

Becket Keys Church of England School

5th July 2024



GOVERNORS' SPEECH & AWARDS EVENING

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Mr Scott-Evans writes.....

We are all called to be Saints

Next week we will be continuing to celebrate our Patronal Saints: St. Peter and St. Thomas à Becket. Both Saints are Bishops. St. Peter – the first Bishop, the rock on whom Christ would build his church and the Saint to whom the 'Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven' were given (hence the keys on our badge). St. Thomas à Becket was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1162 to his murder in 1170. Hence 'Becket' in our name and the Bishop's Mitre on our badge.

Together, from these two Saints, we take our name: Becket Keys.

Both Saints have festivals at this time of year. Both of our closest parish churches: St. Thomas and St. Peter are celebrating! We have been, and will continue to be, joining in with several activities.

We have already enjoyed a Patronal Festival concert at St Peter's Church where our choirs and orchestras joined forces with those from St Peter's Primary school to entertain a lively audience (who seemed rather joyful to be missing another turgid England football performance). Yesterday, was our Governors' Speech and Awards Evening, and it was supposed to be Sports Day today (postponed until Thursday 18th July). There is a non uniform day on Wednesday 10th July and an Enrichment Day

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Election Day

Just like the rest of the country Becket Keys voted yesterday and the results are in!

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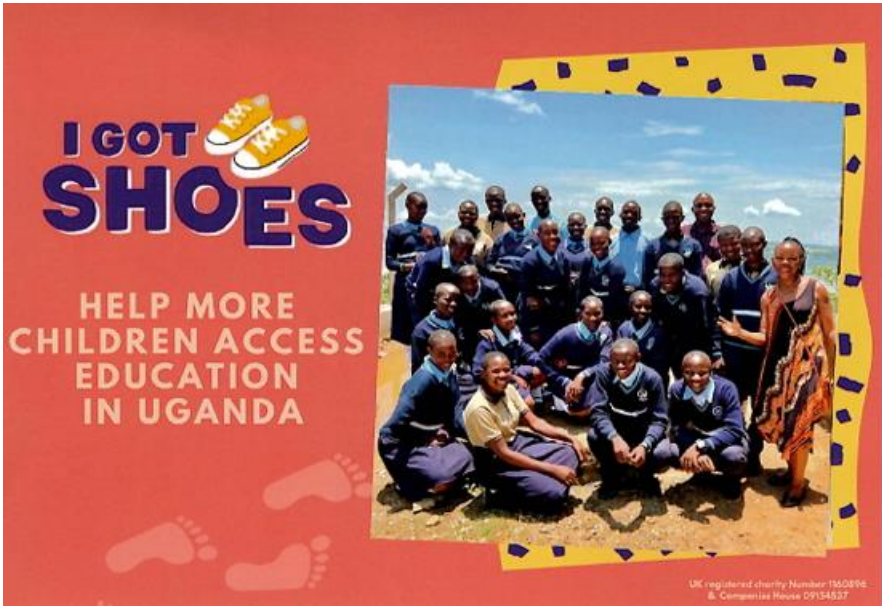
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on 11th July. We are also celebrating Patronal Festival Eucharists on Tuesday 9th July at 11am – please feel free to join us at St Thomas' Church, if you wish to.

All this joy and celebration relates to our passion to celebrate our faith and to admire and ponder the lives of those leaders who have gone before us. The Patronal Festival is an ideal way to live out our respect for our Saints, to celebrate their leadership and remember how their lives point us towards Jesus.

There has been some talk about political leaders in school this week as we have considered our school's mock election and watched the results of the General Election come in. We shall be praying for those who take the role of leadership in Houses of Parliament.

I will also be praying for Year 7 as they head off to Norfolk Lakes next Friday for their first school residential experience since primary school. I will look forward to hearing from Mrs Lee which of them have shown strong Christian Character during their time away. I will also be thinking of Year 11/13 World Challengers in Borneo as they trek out to serve a remote community there. Similarly, our Year 9 Mandarin Excellence Programme students are heading off to China today and we wish them well with their



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journey. Closer to home there will always be opportunities – all you have to do is look for them. We are all called to be Saints.

Our staff have been saints this week patrolling the local streets after school each day to ensure that students can enjoy Brentwood Town without fear. We've been walking to the park, speaking to students and ensuring they get on buses and walk home with confidence. After

the challenges of last Friday: we hope that this has all been reassuring.

I do hope that the newsletters give you a taste of how vibrant school life is at this time– please pray for us as we work hard with the students to give them the very best end of year experience.

**Mr Scott-Evans
Head Teacher**

Governors Speech & Awards Evening 2024

We celebrated the achievements of some Becket Keys students at the Governors’ Speech & Awards Evening last night. We were delighted to be joined by Penny and Gary Seithel, the founders of ‘I Got ‘Shoes’ one of the charities the school is currently supporting and hear about their work supporting young people in Uganda. We were also joined by Stefan Tkaczyk, the incoming president of the Rotary Club á Becket and our governors Mrs Chris Savage and Fr Andrew Grey who presented special awards. Patrick Warriner one of our former students was in attendance to present the Warriner Cup. Students received awards for subjects, sporting achievements and character and conduct.





Election Day at Becket Keys!

On July 4th 2024 the country went to polling stations in 650 constituencies across the country. At the same time, Becket Keys also held our own mock election. A polling station was set up in the Chapel and students and staff were given the chance to vote for their favoured political party. The results can be seen below.

As you may have seen, locally, Alex Burghart has retained his Brentwood seat with Reform UK coming second and Labour third. Nationally the Labour party will form the next government winning a significant majority, of 412 seats in the House of Commons. The turnout nationally is down 7% on 2019, to 60%. Everyone is encouraged to watch the news later in order to analyse the results in full.

Thank you to all those students who took the time to vote and participated in democracy. I should also like to thank the Year 12 Politics class who administered the election. In particular I would like to thank Gilulia, Pearl, Katelyn, Mikaela, Unnati and Naima who have all given their time this week in helping to deliver collective worship to

	The Conservative Party
	The Labour Party
	The Liberal Democrat Party
	The Green Party
	Reform UK

students. I should also like to thank Thomas Baker who proved the most capable deputy on polling day.

Mr Walker
Head of Politics



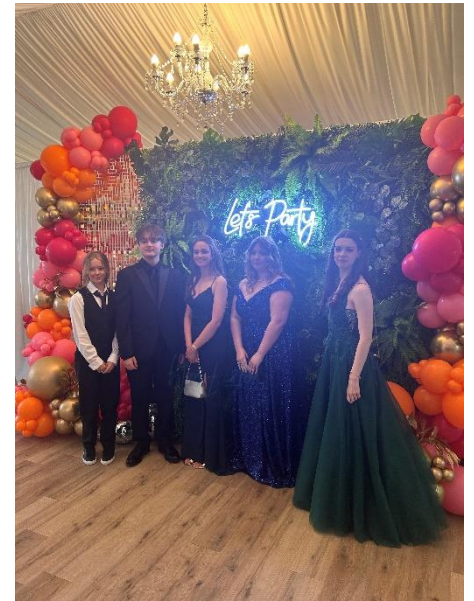
	Total	Vote Share
Conservatives	42	8%
Labour	143	28%
Liberal Democrat	79	16%
Green	65	13%
Reform	166	33%
Spoiled Ballot	12	2%
Total Turnout	507	



Year 13 Prom



Year 11 Prom





Essex County Council
Libraries

Family Fun Day

Brentwood Library

Saturday 6 July 11am - 3.30pm

- **Magic Show:** Be amazed by our incredible magician!
- **Puppet Show:** Enjoy a delightful puppet performance.
- **Mini Disco:** Dance to your favourite tunes.
- **Games & crafting:** Fun games for the whole family.
- **Drinks & Snacks:** Included with your ticket.
- **Accompanying adults go FREE**
- **Face Painting** available for a small additional fee

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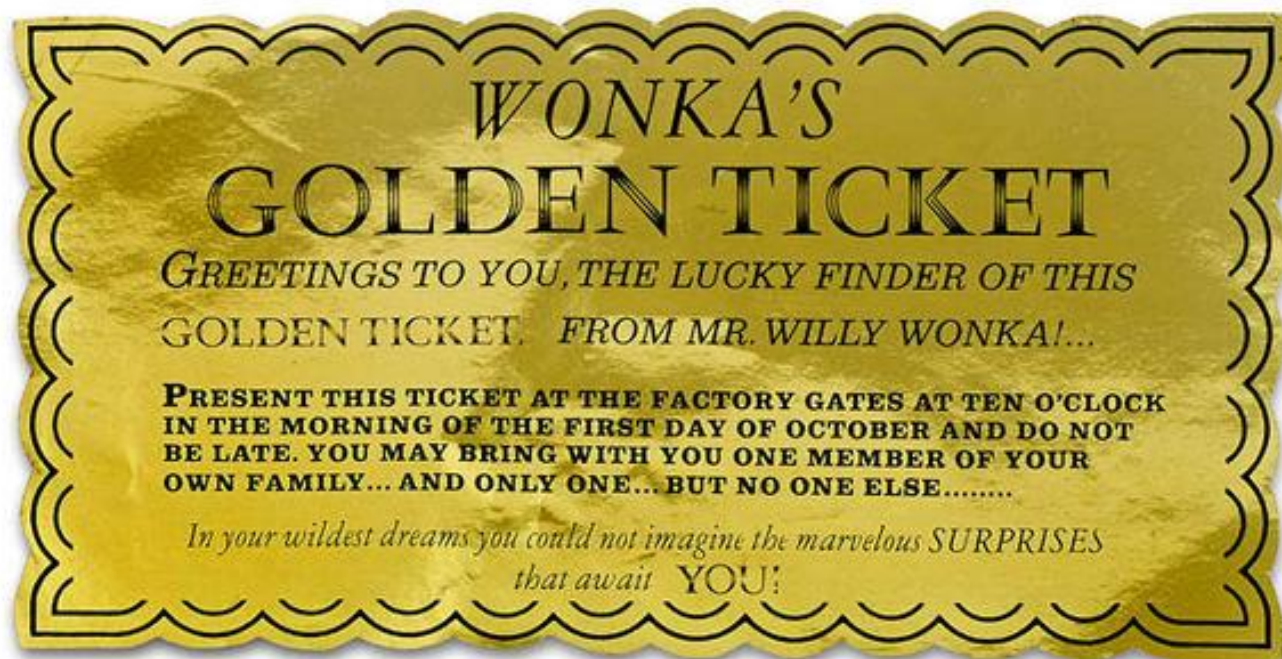
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All photographs will be sent straight to home addresses and free card mounts will be available to collect from the school office from the middle of next week. Any queries please contact Carmel Jane Photography direct.

Email: info@carmeljane.co.uk

Tel: 01277 822674 (9am-5pm)

Carmel Jane Photography



Performance Dates: Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th July 2024. Doors open at 6:30pm, curtain up at 7:00pm.

Tickets are now on sale for the spectacular Becket Keys production of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.' All tickets are priced at £10.50 each and are available on Parent Pay. If you do not have a student at the school and therefore do not have a Parent Pay account for Becket Keys, please ask at reception.

Last year, School of Rock was a complete sell out, so get your tickets now!

Lastly, you may be aware that certain characters have been double cast again this year. We found this a successful approach last year when producing School of Rock and have repeated it this year. Double casting enables more students to experience undertaking a larger role. Therefore, students have been grouped into two casts: a purple and gold cast. They are aware of which cast they are a part of. The casts will be called in the following order for the performances:

Monday matinée: GOLD CAST

(Primary School performance, no tickets on sale)

Monday evening: PURPLE CAST

Tuesday evening: PURPLE CAST

Wednesday evening: GOLD CAST

We look forward to seeing you!

Donations for Fundraising Raffle

We are appealing for donations for the raffle which will be held on the evenings of the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory production.

Do you have anything that you could kindly donate?

All proceeds raised from the raffle will go towards the costs incurred in putting on the school production.

Please bring your donations into school and either leave them in Reception, or bring them to the Staff Room in Carey Building. Please ensure that they are marked for my attention.

**Thank you for your support.
Mrs L Simmons**




The Coronation garden is looking lovely in the sunshine. The weather has improved (finally!) and the students are able to enjoy the outdoor spaces around the school.


Please make sure that your son/daughter has adequate drinking water for the day. This is especially important during this spell of warm weather on the days they have PE. Students can wear a plain hat during their outdoor sessions and of course sun cream is a must!



Remember that drinks are available for purchase from the Bistro at break and lunch.

Water fountains are available in the Bistro and Orangery for students to use at the beginning of the day and during break and lunchtimes





SNAP needs your help!

SNAP are now part of the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme (otherwise known as the Blue Token scheme) in these local Tesco stores:


Shenfield Tesco Express
Doddinghurst Tesco Express,
Brentwood High Street Tesco Express
London Road Brentwood Tesco Express
Hanging Hill Tesco Express
Warley Hill Tesco Express

SNAP needs the most blue tokens win the highest prize of £1,500.

To vote, you will need to make a purchase of any value within the stores listed. You will receive one token per transaction, but you may have to ask for one, and place into the SNAP container.

Thank you!

TIMETABLE
FOR
PERFORMING
ARTS



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Yr9 & Yr10 'Creative Space' 11.50-12.30 RH1 (Mrs Palmer)	Yr9 & Yr10 'Creative Space' 11.50-12.30 RH1 (Mrs Palmer)	GCSE 'Theory Workshop' 15.15-16.15 RH1 (Mrs Barr)	<u>Invitation only and</u> <u>bookable space.</u>	Yr7-Yr13 'Time to Shine' 15.15-16.25 RUNCIE HALL (Mrs Barr & Mrs Palmer)
Yr9 & Yr10 'Creative Space' 15.15-16.15 RH1 (Mrs Palmer)	KS4 & KS5 'Practical Showcase Rehearsals' 15.15-16.15 RH1 (Mrs Barr)	GCSE 'Theory Workshop' 15.15-16.15 RH1 (Mrs Barr)	<u>Invitation only and</u> <u>bookable space.</u>	Yr7-Yr13 'Time to Shine' 15.15-16.25 RUNCIE HALL (Mrs Barr & Mrs Palmer)

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Production- July 2024


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Book of the Month - July



A tear-jerking, heart-breakingly beautiful novel from the award-winning Jenny Valentine.

There is one side of that moment, and the other

Before

After

I have dreamed about it ever since

At the start of a long, hot summer best friends Elk and Mab face the fallout of a sudden death, and the lifelong consequences of a single tragic act.

An ode to life and love and loss and friendship – and the devastating beauty of it all.



The School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans is every Wednesday at 8.45am.

This is a short meeting where we pray together for local and national events and for any intentions of those in our school family. All are welcome.

If you have any prayer intentions, please send them into the school via the office email: office@becketkeys.org



Members of the school community are also welcome to join the Eucharist which is held every Friday at 1.00pm in the John Wraw chapel.

Sign in at reception and someone will guide you to the chapel.

Patronal Festival Non-uniform Day

- Wednesday 10th July will be non-uniform day.
- Students and staff will be allowed to wear non-uniform on the day.
- To enjoy these benefits staff and students need to donate £1 to the school charities (at least!).

Please bring £1 (or more!) in this week in readiness.



- For mufti day, everyone can wear their choice of clothes.
- Expectations regarding make-up, jewellery and hair remain in place.
- If any students do not make sensible choices they could be made to sit out from their lessons and breaks and we would not do this, so please do think carefully!
- We can wear leggings, shorts including cycle shorts, t-shirts, shirts, tops, dresses, jeans (including with rips in), skirts. We can wear football shirts and tracksuits.
- We can also bring our own bags.
- No midriiffs or underwear should be visible!
- Everyone needs to feel comfortable and remember that they are still coming to school for a day of lessons, so choose sensibly!

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. We encourage students to attend school regularly and on time.

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

Brentwood can be tough to negotiate during rush hour, 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 01277 286600 or use the "Studybugs" app.

We thank you for your support.



Sports News – More from District Sports



Becket Keys District Sports Podium Results

1ST	EVENT	Time/ Distance	2ND	EVENT	Time/ Dis- tance	3RD	EVENT	Time/ Dis- tance
Felix Rogers	200m	27.70	James Stevens	800m	2.21	Kessiah Kinghorn	Javelin	17.54
Anna Benns	Javelin	18.97	Izzy Collins	800m	2.37	Kessiah Kinghorn	100m	13.90
Erin Hayward	Discus	14.82	Pat Barden	100m	13.40	Will Sell	Hurdles	13.90
Will Tasker	Javelin	26.00				Alana Lewis	High Jump	1.29
Ollie Poutney	300m	42.50				Vienna Hayes	Javelin	19.88
Evie Abbott	Hurdles	12.00				Henry Weil	Shotput	9.64
Maddie Moon	Discus	22.10				Alfie Kinnear	1500m	5.06
Louie Newnham	Shotput	10.95				Ollie McDermot	200m	24.20
Matty Delea	800m	2.06				Pete Neall	Discus	20.19
Josh Eida	1500m	4.29						
Evie Warn	1500m	5.07						
Jake Hayworth	Hurdles	15.40						

Year 9 Boys' Cricket

We hosted Brentwood County High School at Bentley Cricket Club. With this being the final game, I was able to take a squad of 13 to ensure the boys were able to get a match. Harvey Saunders, Jake Adams, James Thompson, Dan Finch-Hutchins, Nic Moses, Joe Cansell, Alex Kerry, Sam P, Luke Wylie, Pat Quy, Josh Batchelor, Zach Webb and Onyx Hogarth were all involved.

We confidently elected to bowl first and Harvey Saunders took just 4 deliveries to claim his wicket. Jake Adams claimed the second wicket with a teasing bowl which was struck kindly into his hands. James Thompson liked the look of this and pitched a short inviting ball which unfortunately bounced twice before the crease making it a no ball, but it was struck straight at him and he managed to hold on well but unfortunately unable to claim his wicket. He didn't seem to mind as his next two deliveries were on the money and he claimed two wickets from the same over and was agonisingly close to his hat-trick!

Alex Kerry took the next with a looping bowl that landed plum on the batter's pads, LBW. Sam Perkins finished the show with a wicket maiden of his own with some lovely bowling which gave us a chase of 25.

Off the bat, James was given the nod after taking two wickets. He was able to claim the first boundary before going out on the next ball in comical fashion.

Captain Harvey came in as he was already padded up and he also found a boundary on his very first ball and made his intentions of chasing down 25 as quickly as possible very clear. Luke Wylie watched on as his quick singles put Harvey back on strike. With some gifted runs, Harvey claimed another 4 and a handful of doubles and singles to close out the game with 15 runs to his name.



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Becket Keys Sports Day New Date

THURSDAY
18TH JULY 2024

**ON THE
SPORTS FIELD**
(Across the road)

Parents & Carers are
welcome to attend from
12.40pm.

Please remember that
students will need
snacks and drinks for the
day, suncream and a hat!

There will be an ice-
cream van on the field
for the afternoon and so
please bring some cash if
you would like to
purchase one.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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WORLD CHALLENGE TRIP TO BORNEO
THURSDAY 4TH JULY – FRIDAY 18TH JULY
2024

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YEAR 9 TRIP TO CHINA
FRIDAY 5TH JULY – TUESDAY 16TH JULY
2024

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NON-UNIFORM DAY
WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY
£1 CHARITY DONATION PLEASE

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ENRICHMENT DAY
(STUDENTS ARE OFF TIMETABLE)
THURSDAY 11TH JULY

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YEAR 7 MANOR ADVENTURE
RESIDENTIAL
FRIDAY 12TH – SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2024

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SCHOOL PRODUCTION
CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
MONDAY 15TH – WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY
2024

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NEW DATE
SPORTS DAY
THURSDAY 18TH JULY 2024

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LAST DAY OF TERM
STUDENT HALF DAY
FRIDAY 19TH JULY 2024

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