two chances in the first half and took both of them. In the second half one or two of our heads went down and Hylands started to get into the game. We did end up scoring through Kerill Sheehan and we created other chances, but the game finished 4-1 to Hylands. Fantastic play from Will Stroud who displayed excellent passing skills.

LOST PROPERTY

The following items are not named. Please contact reception to collect:

Becket Keys blazer
Becket Keys PE top
Becket Keys hoodie
Becket Keys reversible top
Blue/white snowflake woollen hat
Union Jack boot key ring with key
2 black scarves
Green bottle
Blue bottle
Blue pencil case
Atmosphere black jacket
2 striped scarves
'Animal' pencil case
Blue Monkey pencil case
Black Campri gloves
Blue/black Ozu jacket
Black jogging bottoms
'Streetcode' pencil case
1 Thinsulate glove
Triangle highlighter pen
Long keyring chain with 2 keys on
Gold Birch padlock
Silver padlock
2 keys – one yellow, one very small on a keyring
3 unnamed plastic cake boxes (left over from cake sale)
French Connection Glasses in a Osiris case
Box with silver earrings in
Pink Gum shield with case
Leopard print hat
Black Nike trainers size 4.5
Next black jacket age 12
2 pairs of Nike pink/white trainers
1 pair of black Clarks school shoes (boys)

NEARLY NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

Contact office (proceeds to school fund)

Boys' Blazer size 28"	£10
Purple Reversible PE top (2) 26/28"	£5
Skort 22/24"	£5
Jumpers (4) size 30"	£5
Jumper size 28"	£5
Grey slipover size 28"	£5
Grey slipover size 30"	£5
Boys' trousers age 11/12	£5
Boys' s/s shirts age 9/10	£2.50
Boys' l/s shirts age 9/10	£2.50

UNIFORM

Our thanks to all our students for continuing to look so smart in their school uniform at all times.

SCOOTERS/BIKES

Students wishing to ride to school must use a bike AND NOT a scooter.

Scooters are not a suitable way to travel to our school as students need to ride along the busy paths around the school.

NO TIPPEX

Students do not need correction fluid. Moreover, it is not allowed on the school site and must be left at home. Instead, students who wish to be really neat can use correction tape. Our preference is simply to draw a single line through mistakes!

LOST SHOES!

Please can everyone take a look for shoes belonging to Connor-Lee Evans and Lauren Brown? Both have gone missing recently. Lauren lost her shoes at the disco somehow! Connor-Lee has left his in the sports hall after rugby.

We all know how expensive shoes are, please take a look and see if your son/daughter has them by mistake.

ABSENCE LINE

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please phone 01277 286612 before 8.30am on every day of absence.

You will be able to leave a short message on the answer phone stating your son/daughter’s name, form and reason for absence.

You can also notify us of absence by emailing: office@becketkeys.org

PRAYER

Our prayer meetings are on Tuesdays at 11:30am. Anyone from the Becket Keys Church of England School community is welcome to join us (parents, other relatives, friends of the school etc).

Please send any prayer requests to: office@becketkeys.org. If you wish to join our prayer mailing list to receive a regular update of issues to pray for, you can also email us.

LIBRARY

We would like to formally recognise the sterling work of Mrs White in our library. She has spent many, many hours putting our books into order. She has continued the excellent efforts of Mrs Deacon and Mrs Payne from last year. Please let us know if you would be willing to join our volunteer library team.

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Dates for your Diary

6th Jan	Return to School
17th – 21st Feb	Half term holiday
24th Feb	INSET Day
7th – 21st Apr	Easter Holiday
5th May	Bank Holiday

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