

Becket Keys Church of England School

4th October 2019

TOUR GUIDES AT THE OPEN EVENT

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Mr Scott Evans writes...

"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."

There has been a lot of rain recently, perhaps that has been on my mind!

During the prayer meetings this week, I have often been thinking of this short and very famous parable in St. Matthew's Gospel. The thing that has struck me is that there is very little detail regarding what the wise man used to build his house. If you compare the story with say, the Three Little Pigs, the emphasis there is very much on what the

building is made from and how it is put together. That is what makes it strong (or not!).

However, in the parable that Jesus told the key is to build on His foundation. If you anchor your building into him it will be strong in times of trouble.

Our school is built on the foundation of Christ. As students walk in each day they walk past our foundation stone which says: "Christ the Cornerstone".

In everything we do we aim to start by thinking about our Christian values. "What would Jesus do?" What is the respectful thing to do? What is the caring attitude to take? What is honest thing to say? With these constant reminders we aim to build a school with Christ as our rock.

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I spoke to a Year 7 form this week about the work they had done over the summer for the Head Teacher's Challenge. They spoke enthusiastically about picking up litter, making meals for other people, playing games with younger children and going to church to light a candle (amongst many other things). I reminded them that many of the tasks they undertake are not just fun, but rewarding because they enable them to live out the values that God has built into the human character. We are at our best when we live according to his ways.

I have been delighted to hear and read feedback from our Open Days and Evenings. Visitors across all events have been overwhelmed by the character and conduct of our students and staff! We have welcomed over 2000 people and learned their names, found out about where they have come from and what they want to see and answered their questions. My thanks to everyone who has worked so hard! We have a week off now and then we will have our Sixth Form Open Evening on October 15th – see you there! Book tickets via our website!

After school, yesterday, I stood in the road talking to the crossing patrol staff and heard once again how our students stand out compared to what they expect for teenagers. It is great to hear that the foundation is what counts no matter where they are. That is the true test of character!

Consistency. It is one thing to conduct yourself beautifully in front of your parents and teachers. Quite another to do it when perhaps you might think that no one is really looking.

I am writing this in my office at the end of another week thinking about all we have achieved over these last seven years since we opened in 2012. Once again, I must give all the glory to God, who is our foundation; to the Holy Spirit who is with us each day; and to Jesus Christ: our model to follow.

May you find joy and peace in your endeavours as you look to build on the rock of Christ.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mr. Scott-Evans Headteacher

Lunchtime Eucharist



Father Mark North comes in to school every Friday lunchtime to celebrate communion in the John Wraw Chapel (Justin Welby building).

All members of the local community and parents are also invited to these short twenty-minute services.

Please arrive in reception at 12.50pm for a 1pm start.



Becket Keys Open Events





Gratitude and Giving

I would like to begin by expressing my gratitude to all families within our school community who have contributed to this year's Foodbank appeal. Our donations will enable Brentwood Foodbank to reach out and support people through hard times.

Gratitude is something that is easy to express when good things happen, but what about when things are difficult and not going as planned? This is the case for many who benefit from emergency food parcels provided by Brentwood Foodbank.

Gratitude is a virtue most worthy of our cultivation. Indeed, in the life of a Christian, gratitude is to be planted, watered, dressed, and harvested, in all life's situations.

C.S. Lewis, in one of his letters, wrote:

"We ought to give thanks for all fortune: if it is 'good,' because it is good, if 'bad' because it works in us patience, humility and the contempt of this world and the hope of our eternal country."



In other words, we do not have to muster up a false pleasure in bad times, but true gratitude comes from seeing the hand of God working in our lives. In all things 'give thanks with a grateful heart' (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Gifts to organisations such as Brentwood Foodbank, whether large or small, can help transform lives. This week, slow down and take time to recognise how you have and can touch the lives of others through your generosity; whether through donations, giving freely of your time or simply praying for others.

Let us pray:

Dear Lord,

Help us, we pray, to recognise the difference between satisfaction and smugness, being content and being comfortable.

May our expressions of gratitude never deafen us to the cries of those in need and, in celebrating your love, may we never forget that your love reaches others through us.

Amen.



Mrs. Sharp Deputy Headteacher



Sixth Form Information Evening

We are delighted to announce that we are holding our annual Sixth Form Information Evening for students in Year 10 and 11. It will take place on **Tuesday 15th October**. It will start at 5.30pm and finish at 8.30pm. If you would like to attend, please register at Eventbrite:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/six th-form-information-eveningtickets-

72495434797?aff=ebdssbdestsearc h

During the evening, you will hear from Mr Scott-Evans, Headteacher, and Mr Peggs, Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form. They will inform you about:

- What the Sixth Form is like and our vision for the future.
- How to apply for a place in the Sixth Form and key steps and dates along the way.
- Which subjects will suit your skills and interests.
- Which combination of subjects will be possible.
- The entry requirements.
- How we will advise you when making difficult choices.
- The different ways in which you can discover more about the subjects you want to take.
- What an 'ordinary' day, week, term and year are like in the Sixth Form at Becket Keys.
- Extra-curricular opportunities in the Sixth Form.

 How we will support your preparation for the next steps after being in the Sixth Form

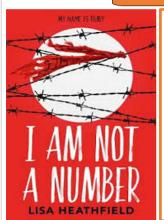
The Sixth Form Prospectus and the Sixth Form Course Guide will be available for you to take home. You can then discuss the different options available with your son/daughter. There will also be an opportunity to take a tour of the Sixth Form area in the Justin Welby building.

We have limited space so kindly book a ticket for each person attending.

Any questions please email: sixthform@becketkeys.org



Mrs Russell's Book of the Month -October



WHAT'S THE STORY?

The Traditionals have been voted to lead the country, winning people over with talks of healing a broken society, of stronger families and safer streets. They promised a happier future for everyone. They didn't promise this.

When Ruby is swept up with protesters from the opposition, her life is changed forever. Locked in a prison camp far from home and with her belongings taken from her, she's now known by the number 276. With horror escalating in the camp, Ruby knows that she has to get her family out - and let the world know what's happening.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Want to see your design in print and used for the Becket Keys Church of England School Christmas Cards 2019?

Fancy winning a £20 book token and 20 cards to use for your own purposes? This competition is open to all year groups. Template on SMHW.



Designs for the Becket Keys Church of England School Christmas Cards 2019 must be returned to Reception by Tuesday 5th November.

- ✓ DO: A5 portrait or landscape designs.
- ✓ DO: Colour or black and white. You can use pencils, pen or paint.
- ✓ DO: Stay within the guide lines of the sheet provided on SMHW.
- × DON'T: Include any text.
- × DON'T: Use computers.
- × DON'T. Use glitter or stickers

ONE ENTRY PER STUDENT



Designs which reflect our Christian Ethos are particularly encouraged.

Please speak to Mrs. Sharp if you have any questions.

Annual General Meeting - FoBK

The AGM will take place on:

WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER

AT 6PM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

As a registered School Charity we hold an AGM every year. Since all parents/staff are automatically members of FoBK you are very welcome to attend, with no obligation to become involved with the committee or organising any events, we welcome your ideas as to how funds might best be spent and suggestions for future events. At this meeting, we will be outlining our successes over the course of the past year, highlight how our fundraising has benefited the school and electing a new committee for 2019/20.

If you would like to be an active committee member, and take part in meetings and events planning then we would be delighted to hear from you as we are always happy to welcome new members to the committee.

We do however recognise that people have very busy lives and cannot always commit their time to get involved. If you wish to stand for Chair, Secretary or Treasurer please attend the AGM and have a parent that will propose you for the post and another to second your nomination.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Alison Butler Chair FoBK

Geography Department

Year 7 Geographers Out and About

The Geography department have been working with the University of Cambridge on fieldwork in Key Stage 3.

This has involved using Digimap to investigate and explore the school site, area and its characteristics using GIS. On Friday, some Year 7 students had the opportunity to get out and put theory into practice around the school site. They were investigating if their digital interpretations and findings were the same as the real 'field'. Dodging the rain, students were able to use their mathematics and geographical skills to investigate and compare the digital and real worlds.

Well done to the students for working well together and gathering some useful fieldwork data.

If you would like to get involved in exploring the school and wider UK with your child, then you can do so through Digimaps. Login details have been sent to your email address.

Mr Taylor-Smith Head of Geography



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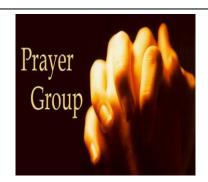
Harvest Festival Foodbank Appeal

Each year, to coincide with the celebration of the Harvest Festival in local churches, our school supports the Brentwood Food Bank, recognising the need to help local people in crisis.

Many thanks to all those families who have contributed to our collection.

If you would like to find out more about the Brentwood Foodbank the work it does and the assistance available then please follow this link to their website:

https://brentwood.foodbank.org.uk/



7.50am and 11.15am every Wednesday.

All are welcome.

Late Gate

Early is on time
On time is late
And Late is unacceptable!

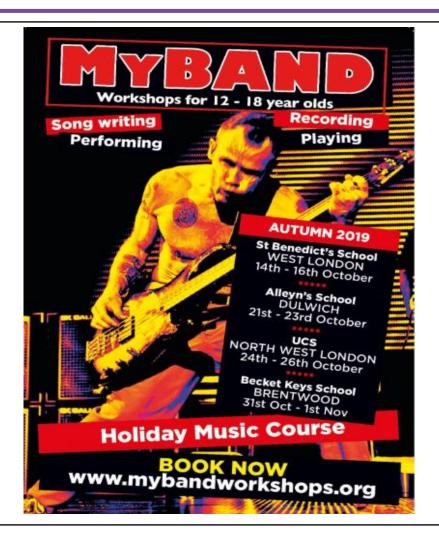
At Becket Keys, we look to ensure that we are preparing students for life beyond school; this includes encouraging students to attend school regularly, and of course, on time.

Remember that the school gate closes at **8.25am**. This will allow students enough time to be at their first lesson on time. Period 1 begins at 8.30am.

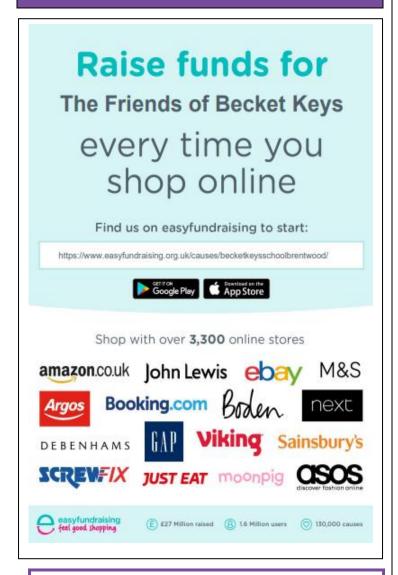
Brentwood is tough to manoeuvre on some occasions so we encourage students and parents to contact the school in the case of *genuine* lateness such as delayed public transport.

Parents can call the main school line or use the "Studybugs" app.

We thank you for your support.



Friends of Becket Keys



CASH 4 COINS

Remember we are still collecting your unwanted foreign currency from around the world! We can take <u>ANY</u> coins or banknotes, regardless of currency or denomination.

(We even accept old pound coins and pre-Euro currency)

Please bring your coins/notes into school and leave at Reception.

Thank you for your continued support.

Do not forget to ask your family, friends and colleagues at work!



Congratulations to everybody who has been making good use of MathsWatch at the start of the new school year! The "MathsWatch points" are made of a combination of the following:

Number of independent questions attempted, number of assignments set and number of videos watched – keep up the hard work at home!

If you are not regularly using MathsWatch it might be a useful resource to look in to over the next few weeks as the Term 1 assessments approach.

			MathsWatch	
Name		Form	Points	
Ambrose	Taylor	8 M1a	539	
Bea	Connor	8 M1a	373	
Folarin	Olukoya	8M2b	359	
Fahmid	Chowdhury	10 1A	339	
Regan	Clarke	8M2c	310	
Mia	Evans	10 3A	270	
Abigail	Catton	11 1b	248	
Lizzie	Dixon	8 M1a	222	
Olivia	Knight	8M2a	205	
Matthew	Stephens	8M2c	198	
Josh	Musk	8M2a	150	
William	Charters	8 M1a	138	
Alexia	Sala	11 13	130	
Henry	Owens	8M2a	120	
Sheridan	Mathews	8M ₃	114	
Josiane	Pouadjeu Kammani	9M1a	101	
Alessandro	Korolev	7 ^t 3	94	
Grace	Deal	9M2a	88	
Ester	Savill-Downs	9M2a	73	
Henry	Bowerfield	11 18	72	

Apprentice Assistant Caretaker Start ASAP Full time 37 hours a week, 5 days per week

We are looking for a professional and well-organised apprentice to support the site team in providing a safe, secure and well-maintained site. This role will be for 52 weeks. This opportunity may lead to a full time position thereafter.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please direct them to our website www.becketkeys.org or please email us at wacancies@becketkeys.org if you would like to discuss this role further.

Hire of School Facilities

Are you, or any groups or organisations you know looking to hire some of the amazing facilities at Becket Keys School?

We have some availability for our fabulous new Sports Hall, classrooms, cookery rooms, The John Wraw Chapel and Sixth Form areas in our new Justin Welby building!

Please email:

lettings@becketkeys.org or call 01277 286649 or visit

https://www.becketkeys.org/lettings.php

Gospel Choir

- WHO: Singers and musicians from all years
 - WHEN: Tuesday 1:00-1:30pm
 - WHERE: Dance Hall (Runcie)
- WHY: For people who love and have a passion for music and want to use their talents.

Hosted by Zoe, Malachia, Lucy, and Jay (6th Formers)





Geography Film Club



Explore the world through the Geography Film Club every Monday! Food and drink welcome.

Christian Union

WHO: All years

• WHEN: Tuesday 1.00-1.25

WHERE: W01

Are you a Christian?

Or would you like to find out more about the Christian faith?

Hosted by Mr Fenn.



Sports News

Year 7 Football



The Year 7 Boys' football team continued their impressive form from the first week's friendly tournament into their opening league fixture at home to Sandon. The team have worked hard in training after school every Monday. The time had now come for them to apply what they had worked on. The match started brightly and both sides showed danger when attacking, but it was Becket Keys that opened the scoring when a saved shot fell to the oncoming Taylor Jamieson. The second goal came from some well-worked football that landed to Josh McDonald whose left footed strike from distance caught the keeper out. The third goal came on the stroke of half time when Sidney Eldred's corner evaded a packed box and with the help of a slight deflection found the ball in the Sandon net. The second half started just as brightly as Alfie Warren found himself in space and the short corner routine resulted in a very well-worked goal. Before Sandon could regroup, a high press saw us intercepting a loose pass and

Game 1 - Sandon						
Year 7 football match						
No.	Position	Forename	Surname	Goals		
1	GK	Oscar	Finch			
2	LB	George	Thompson			
3	СВ	Albie	Lombard			
4	RB	Taylor	Jamieson	1		
5	CDM	Archie	Jerome			
6	CM	Cameron	Malyon			
7	CM	Daniel	Boateng			
8	ST	Sidney	Eldred	1		
9	ST	Josh	McDonald	1		
10	SUB	Thomas	Hart			
11	SUB	Jack	Rank	1		
12	SUB	Lewis	Horne			
13	SUB	Alfie	Warren	1		
14	SUB	Alex	Keefe			

Jack Rank breaking through and calmly scoring our 5th and final goal. Before the final whistle could blow, the Sandon boys showed great character to keep their heads up and pulled back a consolation goal.



Becket Keys 5 Sandon 1

Player of the match – Albie Lombard for some excellent tackles and composed defending.

> Mr Lane PE Teacher





Kingswood Netball Residential

This trip consisted of girls from three different year groups all keen to play netball and improve their skills. The Year 8, 9 & 10s all played matches over the weekend. We played three different years of teams from South Africa (they won the overall competition).

All the girls played really well and everyone was supportive and encouraging even when the matches did not go our way.



As well as the netball matches there was also plenty of time of team building and fun activities. Check out @BKS_PE on Twitter to see more of the adventures.





Players who attended:

Year 8

Olivia Wildman
Lucy Falco
Erin Delea
Connie Gibson
Holly Roberts
Neve Jackson
Lowri Cole
Fibian McKenzie

Year 9

Lucy Gunn Rebecca Lyle Isabella Price Lucy O'Hare Caitlin Murphy

Year 10

Hannah Davies Rachel Picton Ellie Boreham Lilly Fisher-Hope Maddie Barker Robyn Hart Annie Evans

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Many thanks to all the netballers who made the weekend so special. The girls were adventurous, courageous and showed a positive attitude on court and made this a weekend we will always remember.

Ms North & Miss Schafer PE Teachers







Year 9 Football

The Year 9 boys' football team had a fantastic start to the season with their league match against Hylands High School on Wednesday 2nd October.

Goal after goal was scored with Obi Okafor achieving hat tricks! Reece Embery also impressed with a last minute goal to make the final score:

Becket Keys 12 Hylands 0

"This was a confidence boosting performance to open the season, we still have a lot to improve. We will start again even stronger next time."

Joe Marder Year 9

Full Team

Calum Hayes - Frankie Clarke
Archie Carr - Tom Harvey
Sam Hawkins - Joe Marder
Nathan Donovan
Melchi Egiyembi
Jude Carolan - Obi Okafor
Oscar Pain - Daniel Coombs
Harry Giddings
Reece Embery
Louis Short

Thrift Green Trotters Running Club

Please note that the running club on Thursday after school is now full. If you still wish to join, then please contact them via their Youth page and place your name on the waiting list.

https://www.brentwoodr unningclub.org.uk/junior s/

<u>Upcoming</u> <u>Sports Fixtures</u>

Monday 7th October

Year 9, 10 & 11

Netball Scouting Evening @ Ongar Academy (6pm finish)

Tuesday 8th October

Year 7 Boys' Football v Chelmer Valley High School (A)

Year 7, 8 & 9 Girls' Football v Shenfield High School (A)

Thursday 10th October

Year 9 Rugby v Chelmer Valley High School (A)

Monday 14th October

Year 9 Netball v Shenfield High School (H)

Tuesday 15th October

Year 7 Rugby Festival @ St Martin's

Wednesday 16th October

Year 8 Rugby Festival @ St Martin's

Primary School Badminton (Volunteers required)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS

AGM (ALL WELCOME)

WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER

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SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENT

TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2019

(SIXTH FORMERS NEEDED)

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INSET DAY

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER

(NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL)

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ALL SAINTS' HOLIDAY

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER -

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

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PARENT INFORMATION MEETING
SKI TRIP 2020

TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

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Saturday 12 October 7.30pm

Brentwood Philharmonic Orchestra

Beethoven Coriolan Overture

Brahms Concerto for Violin & Cello

Beethoven Symphony No 3 (Eroica)

Conductor

Bradley Winand

Violin

Krassimira Jeliazkova-Jones

Cello

Veronica Henderson

St Thomas of Canterbury Church St Thomas Road, Brentwood CM14 4DF

Tickets £12 (children £6) on door or £10 (children £6) in advance from wegottickets.com (booking fee) or (cash only, no booking fee) from Shenfield Wine Company, 86 Hutton Road, Shenfield CM15 8NB.

Parking at Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School, Queens' Road.

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