



## PROUD OF OUR SCHOOL

**Mr. Scott-Evans writes:**

### OPEN WELCOME

Another week has flown by! Two special 'open events' this week have kept us all very busy. On Tuesday we had our first Open Day and on Thursday we had a Primary Teachers' Tea!

Our students have been incredible, giving up their own time late into the evening to help show people round our school. A few years ago we had many doubters and critics; there are still a few people who are suspicious of what we have here. Students are the best advocates and envoys in these situations.

They can speak with great eloquency about what we are doing and how we are trying to make this school special. Year 7s have done a large amount of the work and have been complimented on the way they have learned so much about the school so quickly.

Our more established students also turned up in great numbers to help attract the next generation to our school.

Feedback has been incredibly positive from the Open Day event and the more recent Primary Teachers' Tea.

The annual after school Tea always goes down well, with teachers from Primary Schools across Brentwood coming to visit our school and find out how their proteges are doing here.

There was lots of talk of admissions at both events, with parents across the town trying to establish their chances of getting into Becket Keys. In summary, the majority of places are offered as followed:

Siblings effectively have a guaranteed place.

The remaining places are split between church reference places and distance places. In past years, the church places have come from around 9 miles into the school. The distance places usually only go out one mile from the school.

If anyone has a concern about admissions, please encourage them to check our website for details. They can also speak to us personally at our Open Events.

It always makes me very proud to talk about our school and what we have achieved here together. I am looking forward to two more Open Days. For details and to book a place, please use the website: [www.becketkeys.org/opendays.php](http://www.becketkeys.org/opendays.php)

### TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

The path to Doddinghurst Road remains closed for the time being. I have also heard that the Ongar Road will be closed for around one month due to emergency road works. This is clearly making life difficult for students and staff here. Please allow extra travel time!

I will continue to work on your behalf behind the scenes in these situations and always seek the best solutions for our students.

### NEW BUILDING

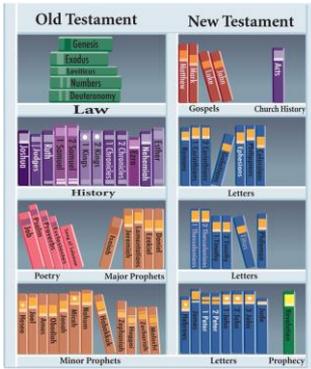
Our plans for a new building are continuing well with RET advisors assisting me with negotiations. The basic specifications are now live on our website and we are encouraging responses from medium sized construction firms for the £3,000,000 project. If you know anyone from such a firm please ask them to check our website for details: [www.becketkeys.org/site.php](http://www.becketkeys.org/site.php)

Proud of our school and proud to be working on your behalf!

Mr Scott-Evans  
Headteacher

# OTHER NEWS

## Bible Reading Challenge – Part 3

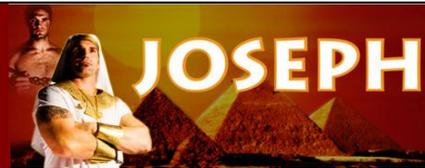


### The story of Joseph

The Bible spends a long time on the story of this one man and his family; fourteen chapters of Genesis to be precise! At first, it appears as though God’s plan to create a special nation has been derailed when Joseph is sold as a slave and imprisoned in Egypt. But, in fact, it is in Egypt that ‘the chosen people’ expand from a family into a nation.

The story of Joseph forms an important bridge between the patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) and Moses. Most people know the story of how Moses confronted Pharaoh and commanded him to ‘Let my people go’. But it’s the story of Joseph that shows us how and why the people of Israel got to Egypt in the first place.

Another thing about Joseph’s life is that it clearly demonstrates God’s sovereignty – that is, his complete control over everything. No matter how bad the situation gets for Joseph, God is always using it for good (Genesis 50:20, Romans 8:28). That’s an encouraging reminder when we face crises and problems in our lives today.



11	Sold into slavery	Genesis 37:1-37:36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What causes tension and conflict in your family?</li> <li>How could you express genuine love to the ones who need it most?</li> </ul>	Father, I’m so thankful that you love me. Help me to truly love the people around me, especially those in my family. Amen.
12	Prison and promotion	Genesis 39:1-41:57	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What tough times are you experiencing right now?</li> <li>Spend some time in ‘listening prayer’ asking God to show you what he wants to teach you and how you can grow closer to him.</li> </ul>	Dear Lord, I hate it when things go wrong in my life. But I really want to grow closer to you, so please help me to see what you are doing in the tough places. Amen.
13	Ten brothers go to Egypt	Genesis 42:1-42:38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What do people think about you?</li> <li>How are you feeling on the inside today?</li> <li>Are there issues you need to resolve?</li> <li>What steps could you take this week?</li> </ul>	Father God, sometimes I exhaust myself just trying to look good. Holy Spirit, please help me discover true forgiveness, love and acceptance in the deepest parts of my life. Amen.
14	The Brothers Return	Genesis 43:1-44:34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there hurts from your past still unresolved?</li> <li>Do you need to find a private space to grieve and pray?</li> </ul>	Father, I don’t want to hold onto my angry feelings, but I need your help. I know I’ve hurt others by what I’ve done. Show me how I can help them find healing too. Amen.
15	Joseph Reveals His Identity	Genesis 45:1-46:7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What steps could you take to resolve broken relationships in your life?</li> <li>How will you seek God’s help?</li> </ul>	Lord Jesus, you understand better than anyone else just how I feel. Thank you for enduring the cross so that I could be forgiven. Amen.

# MORE NEWS

## Harvest Festival

This Wednesday, Eco Club were busy reaping the rewards of our main harvest on the Patch. There is now plenty of tidying to be done, potting up strawberry runners and sowing of further crops. Harvest Festival is being celebrated in local churches this weekend. Harvest is a time to remember God's abundant generosity, but also a time to remember those in need within our community and throughout the world. As in previous years, we have decided to support **Brentwood Foodbank** as part of our Harvest offering. This provides emergency food for people in crisis. We will be commencing our Foodbank collection next week. There will be a box in each form room so that a variety of foods and basic essentials can be collected. The Brentwood Foodbank team have sent the following list:



- Squash
- Juice
- Dried milk
- Savoury snacks
- Sweets/chocolates
- Sugar
- Custard
- Cous cous
- Noodles
- Savoury pasta
- Savoury rice
- Tinned cooked meat (e.g. braising steak/chicken in white sauce/Bolognese mince with onion)
- Mixed tinned veg (including green beans and carrots)
- Sponge puddings/jellies/angel delight
- Tinned tomatoes Rice (500g and 1k)
- Fish NOT tuna (e.g. salmon, mackerel)
- Tinned meat pies Tinned cold meat (NOT corned beef)
- Tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Shower gel
- Washing powder/liquid (for clothes)



The final date for donations is the **5th October**.

Harvest also provides the perfect opportunity to reflect on our own lives and developing the fruits of the Spirit. By developing our fruit, we have the ability to be the best of what God wants us to be. By pruning regularly and applying the right fertilizer, we can know more love than we've ever known, more joy than we've ever experienced, and have a peace that puzzles others just by cultivating our fruit!



# SPORTS NEWS

## YEAR 9 BOYS' FOOTBALL

**Becket Keys 7**                      **Anglo European 4**

The Year 9 Boys' Football team enjoyed their first game of the season immensely and all played very well against a strong Anglo side on Thursday. Becket Keys warmed up slightly differently to their usual routine, which ignited the team into a ferocious start to the game. Becket Keys produced some high tempo, one-touch passing moves in the first 15 minutes of the game, which left Anglo a bit shell-shocked at the start. Becket Keys scored 3 quick goals through Daniel Ogunleye, including a stunning long-range effort, and two well-taken goals from last season's top goal-scorer, Nicco Lovelock, to put themselves 5-0 up after 15 minutes. Anglo then came back into the game and showed the great side that Becket Keys knew they were. They finished the half the stronger of the two teams and clawed a goal back.

In the second half, the Becket Keys players tried to keep things tight and control the game. Jack Buckland added the first goal of the half after a great run to settle things down. Anglo came back again and scored two goals in 5 minutes, before Charlie Johnson was able to convert a great passing move, showing great determination. Becket Keys were able to control proceedings until 5 minutes from the end when Anglo added their fourth goal, making the final score 7-4 to the home side.

Connor Strachan put in a great performance and organised and encouraged the team really well at vital moments. Luke Savage made a welcome return to the team at right back and competed for every challenge. Luke Seaward broke up play at every opportunity in defensive midfield and covered a huge amount of ground for the team. The boys greatly enjoyed their first game of the season and are looking forward to their next game.

## YEARS 9 & 10 GIRLS' NETBALL

**Boswell School 4**                      **Becket Keys 7**

### Match report by Divine Okwuosa, Form 9PP

It was a cold and soggy day on 21<sup>st</sup> September, but this did not dampen the spirits of the Becket Keys Year 9 and 10 netball players facing Boswell School. The captain of the Year 9 netball team, Grace Burrell, won the toss and decided to have the first centre. Becket Keys were well prepared and as the whistle blew, we sprang into action. Lauren Pamerter, who played Centre, made a quick chest pass to Grace Burrell, our Goal Attack. A few more passes were made and we had already scored a net! At the end of the first quarter, Becket Keys were leading 2-1.

During the game there were some fantastic interceptions from Rachel Davison and some amazing passing around from Scarlett Mellor and Rebecca Daly. Rebecca Stroud also made great passes to Grace Burrell, who then finished it off by scoring countless nets. The Boswell School Centre player switched to Goal Defence halfway through the match, which made it harder for us to pass the ball to our Goal Attack and Goal Shooter because she was very tall and agile. Despite this, the team still managed to persevere and ended the match winning 7-4! We entered the minibus feeling overjoyed and relieved to be back in the warmth. The whole team would like to thank Mrs Noble and Miss Honey for being with us and guiding us through the match and also giving useful pointers on how to win the game!

## NOTICES

### Extra-Curricular Timetable

With this newsletter, we are sending you the final version of the extra-curricular timetable for the Autumn term. Please check this with your son/daughter for any amendments which may be made during the settling in period. In particular, please note that **Think and Talk** philosophy club will now run after school on Mondays not Tuesdays.

### Communications

You can now contact members of staff directly through our website.

<https://www.becketkeys.org/contact.php>

You should receive a response within 24 hours and definitely within 48 hours.

### School Production

The cast list for the school's production of Alice in Wonderland was made available to students this week. We have attached a copy of the cast list and chorus list with this newsletter.



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## VACANCIES

### Cleaners required:

Positions available to join our experienced and established cleaning team based at Becket Keys.

Shifts available are Monday to Friday 0630-0830 and 1530-1830 both at hourly rate of £6.80.

If interested, please contact Birkin Cleaning Services on 01707322228, Job Ref – Becket Keys or email John Bennett at:

[johnbennett@birkinservices.co.uk](mailto:johnbennett@birkinservices.co.uk)

### Dates for your Diary

30/09/2015	Open Morning & Evening
7/10/2015	Year 7 & 8 Meet the Tutor Evening
8/10/2015	Open Morning & Evening
15/10/2015	War Horse Theatre Trip
23/10/2015	Inset Day (no students)
26/10/2015	All Saints Holiday
02/11/2015	Inset Day (no students)
03/11/2015	First day back