



Becket Keys Church of England School

6th December 2024

ADVENT – WEEK 2

IN THIS ISSUE

Mr Scott-Evans writes.....

School Fund Contribution

I am writing to you all today in the hope that more families at Becket Keys will give a voluntary contribution to the school fund via ParentPay.

If every parent contributes, then we can make sure that the students at the school continue to enjoy great facilities, more resources and higher standards. We never want to compromise what we do, and this donation really does make a difference.

To take a pertinent and current example, the Department for Education published provisional performance data for GCSEs and A levels taken during Summer 2024. I am delighted to announce

that our Progress 8 score, which is the amount of academic progress that students make from the end of key stage 2 to the end of key stage 4 is 'Above Average' for the seventh year in a row with a score of +0.42. This is significantly higher than county and national figures. Our Attainment 8, which is a score based on how well students have performed in up to 8 qualifications is 54.4, which is more than 10 points higher than the England and local authority averages. Our Ebacc Entry rate is 85.6% which is more than double national and local averages. These are school records, and I would like to thank everyone for your part in these magnificent results.

Will you invest in your child's future? Will you support the

.....contd. on page 2



BECKET KEYS
Church of England School

Christmas Card Competition

The winners and runners up for this year's competition.

Page 3

Science Department

An interesting visit to the Royal Institution for Year 11 students.

Page 4

Christian Union

The students who attend this extra-curricular club planned and delivered Collective Worship this week.

Page 5

Computer Science Department

Results of the recent Bebras competition.

Page 8

.....contd. from Page 1

school to continue to achieve highly like this?

We are asking for a donation £108 per family over the course of the year. We are asking for £36 per term or £9 per month. You can contribute termly via [ParentPay](#) or Standing Order (see attached form). Either way, we can collect Gift Aid on your donation. So please give as you feel able. If you can give more, it will really help the school - which has a direct impact on your child.

So far, only 20% of families have contributed this term. We really want more families to play their part.



We are also inviting parents, families, and local businesses to consider supporting our school through sponsorship or donations beyond those we always collect each term as part of our school fund. On this occasion, we are looking for very generous contributions that can help us achieve the significant goals listed below. We are looking for individuals, businesses and other sponsors who feel inspired to support us in one of the following ways with the return benefits of recognition in the newsletter and the naming and advertising that

could sensibly go alongside such a significant donation. Whilst smaller donations are always welcome and can be given through the usual school fund termly system, this is a much more significant contribution with an accompanying opportunity in return.

Here are the projects we are looking for support with:

Tennis Courts Resurfacing with 4G Astro Turf: c£150,000 – Upgrading the courts will enhance our physical education offerings and support a wider range of sports. The courts could be named after your company or family for a number of years with extensive advertising around the edge of the playing surface.

New Minibus: c£60,000 – This will provide safe and reliable transportation for school trips and sporting events. It would similarly provide a strong advertising space on the bus as it travels around Essex and further afield.



Outdoor Canopies: c£20,000 each – These will ensure more spaces for students to queue under cover for the restaurants or spend time with friends. In return they could be named or hold advertising materials.

Concrete Table Tennis Tables: c£3,500 – Adding durable outdoor tables will give students more recreational options during breaks. These could have plaques on them.

Bag racks: c£2,500 – each new bag rack provides covered spaces for 30 or more bags to be kept dry and secure. These could be named or have plaques on them.

Hand Driers for New Toilets: c£1,000 each – These will ensure modern, eco-friendly facilities for all students. They could have a plaque above them.



Benches: c£500-£800 – providing spaces for students to sit outside and each packed lunches and snacks. These could hold plaques or similar to advertise the source of the donation.

We believe that every contribution, no matter the size, will make a significant difference. Ideally, we are looking for partners to sponsor an entire project. Smaller donations are always welcome to the school fund, and this available on [ParentPay](#) as previously mentioned.

Donations can be made either as financial contributions or through goods and services. Please speak

to us if you feel that there is something that you would like to explore in more detail.

Please rest assured that all contributions will be recorded transparently and acknowledged appropriately, in line with our Charitable Donations Policy (attached).

If you would like to learn more about how you or your business can help and discuss conditions that would be attached to donations, please feel free to contact me at office@becketkeys.org or 01277 286600. Alternatively, you can arrange a 1:1 meeting with me to discuss potential contributions and sponsorship opportunities in greater detail. I am also hosting a meeting for all interested parties on **Tuesday 17th December at 5pm** where I will be able to show interested sponsors some of the specific areas and explore in more detail how we could work together. Kindly RSVP if you wish to attend.

Please note that any donation of £1,000 or more will require approval from the Governors' Finance and Buildings Committee, as stated in the policy.

We sincerely thank you for considering this opportunity to support Becket Keys and our students. Together, we can make a real and lasting difference to our school community.

**Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher**




Tinned Ham		Angel Delight
Sweet Biscuits.		Stuffing
Evap Milk		Tinned Fruit
Minced Pies.		Pickles
Xmas Cake.		Jellies
Custard.		Xmas Sweets
Tinned Corned Beef.		Savoury Crisps etc
Boxes of Chocs.		Selection Boxes
Biscuits for cheeses		Jam
Christmas Puddings		Christmas Crackers
Tea / Coffee (small jars)		
Cleaning Products		
Nappies sizes 5 - 6		

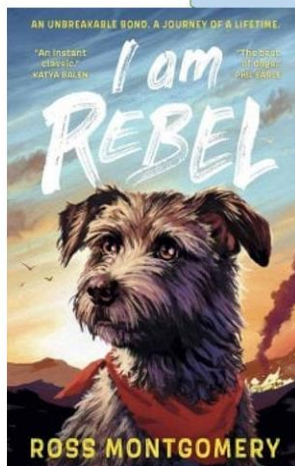
Brentwood Foodbank are collecting Christmas food items for families who have been referred to Brentwood Foodbank in crisis



Brentwood Foodbank / Doddinghurst Road Community Church
Registered Charity Number 1171227



Book of the Month - December



ROSS MONTGOMERY

A heart-warming adventure about the unbreakable bond between a dog and his human.

'I'm Tom's dog, and he's my human. We belong to each other.'

Rebel is a good dog, and he loves his simple, perfect life on the farm with his owner Tom – until one day the war comes too close... Now Tom is determined to join the rebellion to defeat the king's men. But Rebel knows war is dangerous, and he will stop at nothing to save the human he loves. Rebel *must* bring Tom home before it's too late.

"It is a book to remind adults of the joy and wonder to be found in children's books, and to help young readers discover a love of reading. Firmly rooted in the traditions of the classics like all the best comfort reads, yet wholeheartedly, originally itself, 'I am Rebel' is above all a brilliantly fun gripping adventure which showcases the very best of children's storytelling. Rebel is the ultimate good boy." **Bea Carvalho, Waterstones Head of Books**

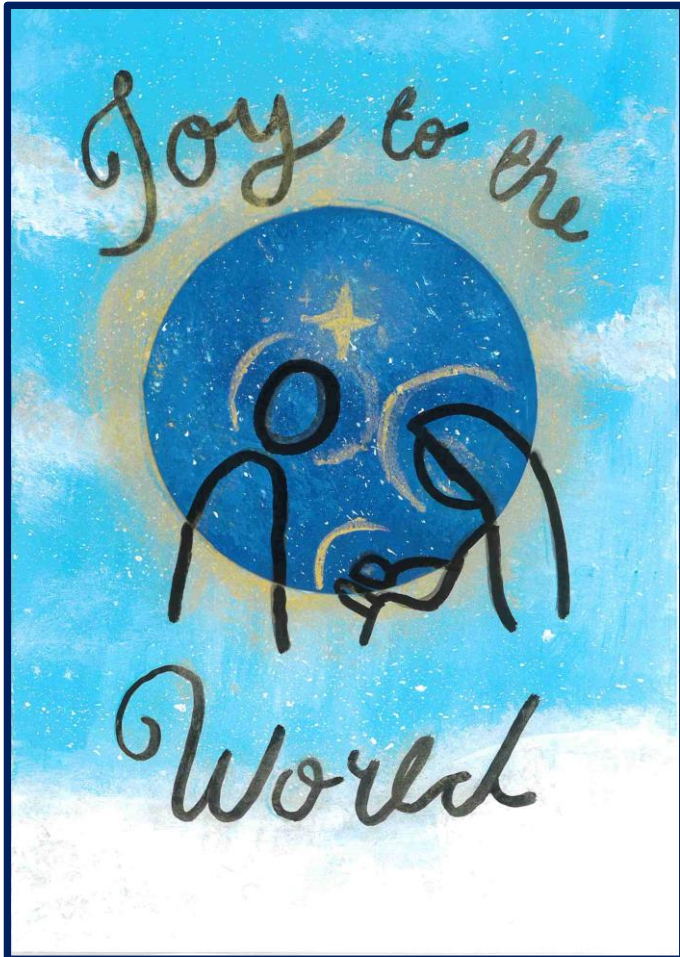
Christmas Card Competition

Many thanks to all those who entered the Christmas Card Competition this year.

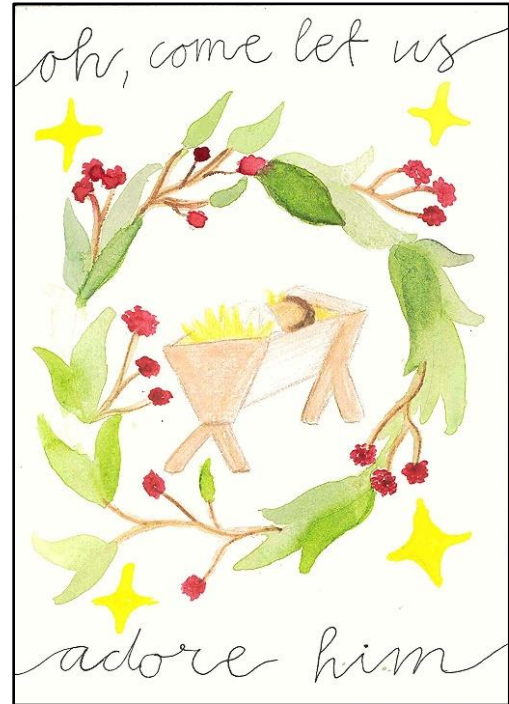
Here we have the beautiful designs that were chosen to be printed.

Winner:

Marnie Smith – 7FS



Runners Up



Imogen Forbes -Buckingham – 8AC



Lydia Falconer – 7HS



This year's Christmas Carol Concert will be a wonderful opportunity to listen to music performed by the many musical groups we have at Becket Keys.

Tickets for guests and parents are available to book here:

[Becket Keys Carol Concert 2024](#)

The Christmas Carol Concert is a wonderful tradition at Becket Keys, and we are delighted that we can once again share this festive event with you and your family.

Thursday 12TH DECEMBER 2024
BECKET KEYS CoFE SCHOOL
MAIN HALL
7.00pm – 9.00pm

All are welcome and there is no charge for the concert tickets, but we will be having a collection at the end of the evening and any money donated will be split between the Governors' Hardship Fund and the Music Department so if you are able to a donation for these causes it would be appreciated!

Refreshments will also be available to purchase prior to the event.

Find out about help available for children and young people (aged 0-25).

This is called the Local Offer.



Essex County Council

Do you have a child with SEND aged 10 to 25?

We know that finding information online about what they might like to do in the future can be hard. We want to know how we can make it easier for them to find information about education, training and jobs.

That's why we have made a survey for children and young people with SEND aged 10 to 25. We will use their answers to make finding information about next steps easier and more fun.

Find our survey here:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/2Z3TAB/>

There is a video with each question, so they can listen to the question. They can answer by typing or uploading an audio or video file if they prefer.

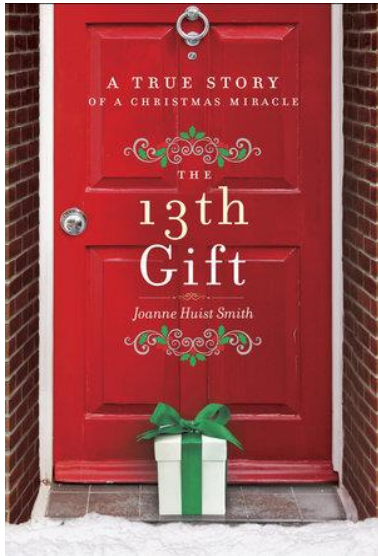
As a thank you for taking part, they can enter a prize draw to win a £100 shopping voucher.

Parents and carers can give feedback on planning for the future by emailing STUX@essex.gov.uk

[Sign up to the Essex Local Offer newsletter](#)

Get the latest news and information about SEND services.

Festive Reading Recommendations



The 13th Gift

Joanne Huist Smith

This is a heartwarming Christmas story about how a random act of kindness transformed one of the bleakest moments in a family's history into a time of strength and love.

After the unexpected death of her husband, Joanne Huist Smith had no idea how she would keep herself together and be strong for her three children--especially with the holiday season approaching. But 12 days before Christmas, presents begin appearing on her doorstep with notes from their "True Friends." As the Smiths came together to solve the mystery of who the gifts were from, they began to thaw out from their grief and come together again as a family. This true story about the power of random acts of kindness will warm the heart, a beautiful reminder of the miracles of Christmas and the gift of family during the holiday season.

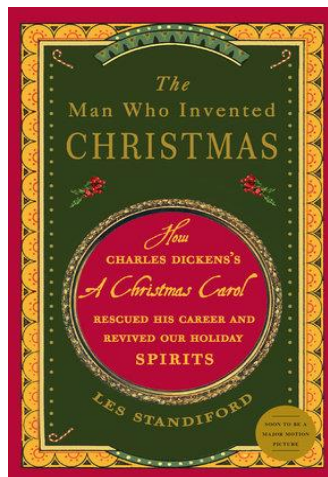
The Man Who Invented Christmas

Les Standiford

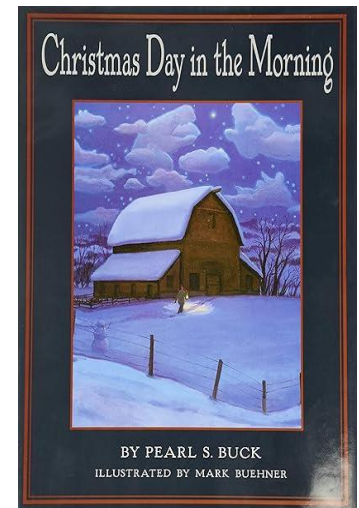
As uplifting as the tale of Scrooge itself, this is the story of how Charles Dickens impacted the Christmas holiday in the Western world--now a major motion picture.

Just before Christmas in 1843, a debt-ridden and dispirited Charles Dickens wrote a small book he hoped would keep his creditors at bay. His publisher turned it down, so Dickens used what little money he had to put out *A Christmas Carol* himself. He worried it might be the end of his career as a novelist.

The book immediately caused a sensation. And it breathed new life into a holiday that had fallen into disfavor, undermined by lingering Puritanism and the cold modernity of the Industrial Revolution. It was a harsh and dreary age, in desperate need of spiritual renewal, ready to embrace a book that ended with blessings for one and all.



With warmth, wit, and an infusion of Christmas cheer, Les Standiford whisks us back to Victorian England, its most beloved storyteller, and the birth of the Christmas we know best. *The Man Who Invented Christmas* is a rich and satisfying read for Scrooges and sentimentalists alike.



Christmas Day in the Morning

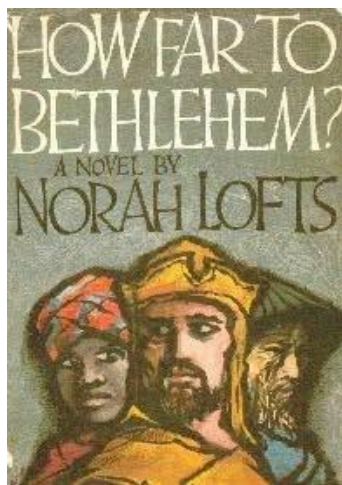
Pearl S. Buck

From Pulitzer and Nobel Prize-winning author comes a heartwarming story that illustrates the true meaning of Christmas.

Rob wants to get his father something special for Christmas this year--something that shows how much he really loves him. But it's Christmas Eve, and he doesn't have much money to spend. What could he possibly get? Suddenly, Rob thinks of the best gift of all...

The acclaimed author of nearly a

hundred books for children and adults, Pearl S. Buck captures the spirit of Christmas in this elegant, heartening story about a boy's gift of love. Originally published in 1955, this timeless story will be a welcome addition to your holiday collection.



How Far to Bethlehem **Norah Lofts**

Norah Lofts retells the story of the Nativity from the Annunciation to the Birth of Christ, and in it she has sought to reveal the motives and emotions of the characters as they converged on the humble stable in Bethlehem. With immense care and a superb sense of history she has re-created this most wonderful of tales with compassion, understanding, freshness and faith. It opens in Nazareth where Mary, who has been visited by the Angel Gabriel, prepared for her forthcoming marriage to Joseph and shows with astonishing clarity the fears and joys she felt as she learned of her appointed task. This novel is scholarly, moving and immensely readable.

Give the Gift of Reading this Christmas

You may have read Mr Scott-Evans' recent newsletter article, launching our highly successful 'Gift a Book for Christmas' initiative. Last year we received hundreds of donations from students and families who were having a clear out in preparation for the new books they would be receiving on Christmas Day. These books have since been enjoyed by our students who have been discovering the 'gifts' in their form room book swaps and the school library.

We all know that as avid readers, we can end up with too many books to store. Bookshelves become overflowing, and it becomes difficult to even see what is there. Then, for Christmas you may receive new books, and there is nowhere for them to go. Many books will only be read once, and then they sit gathering dust. Our hope is that in this festive period, when you are preparing your homes for Christmas, you may take the opportunity to see if you have any books that are ready for a new home and to be loved and enjoyed by others. These may be books that have been read, and will not be read again, or books that your children are now too old for, as they have moved onto more exciting reading challenges. If you have any books that are in good condition and are suitable for ages 10 and up, then please consider gifting them this Christmas to the school. We also have mini libraries in sixth form and the staff room, so adult fiction is also greatly appreciated.

If you really want to treat us, we would love to receive copies of top Young Adult fiction books from 2024, which can be found easily on bookshop websites. You could also look back through the newsletters of the last 12 months and choose from the many books we have featured and recommended, as these are popular amongst students.

If you are able to donate a book, we would be hugely appreciative. If you want to be really festive, you could wrap them so we can put them under the tree but we will take them unwrapped too.

After Christmas these will be shared between the classroom book swap areas and placed in our library, where students will be able to find all the new books they can enjoy in 2025. It means that the Christmas spirit can continue into the new year.

To help spread this Christmas joy, we will have a box of chocolates in Main Reception, and we will happily swap a Cadbury's Hero for each book that is brought in. That goes for adults too, so feel free to drop a book in if you are in school over the next couple of weeks.



LIVE YOUR BEST LUNCH


WITH

Innovate

MAIN MEAL & FREE WATER

OR DESSERT OR PIECE OF FRUIT

only £2.80




MEAL DEAL

JACKET POTATO & FREE DESSERT

OR PIECE OF FRUIT

only £2.80




MEAL DEAL

HOT PASTA POT (120) & A FREE PIECE OF FRUIT

OR DESSERT

only £2.80



MEAL DEAL



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 would like to join us for an Advent Eucharist then please come to reception on Fridays just before 1.00pm.

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



Homework Club is available for all students.

Every afternoon after school students can stay for a supervised session until 4.20pm and complete their homework in C11.

Using Homework Club is just one way we provide for students who do not want to leave site at 3.10pm.

There are a large number of extracurricular clubs that your son/daughter can attend at Becket Keys. Full details are available on the school website here: <https://www.becketkeys.org/extracurricular>.

Science Department

Trip to the Royal Institution

On Monday the 2nd of December, we went to the royal institute accompanied by Mr Birkett and Miss Brown. We listened to a talk titled: Can Science Abolish Death? I found this talk very insightful as it opened my eyes to the possibilities that the future holds because of the power of science. We discovered eye-opening things about ourselves such as the connectome, a map of neural connections in the brain which contain the components that make us who we are, which was fascinating to me. We also deepened our knowledge of cryogenic freezing and learned that our bodies may be able to be preserved for us to live a longer life and eventually one day reach immortality. All in all, I'm very happy I attended this talk, and am looking forward to attending more events like this in the future.

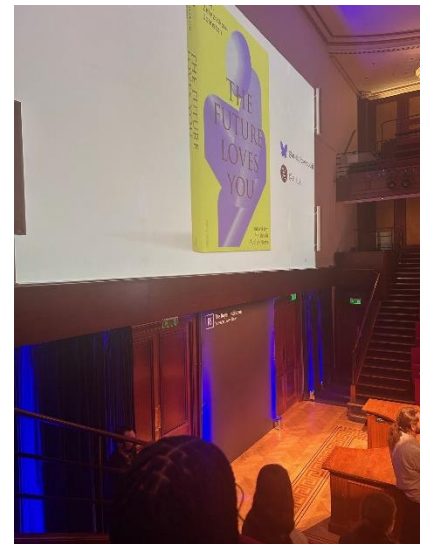
Sienna Simeon



My biology teachers Miss Brown and Mr Birkett introduced my fellow biology classmates and I to an incredible place called the Royal Institution. This is where scientific discoveries are explained, presented, and questioned. On Monday the 2nd of December, I attended one of these science related events. Specifically, a talk about 'Could science abolish death?' What a bold and explosive statement I thought, I was very intrigued to learn about how one person could prove to me that science can completely stop death. Dr Ariel Zeleznikow-Johnston was the astounding neuroscientist who gave this talk. I would have to say my favorite part of the talk was when Zeleznikow-Johnston outlined the effect of cryogenic sleep on the brain. He found out over a prolonged period the human brain that has been in cryogenic sleep had shrived due to the lack of liquids in the body. This was a major disadvantage of cryogenic sleep but exceedingly

interesting. Overall, this was a greatly beneficial experience.

Azaria Williams-Carnegie



To find out more about the Royal Institution and the upcoming events visit their website here:

[Home | Royal Institution](https://www.royalinstitution.org/)



BECKET KEYS
Church of England School

Becket Keys – Christian Union



This week, the Becket Keys *Christian Union* has been leading each year group in Collective Worship.

The students from the Christian Union (CU) have spent the last few weeks planning the Collective Worship. Focusing on three Old Testament passages, we saw how the Old Testament gets us ready for the moment when Jesus Christ came to us. In this way, the Old Testament is a bit like a biblical advent calendar, with pictures that gradually countdown and give us glimpses of what God's promised king was going to be like.

The first picture was of a Shepherd caring for a sheep from Psalm 23, which speaks of the LORD being our shepherd. This gets us ready for *Jesus the Good Shepherd* who would lay down his life for us.

The second picture was of a bronze snake lifted on a pole from Numbers 21, where God's people were under attack from

snakes. God gave them the sign of a bronze snake on a pole. All they had to do was look up at the snake and they would live. Jesus said this was a sign of how he would be lifted on a cross to save us from our sins and give us eternal life by faith in his death and resurrection.

The third picture was of a row of fanfare trumpets, which comes from Malachi 3 where God announced he would send a messenger to prepare the way for God's promised Saviour to rescue them from their sins. In the New Testament, Jesus points out that this was John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus the Saviour to appear.

The CU students had a great time preparing and leading the Collective Worship this week. Their presentations were well-received by the school, and we look forward to hosting more times of Collective Worship later on this academic year.



Any student who would like to come to the Becket Keys CU will be most welcome, whether you would call yourself a Christian or not. At CU we do things that Christians do (get into the Bible, pray for each other, have lots of good chats and enjoyable moments together)... and we have a great time as we do it.

We currently meet in Wo4 every Friday lunchtime... just look for the big 'Christian Union' banner outside the doors of the Williams building! See you, at CU!



Computer Science – Bebras Winners

At the beginning of November, all students in Years 7-9 took part in a national computational thinking competition, the Bebras Challenge, as part of their Computer Science classes. In the competition, students had 40 minutes to complete as many of the 18 problem solving questions as they could. This year over 430,000 students took part across the UK. The results were published last week Becket Keys had 19 students that gained a Gold Award in the competition, meaning that they scored in the top 10% of all students across the country. The competition is divided by age into different categories. Amongst the Becket Keys winners, jointly, Marnie Smith and Sam Anderson (Juniors), Same Walton (Inters), Ollie Pring (Seniors) and Zack Cristescu (Elite) took Best in School in their respective age categories.

All students who received the Gold Award have been invited to take part in the new Bebras Coding Challenge. This follow-on competition is an invitation only event which aims to encourage students who have achieved a top 10% score in the UK Bebras Challenge to develop their skills further and produce programmed solutions to computational thinking problems. The competition will take place in March 2025.

Congratulations to all our Bebras Gold Award winners!



Juniors Category (Y7)

Cleo Grimshaw
Sam Anderson
Marnie Smith
Hollie Lockett
Theo Smith-Tun
Luke Dennis

Danie Retief
Scarlett Stevenson
Nathan Tilden
Liliana Trinder
Nathan Giles
Charlie Tasker
Bhavana Chatti
Jack Attwood

Intermediates Category (Y8 & Y9)

Rory Newman
Jacob Shaw
Samuel Walton
Harry Strack

Seniors (Y10-11)

Ollie Pring

Mrs Pogoda
Head of Computer Science
Department

Becket Keys Sixth Form Key Dates:

Thursday 16th January 2025
Sixth Former for a Day

Monday 20th January 2025
Closing date for applications

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th June 2025
Bridging Event

Any questions please email: sixthform@becketkeys.org

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Becket Keys Uniform

All students are required to wear smart leather shoes.

All students in Year 7-9, should have their long hair completely tied up. Year 10-11 – hair can be half up/ half down. Black, purple or neutral coloured hair ties please.

Students should not have any extreme hairstyles and hair must not be dyed or shapes cut into the hair e.g. stripes or undercuts.

Please remember that all students will be in need of a COAT – Plain BLACK, logos or slogans, no 'fashion items', no 'puffer' jackets.

Bags should be plain black and other accessories should be black or grey.



Please see the website, if you need more details about the school dress code.

<https://www.becketkeys.org/uniform>

**FANTASTIC
FESTIVE
FOOD**

**DAILY
THROUGHOUT
December!**

**COMING
SOON!**

**IT'S BEGINNING
TO TASTE A LOT
LIKE CHRISTMAS**
JOIN US FOR DAILY SEASONAL SPECIALS

Creative Writing Competition



RUSSELL EDUCATION TRUST

Songlines

Celebrate writing along with the other five schools in the Russell Education Trust.

This challenge gives you some 'stolen' lyrics from songs. Choose one to inspire your own piece of writing and include the lyrics somewhere in your piece.

Two school winners will be selected from each category: Key

Stage 3, Key Stage 4 and Sixth Form.

All winning entries will be published in a book and the overall winner will gain a writer's visit for their school. Entrance to this competition will also win points for your House, each entry will gain one point and the winning entry for each year group will win 15 points, 2nd place 10 points and third place 5 points.

Your piece of writing cannot be longer than 1000 words it must be submitted electronically as a typed document submission place on Satchel One for all students. Please make sure that

you proofread your work carefully.

The deadline for entries is **Friday the 10th of January 2025**. If you have any questions please speak to Miss White in library A.



Hello from the other side.

I would say I'm sorry, if I thought that it would
change your mind.

I want to set the world to rights, but you know, I
don't know where to start.

Look, if you had one shot or one opportunity, to
seize everything you ever wanted in one
moment, would you capture it or just let it
slip?

I feel like I may have been here before.

On a warm summer's evening on a train bound for
nowhere...

You've stolen lives and broken dreams;
no man can be a deity.

Like a bat out of hell,
I'll be gone when the morning
comes.

Acknowledgements: Lyrics sourced from Adele, The Cure, Hurtsfall, Eminem, Incubus, Kenny Rodgers, Killswitch Engage and Meatloaf.



Help out when you check out

Collect FREE donations for **FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS** every time you shop online.



Join, shop and raise here:
easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/becketkeysschoolbrentwood

If you are organised and already doing your Christmas shopping online. Why not see if you can help raise some funds for FoBK through your online purchases in a few easy steps?

Click [here](#), then:

- Click 'Sign up and support this cause'.
- If new to Easyfundraising then set up an account.
- Browse the hundreds of online shops who participate in the scheme and go shopping! As long as you go into the online sites through the Easyfundraising site, you will register a donation to FoBK. You can even get an App for your phone! It will not cost you a penny!

If already a member, then why not refer a friend? FoBK will get a bonus when each person you refer makes a purchase.



Find out about help available for children and young people (aged 0-25). This is called the Local Offer.



Do you have a child with SEND aged 10 to 25?

We know that finding information online about what they might like to do in the future can be hard. We want to know how we can make it easier for them to find information about education, training and jobs.

That's why we have made a survey for children and young people with SEND aged 10 to 25. We will use their answers to make finding information about next steps easier and more fun.

Find our survey here:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/2Z3TAB/>

There is a video with each question, so they can listen to the question. They can answer by typing or uploading an audio or video file if they prefer.

As a thank you for taking part, they can enter a prize draw to win a £100 shopping voucher.

Parents and carers can give feedback on planning for the future by emailing STUX@essex.gov.uk

[Sign up to the Essex Local Offer newsletter](#)

Get the latest news and information about SEND services.

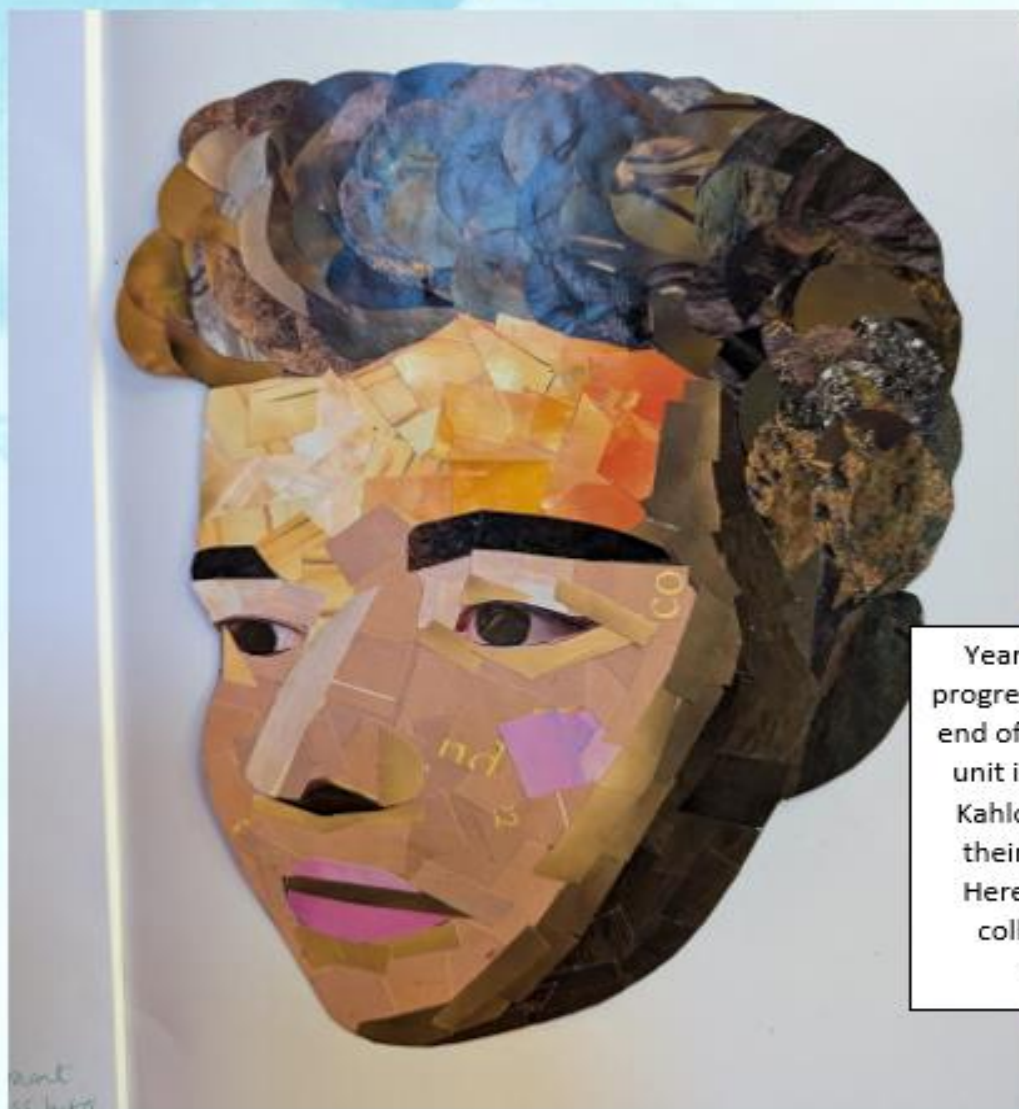
Art & Textiles

Here are all the fantastic pieces from this week with

Mrs Brassett.



Star Artist for Art James Sibbald Yr 8



Year 8 students are progressing towards the end of their portraiture unit inspired by Frida Kahlo and producing their best work yet. Here is a wonderful collage by James. Amazing!

Poppy Wilkinson Year 12



Year 12 A Level Fine Art students have been exploring their chosen themes this term. Drawing and painting from observation.

Here is a great example from Poppy on Childhood.

@becketkeysarttextiles



Year 7 are studying Indian Art this term. Well done to Brooke for the excellent effort within the research task

Brooke Perkin

Yr 7



Sam Collins Yr 8



8



Ruby-Leigh Armstrong Yr 10



Lowri O'Brien

Year 13

Year 13 are developing their ideas within the main unit. Here is a wonderful underwater piece by Lowri



Sports News

Boys' Rugby Year 7

The Year 7 boys hosted West Hatch in a friendly rugby fixture. On the back of the recent festival performance our aim for this game was to be more clinical and make sure we score our tries. Brody opened the scoring with a lovely solo run. Oscar Szast powerfully got the ball down for our second! Teddy Stevens then picked up the third with a well worked team try. Max Massarella and Sam Turner used their speed whilst Luke Dennis and Matthew Malatsi used their strength to power over the line. Our travelling opponents managed to salvage two tries before the half time 35-10.

Finley Moon added to the scoring with a comical slide over the line. Toby Baker and Harry Kyprianou also used their superb stamina to their advantage as the opposition tired and they scored comfortably. Euan Lawrence was also able to finish off a well worked try after a quickly taken penalty. Max Massarella scored again in the second half with another solo run. Both Brody Dredge and Oscar Szast had zero intentions of taking their foot off the gas as they both scored two tries each in the second half rounding off a convincing win.

Girls' Netball Year 7

This week the Year 7 girls played against Shenfield High School. The team had an excellent game which started strongly and were able to set up numerous chances to score and the excellent passing and shooting meant that the girls secured an 11-1 win!

Violet and Hope in particular played extremely well setting up and scoring for the team.

Excellent result girls!



Boys' Rugby Year 10 & 11

Rugby Triumph in Nail-Biting Victory Against Anglo European School!

In the second leg of a two-match series, the Year 10/11 rugby team travelled to Anglo European School determined to turn the tide after a narrow loss in the first game.

From the opening whistle, Anglo launched an intense offensive, but Becket Keys stood firm, producing excellent defensive work and some incredible tackles to keep the opposition from scoring. After weathering the initial pressure, our forwards worked together brilliantly to set up Denis, who broke through to score the opening try and put Becket Keys ahead. However,



Anglo responded just before halftime, leaving the score tied at 5-5 going into the break.

The second half began with Anglo scoring early, putting Becket Keys behind at 10-5. Undeterred, the team rallied and applied pressure deep in the opposition's half, winning a penalty just 5 metres out. Alex seized the opportunity, running a powerful line to score, with Will coolly converting to edge us ahead at 12-10.

Anglo fought back, regaining the lead at 15-12 after more aggressive play. Refusing to back down, Becket Keys displayed resilience and determination.

James G, playing fly-half, delivered a moment of magic, slicing through the Anglo defence with skilful individual play to score, bringing the score to 17-15.

The final minutes were tense, with Anglo relentlessly pushing to regain the lead. A standout tackle by Nic M drove an Anglo player into touch, securing the victory and ending the game on a high note. Becket Keys emerging victorious winning 17-15.

The team's performance was brilliant and for the Year 11s it was a nice way to round off their recent period of mock exams. A fantastic result for Becket Keys—well done, boys!

Mr Ison
Head of PE



BECKET KEYS
Church of England School



Boys' Rugby Essex Cup Festival Year 7

After an emphatic victory last week, eyes were set on the Essex Cup festival at Brentwood School. Our first fixture against Shenfield saw both Brody and Theo exploiting gaps in the defence using their speed to secure a 10-0 win! Game two against Emerson Park was more of the same as the boys tackled well and held their nerve when attacking and Brody scored twice before Henry closed out a 15-0 win. The third game vs St Mark's was honours even at 0-0. We knew the final game was a must win to top the group! A frantic start to the game saw fortune favouring us as we were forced to defend on our try line! We absorbed a flurry of Chase High attacks before Euan found the breakthrough. Theo doubled the lead before Max broke the

lines to show clean heels as he scored an impressive try. By default, Brody found himself scoring before our newly found scrum half Henry rounded off an impressive 25-0 win to top the group!

Before we set off, Mr Ison found willing opposition on another pitch and we closed out the day with a friendly against another strong side from a different group. The boys found themselves uncharacteristically switched off, and in punishing style we had conceded two tries. Captain Finley and Oscar powerfully tied up the game. Another error led to them scoring before Fin tied proceedings in the final play of the game!

Both Mr Lane and Mr Ison saw the true potential of these talented young rugby players and saw elements of training paying off in games!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*

YEAR 10 & 12 THEATRE TRIP
STRANGER THINGS
WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2024

*

BECKET KEYS CAROL CONCERT
THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2024

*

LAST DAY OF TERM
STUDENT HALF DAY
FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2024

*

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2024 –
FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY 2025

*

INSET DAY
NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL
MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2025

Becket Keys Church of England School

Sawyers Hall Lane
Brentwood, Essex
CM15 9DA
01277 286600

www.becketkeys.org
office@becketkeys.org
finance@becketkeys.org

X:

[@BecketKeys](#)
[@MrScottEvans](#)
[@BecketKeys6th](#)
[@BecketKeysMusic](#)
[@BecketKeysPE](#)
[@BecketKeysArt](#)
[@BecketKeysSci](#)
[@BecketKeysDT](#)
[@BecketKeysExams](#)
[@BecketKeysTrips](#)

[Facebook: Becket Keys Church School](#)