

Becket
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Church of
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School

14th March 2025

A TIME SET ASIDE

IN THIS ISSUE

**Mrs Sharp writes:
Preparing for the Most
Important Days of the
Christian Year**

As we set aside time to spiritually prepare for Christmas Day, it makes sense to also prepare for the two most significant days of the Christian year: Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Lent offers us a unique opportunity to reflect on our existence and recognise our need for a Saviour. Like Advent, Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts wider and deepen our understanding of our Lord. This way, when Good Friday and Easter arrive, they are not just another day at church, but a chance to receive the abundant graces God has to offer.

Unlike the childlike joy associated with Advent and the anticipation

of the precious baby Jesus, Lent is a penitential time. It is an opportunity to contemplate the profound sacrifice our Lord made for us on the Cross, enduring anguish and pain. However, Lent does not end in sadness and despair; it points to renewal, the hope of the Resurrection and the promise that every tear will be dried (Revelation 21:3). Christ rose triumphantly from death, becoming the victor over sin, evil, and death forever.

The nature of suffering is complex and does not offer easy explanations or answers. Yet, the answers we seek often make the most sense in light of the Cross. There is nothing in the world that provides such a powerful answer to life's toughest questions as the two pieces of wood on which our

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Church of England School

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Saviour died. Although I was drawn to Christianity in search of joy, it is the Cross that keeps me coming back day after day, year after year. This time of year reminds me of what Jesus did for me. When I look into the eyes of our suffering God, I am in awe. The complexity, love, and humanity of our Lord shine through.

Christ's sacrifice and subsequent resurrection are the two truly decisive points of the Christian faith. Without one, there would be no salvation; without the other, no hope. This is why Good Friday and Easter Sunday are the most important dates on the Christian calendar, even more so than Christmas. This Lent, set aside time to marvel at the omnipotence of God and His encompassing love for humanity and the world. Be encouraged by the fact that the omnipotent Lord God reigns over everything. Approach life with faith and courage.

*Dear Lord,
Help us set aside time to draw closer to Your heart, that we might know You better and understand You more completely. We pray that we would not only give things up for Lent but that we would give You glory through Lent, Lord. May our actions reflect our hearts, and may we worship You through all that we say and do, now and always.
Amen.*



Accompanying this week's newsletter is our 40-day Lent prayer booklet. Each morning at 8:40 a.m., whether you are at home, in a classroom, in an office, or enjoying the great outdoors, pause, quiet your mind, shut out distractions, and recite a prayer from this booklet. In classrooms, we will light a candle and spend a few moments in quiet reflection before praying. This practice will provide us with extra time and space to breathe, worship God, and unite in prayer.

If you feel inspired to write your own prayer, please send your contribution to me via the staff contact page of our website [Becket Keys](#) for inclusion in next year's booklet. If you are feeling artistic, please do send illustrations too. Thank you.

Mrs. Sharp
Deputy Headteacher



Becket Keys School Eucharist Service

There is a Eucharist service held at school every Friday during term-time in the John Wraw Chapel.

All students, families and the wider community are welcome to attend these short services to pray and reflect.

The service begins at 1.00pm and is open to everyone. Visitors should head to reception five minutes before the service.

Mathematics Department

Pi Day

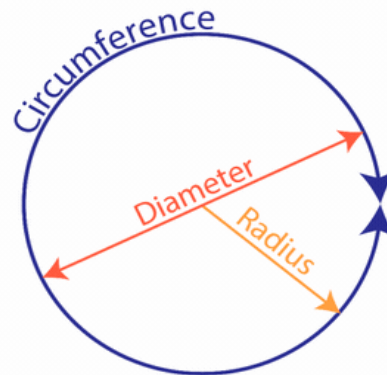
Pi Day is celebrated on March 14th around the world. Pi (Greek letter “π”) is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159. Pi Day is an annual opportunity for math enthusiasts to recite the infinite digits of Pi, talk to their friends about math, and eat pie!

Pi has been calculated to over 50 trillion digits beyond its decimal point. As an irrational and transcendental number, it will continue infinitely without repetition or pattern. While only a handful of digits are needed for typical calculations, pi’s infinite nature makes it a fun challenge to **memorize**, and to computationally calculate more and more digits.

Pi: A Perennial Puzzle

Pi has interested people around the world for over 4,000 years. Many mathematicians – from famous ones such as Fibonacci, Newton, Leibniz, and Gauss, to lesser well-known mathematical minds – have toiled over pi, calculated its digits, and applied it in numerous areas of mathematics. Some spent the better parts of their lives calculating just a few digits. Here is a sampling of the many milestones in the life of pi.

Circumference of a Circle



$$\frac{\text{Circumference}}{\text{Diameter}} = \pi = 3.14159\dots$$

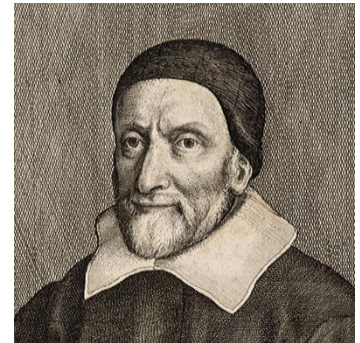


Early decimal approximations for pi were obtained in a number of different ways. For example, in ancient Babylon, rope stretchers marking the locations of buildings and boundaries estimated pi to be $25/8 = 3.125$. The ancient Egyptians determined the ratio to be $(16/9)^2 \approx 3.16$. The earliest calculations of pi were largely based on measurement.



Archimedes, a Greek mathematician, was the first to use an algorithmic approach to calculate pi. He drew a polygon inside a circle and drew a second

polygon outside of the circle. Then he continuously added more and more sides of both polygons, getting closer and closer to the shape of the circle. Having reached 96-sided polygons, he proved that $22371 < \pi < 227$.



The Renaissance saw many developments and work on pi, including the creation of the name pi. Until 1647, it didn’t have a universal name or symbol. English mathematician William Oughtred began calling it pi in his publication *Clavis Mathematicae*, but it wasn’t until Leonhard Euler used the symbol in 1737 that it

became widely embraced. The reason for adopting this particular Greek letter is because it is the first letter of the Greek word, perimetros, which loosely translates to “circumference.”



In 1767, Swiss mathematician Johann Heinrich Lambert (above) proved pi is irrational and in 1882 Ferdinand von Lindemann proved pi is transcendental, which means π cannot be a solution to a polynomial equation with rational coefficients. This finding is significant because, until this point, it was believed that one could construct a square and a circle with equal area, known as “squaring the circle”. Proving the transcendence of pi showed this is not possible and the phrase “squaring the circle” is now used as a metaphor for trying to do something that is impossible.

With modern technological advances, pi has now been calculated to 31 trillion digits. However, only the first 39 or so are needed to be able to perform all calculations in our observable universe with virtually no error. Though it is news every time the digit record is broken, we can now use technology to explore other aspects of pi.

Fun Facts About Pi

1. March 14 or 3/14 is celebrated as pi day because 3.14 are the first digits of pi. Math nerds around the world love celebrating this infinitely long, never-ending number.
2. The record for reciting the most number of decimal places of Pi was achieved by Rajveer Meena at VIT University, Vellore, India on 21 March 2015. He was able to recite 70,000 decimal places. To maintain the sanctity of the record, Rajveer wore a blindfold throughout the duration of his recall, which took an astonishing 10 hours! Can't believe it? Well, [here is the evidence](#).
3. Pi is actually a part of Egyptian mythology. People in Egypt believed that the pyramids of Giza were built on the principles of pi. The vertical height of the pyramids have the same relationship with the perimeter of their base as the relationship between a circle's radius and its circumference. The pyramids are phenomenal structures and are one of the seven wonders of the world.
4. Pi wasn't always known as pi. Before the 1700s, people referred to the number we know as pi as “the quantity which when the diameter is multiplied by it, yields the circumference”. Not surprisingly, people got tired of saying so much whenever they wanted to talk about Pi. The Welsh mathematician William Jones, a friend of Sir Isaac Newton, began using the symbol for pi in 1706.
5. The calculation of pi is a stress test for a computer. It works just like a digital cardiogram since it indicates the level of activity within the computer's processor.
6. Chinese people were far ahead of the West in finding the digits of pi. Why? Chinese mathematicians were ahead in the pi game because of two reasons: they had decimal notations and they had a symbol for the number zero. It wasn't until the late middle ages that European mathematicians started using the number zero.





The School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans is every Wednesday during term time 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, just head to reception a few minutes before.

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

Brentwood's Orchestras for Young Musicians

PHOENIX YOUTH ORCHESTRA

SPRING Concert

CONDUCTED BY STEPHEN RUMSEY

28 MARCH, 2025 19:30

ST THOMAS' CHURCH, BRENTWOOD

Mozart - Overture: Les Petits Riens
 Vaughan Williams - Fantasia on Greensleeves
 Handel - Music for the Royal Fireworks
 Massenet - Meditation

TICKETS IN ADVANCE
 ADULTS £8
 65+ £7
 U18 FREE

TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/BOYM

ON THE DOOR £10
www.boym.org.uk



Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service



South West School Age Community Drop-in

The School Age team at Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Services will provide drop-ins for parents/carers and school aged young people across South West Essex. The drop-ins are available for all young people including those who may be home educated or unable to access the support they require in the school environment.

Support offered:

- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Improving sleep
- Nutrition support
- Physical and sexual health
- Personal hygiene
- Managing health conditions
- Signposting, advice and support.

No need to book, just come along

For more information
 Tel:0300 247 0013 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

Northlands Park Family Hub
 Davenants, Basildon SS15 1QX
School Age Parent Drop in
 9:15 - 10:15
Young People's Drop-in
 15:30 - 16:30
 1st and 3rd **Monday** of the month

All About Delivery Site
 Leinster Road, Laindon SS15 5NX
School Age Parent Drop in
 9:15 - 10:15
Young People's Drop-in
 15:30 - 16:30
 2nd and 4th **Monday** of the month

Sunnyside Delivery Site
 Rosebay Avenue, Billericay, CM12 0GH
School Age Parent Drop in
 9:30 - 10:30
Young People's Drop in
 15:30 - 16:30
 1st and 3rd **Thursday** of the month

Larchwood Gardens Family Hub
 Larchwood Gardens, Pilgrims Hatch, Brentwood
 CM15 9NG
School Age Parent Drop in
 9:15 - 10:15
Young People's Drop in
 15:30 - 16:30
 1st and 3rd **Tuesday** of the month

Service commissioned by:



SmartyPants have a part-time vacancy for an admin/retail assistant in their busy office based in Hutton, Brentwood. The role will involve processing of orders, serving at the retail counter and general administrative tasks. Hours are 21 hours per week, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9.15 - 5.15 with an hour lunch break with the pay rate initially £12.50 ph

Please apply by sending a CV or personal resume to jo@smartyantsschoolwear.com



Book of the Month - March



Set during the American segregation era, this is a spellbinding story of struggle and determination.

Twelve-year old Charley is set on becoming the first female pitcher to play professional baseball, even if that's a lofty dream for a Black girl in the American South in the 1920s. Even so, her grandfather Kofi's thrilling stories about courageous ancestors and epic journeys make it impossible not to dream big. She knows he has so much more to tell, but according to her parents, she isn't old enough to know about certain things, like what happened to Booker Preston that one night in Great Bridge, and why she can never play on the brand-new baseball field on the other side of town. When Charley challenges a neighbourhood bully to a game at the church picnic, she knows she can win. Then a dispute on the field leads to Charley making a fateful decision, one that will bring consequences she never could have imagined.

WEEK 2

WEEK COMMENCING

13/01/2025 03/02/2025 24/02/2025 17/03/2025

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS £2.80

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS £2.80

MONDAY

Traditional Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy

TUESDAY

Creamy Garlic Chicken & Mushroom Pasta with Garden salad

WEDNESDAY

Hand Carved Roast British Turkey, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables, & House Gravy

THURSDAY

Terriyaki Beef & Carrot Rice

FRIDAY

Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce

MONDAY

Vegan Sausage & Mash with Onion Gravy (VE)

TUESDAY

Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake (V)

WEDNESDAY

Cheese, Leek and Potato Pie (V)

THURSDAY

Chinese Vegetable Stir-Fry (VE)

FRIDAY

Quorn 1/4 lb Burger with Ranch Slaw, Chips & Peas (V)

DESSERTS Free with the main meal or £1.55 if purchased individually

MONDAY

Apple Pie & Custard

TUESDAY

Peach & Pineapple Crumble

WEDNESDAY

Sticky Lemon Sponge & Custard

THURSDAY

Baked Churros with Chocolate Sauce

FRIDAY

Fruit, Jelly & yoghurt Pots

Fruit & Yoghurt Pots Available Daily - Price £1.00

£1.80

HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD Available Daily £1.80

Prices from £2.10

JACKET POTATOES Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily

Innovate



MONDAY

Terriyaki Chicken Wings with Chahan Rice

TUESDAY

Korean Fried Crispy Chicken

WEDNESDAY

Chipotle Chicken Chimichanga

THURSDAY

Mei Goreng Indonesian Fried Noodles

FRIDAY

Prices between £2.65/£3.00

NATURALLY

Hot Bowls Prices £2.65

MONDAY

Reggae Reggae Jackfruit Curry (VE)

TUESDAY

Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)

WEDNESDAY

Jerk Jackfruit Open Wrap (VE)

THURSDAY

The Big Plant Burger (VE)

FRIDAY

Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

Pizza from £1.55, Pasta 16oz £2.50

MONDAY

Tomato & Basil Pasta

TUESDAY

Creamy Pesto Pasta

WEDNESDAY

Mozzarella & Tomato or Pepperoni, Cheese & Tomato Pizza

THURSDAY

Pasta in Cheese Sauce

FRIDAY

Margherita Pizza

Our Vegetarian and Vegan recipes are approved by the Vegetarian Society.



PARENTING TEENAGE BOYS

Special Guest Speaker Event

with

Andrew Hampton

Author of *'Working with Boys'* and *'Why Girls Fall Out'*

Date and Time

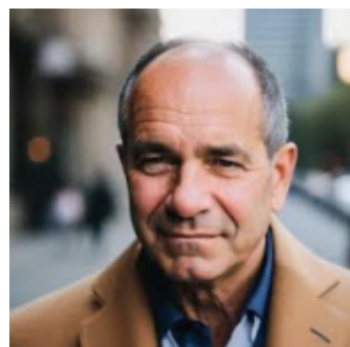
Thursday, March 27th, 2025, 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM

Venue

Becket Keys Church of England School Main Hall

Event Highlights

- **Keynote Speech:** Insights on understanding and supporting teenage boys
- **Interactive Q&A Session:** Your chance to ask questions and engage with Andrew
- **Book Signing:** Opportunity to purchase signed copies of Andrew's books



Who Should Attend?

- Parents and Carers
- Educators and School Staff
- Community Members
- Students Interested in Youth Development

Admission

£5 for all attendees Please book your ticket via ParentPay to secure your spot. Friends and family are welcome, so kindly book the number of seats you require.

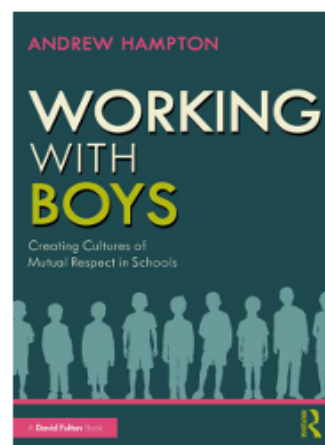
Contact Information

For more information, please contact:

Email: office@becketkeys.co.uk

Phone: 01277 286600

Don't miss this unique opportunity to gain valuable insights on boys' development and education from a renowned author and expert! Andrew is an education writer, thinker and trainer focused on the school-based relational cultures of boys and girls. Andrew was a Headteacher for 18 years and founded Girls on Board in 2017. He stepped away from Headship in 2021 and now dedicates his time to training teachers how to help girls in their friendships at school and how to help boys be the best they can be. He is currently writing a new book entitled 'How to Run a School', due to be published by Routledge in August 2025.



**WE ARE BACK!
DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND**

PRE-LOVED PROM POP-UP SHOP

Friday 11th April & Saturday 12th April
9am-5.30pm 9am-5.30pm

The Baytree Shopping Centre in Brentwood are running **ANOTHER** pre-loved Prom shop on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th April. They have collected donations of prom dresses, suits and accessories. The pop-up shop will be open to teens who would not otherwise be able to afford a Prom outfit. The shop will be located at The Baytree Shopping Centre, Brentwood, CM14 4BX. **All items will be FREE, there is no catch.**

Bookings to visit the shop and try on items can be made at www.baytreeshoppingcentre.com/pre-loved-prom-pop-up-shop

USEFUL INFORMATION
Each teen can bring a guest with them. The only information we will ask the student is their school and year group - this is to make sure that any duplicate dresses do not go to the same school Prom. The event is being run by Key Lime, a marketing agency based in Billericay, Essex. Key Lime work with shopping centres all over the country on events and activities. Key Lime staff will run the event and have obtained DBS checks for staff volunteering at the event.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
Key Lime - 01277 600320 Email: zest@key-lime.co.uk

Please send this information to anyone you know who may be interested in this event.

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THE BAYTREE SHOPPING CENTRE
www.baytreeshoppingcentre.com f @ d

Brentwood foodbank

March Shortages

Tinned Chicken in Sauce
Tinned Chilli-Con-Carne
Tinned Spaghetti
Bags of Rice (small)
Laundry Gels & Shampoos

Your support makes our work possible

the trussell trust
Brentwood Foodbank facilitated by Dodinghurst Road Church
Registered Charity Number 1171227

**BRENTWOOD FOODBANK
HELPING LOCAL
PEOPLE IN CRISIS**

Homework Club

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.

Full details of all extra-curricular clubs are available on the school website here: <https://www.becketkeys.org/extra-curricular>.

Late Gate

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

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

Brentwood can be tough to manoeuvre during rush hour, especially with the planned road and engineering works so please make sure that you are leaving enough time to get to school.

Parents can call the main school line 01277 286600 or use the "Studybugs" app to report genuine lateness. We thank you for your support.

Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Trip 2026



You may be aware that we are organising a ski trip to Sugarloaf Mountain, USA, in March/April 2026, and we have the opportunity to add up to four more students to the trip. This is a fantastic chance for students to bond with their peers, develop new skills, and create lasting memories.

If your child has not yet expressed an interest in this trip but would like to join, it is not too late to sign up. You might like to take a look at the video here: <https://youtu.be/DPwukxLuVQM?feature=shared> and the attached PDF to discover some of the key details.

This ski trip promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and we would love for your child to be a part of it. If you are interested in booking a place, please contact me as soon as possible via office@becketkeys.org. We are here to provide any additional information and assist with the booking process.



Please make sure that your son/daughter has a reusable water bottle to make sure that they have adequate drinking water for the day.

Even when the weather is not hot it is important to keep hydrated during the day, especially on days when students are taking part in PE.

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 lunchtime.

**WATER IS NOT
JUST FOR
QUENCHING
THIRST.**

HYDRATION IS VITAL TO HEALTH AND WELLNESS. TO PREVENT DEHYDRATION AND LOW LEVELS OF ELECTROLYTES, YOU NEED TO STAY HYDRATED!



Art & Textiles



Here are all the fantastic pieces from the art department with Mrs
Brassett.

Star Artist for Art *Adam Robinson Yr 8*

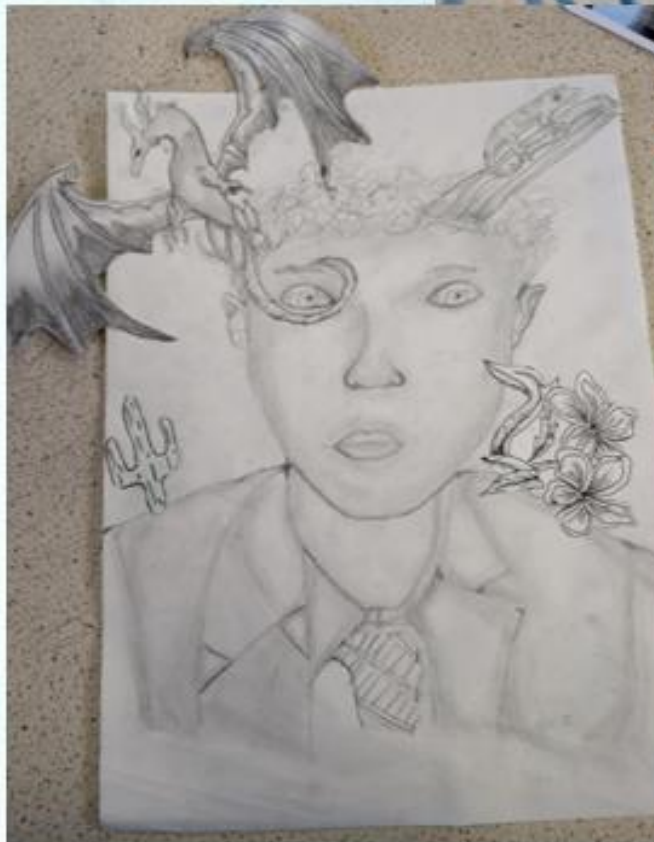
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Belle Weaver

Year 10



Luke Donovan

Yr 8



Milo Waters

Yr 11

Jaya Sahota

Yr 13



Beau Ayres Yr 12



Holly Lockett Yr 7



Charlotte Snow Yr 7

Bumper Sports News!

Girls' Football Under 13s National Cup

The Year 7 and 8 squads combined forces and welcomed James Hornsby in the National Cup to see who would progress to the last 32. We stuck with what works in the 3-4-1 formation and added Edee to the squad with Lily sadly picking up an injury.

Erin played in goal, with Charlotte, Imogen FB and Immy in front of her. Immy was playing deeper than her usual position, but Miss Plunkett and Mr Lane had full confidence in her ability. The Constantinou sisters played out wide with Anna and Scarlett central, behind the lone striker Edee, leaving Kessiah's lightning pace to impact when required.

The game started cautiously, and our first attack saw good play between Ama and Anna saw Edee's shot was dragged wide. This is when we quickly learned the Hornsby defender had a dangerous kick and was able to turn goal kicks into attacking through balls! Immy, Imogen FB and Charlotte sensibly adapted. Imogen adapted so quickly that she was able to read the flight of the very next kick and her challenge fell to the feet of Edee who made no mistake in taking the lead. Gabby caused trouble on the right and the ball fell to an arriving Anna, whose strike went



high and wide, as did a free kick from Charlotte Snow. However, a Scarlett free kick did quite the opposite, as a flailing keeper saw the ball rifle into her net!

Half time 2-0

Kessiah came on for Edee and her work rate was relentless, causing trouble for the James Hornsby defence as our willing runner forced mistakes and one that lead

to beautifully delivered Ama's cross to a late arriving Scarlett whose attacking downwards header coolly claimed her second and our third! A tactical change by Miss Plunkett saw Scarlett resting as Edee adopted a midfield role, and within minutes a well-weighted touch past the last defender saw Edee bravely take the hit and win us a penalty. Anna stepped up and made no mistake, striking low and left.

Another inviting Ama corner was defended well but only to Immy, who smashed a perfectly hit strike goalwards from 25 yards which the keeper had no right to save! Immy's performance at right back was one Lucy Bronze would have been impressed with. Goal of the day was finished by the girl who started the move, as Ama found Edee. Edee and Kessiah performed a quick 1-2 on the edge of the James Hornsby box. The tight defence did well to block off the shot. Edee popped the ball back to Ama who cut in on her left foot. She ignored the cries of "SHOOT!" as she sensibly worked the ball wide to Kessiah to shift the defenders wide. Kessiah returned to Ama who shifted back inside onto her right foot and from the edge of the box fired home our fifth!

With seconds left on the clock the James Hornsby girls made one last push, and the powerful defender found herself with space and struck well. The very quiet Erin was called into action for the first time this half and she made an excellent save but the ball trickled across the line and the referee's watch notified that the ball crossed the line.

Full time 5-1

Goals scored by: Edee Eldred, Scarlett Oliver x2
Anna Benns and Ama Constantinou.

Player of the Match - Immy Ellis for her exceptional display at right back!

Mr Lane
PE Teacher

SHENFIELD CRICKET CLUB PRESENTS

GIRLS CRICKET COME & TRY SESSION

FRIDAY 14TH MARCH

Yr 3 to Yr 6: 6pm - 7.15pm Yr 7 to Yr 13: 7.30pm - 8.45pm

60,000
women and girls play cricket in England

Fun and Fitness
No Experience Necessary
Meet New Friends
Learn from Experienced Coaches
FREE SESSION

Where?
Shenfield High School
Oliver Road, Shenfield
What to Bring?
Comfortable sportswear
Water bottle
Enthusiasm

PLEASE let us know you are coming:
Message name and age/year to:-
simonh_shenfieldcc@outlook.com
07949 570459

WHY NOT
GIVE
CRICKET A
TRY?


SPORTS CLUB

GIRLS RUGBY

AFTER SCHOOL MONDAY

With Brentwood coach
Harry Adams

- *In preparation for a rugby game in a few weeks*
- *all levels of rugby welcome*



**COME ALONG
ALL ARE WELCOME**

Under 14s Girls' Rugby

Unstoppable spirit! Our girls fight to the semi-final!

Our incredible team of 12 warriors from Years 7-9 took to the field and left everything out there, making it all the way to the **semi-finals** in a fiercely competitive tournament. From the first whistle to the last, every single player gave it their all, showing heart, determination, and true rugby grit. I couldn't be prouder!

THE HIGHLIGHTS

✦ **Lena W – The Tackle Machine** – Opponents didn't know what hit them! Lena put in some crunching tackles, stopping attacks dead in their tracks and proving that defence wins games.

💧 **Betsy – Fearless and Fast** – Betsy put her body on the line, making heroic runs and scoring some great tries. Every time she got the ball, the opponents could not catch her.

A blur of speed on the wing, Evie outran defenders time and time again, creating space and setting up key plays. With unstoppable strength, Ffion and Tiana smashed through tackles and gained us vital metres. A true force to be reckoned with! Always thinking two steps ahead, Anna's passing and decision-making kept us moving forward and outsmarting the opposition.



Nothing got past Imogen! She held the line with determination, stopping attack after attack. Eden never backed down from a challenge, throwing herself into tackles and rucks without hesitation and helping the team progress. With explosive runs and fearless carries, Oprah was a constant attacking threat, breaking through defensive lines. Whether tackling, passing or running, Serin did it all with skill and determination. Always there to support her teammates, Lucy's work rate and commitment were second to none. Exceptional from those two Year 7 players! Reading the game brilliantly, Scarlett was always in the right place at the right time, making key interceptions and tackles.

From the group stages to the knockouts, we battled through tough matches, showing resilience, teamwork, and a never-give-up attitude. The semi-final was a nail-biter, and while we didn't take the final step, we

played with passion and left the field with heads held high.

Most importantly, we had FUN!

The laughs, the team spirit, and the memories made will last forever. This team is something special, and today was just the beginning. Get yourselves to Monday rugby club to be involved!!

Proud is an understatement!

Well done, girls! 🏉 🏈

Miss Plunkett
PE Teacher



Essex County Schools Rugby 7s

The Year 11 Becket Keys rugby team took on the Essex County Schools Rugby 7s competition putting in a strong effort despite a tough start. For some of the players, this was only their third-ever rugby match, and adapting to the fast-paced Rugby Sevens format was always going to be a challenge. Additionally, three Year 10 students - Matty D, David W, and Oscar S - stepped up to play at an older age group, showing great courage and commitment.

The team's opening game against Woodbridge was a frustrating one, as they started slowly and fell to a 10-5 defeat in a match they knew they should have won. Following some motivating words from Mr. Ison, the boys regrouped and took to the field for their second game with renewed focus.

Against Hedingham, they completely dominated, showing excellent teamwork and discipline to secure a 20-0 victory. David W put in a standout performance, scoring twice, with further tries from James G and Dan.

The final pool game saw Becket Keys face their toughest challenge against St Marks. Fired up by some passionate words from Hadley, the boys were determined to finish strong. St Marks took an early lead, but James G responded to make it 7-5. A controversial refereeing



BOYS RUGBY

RUGBY CLUB

AFTER SCHOOL WEDNESDAYS

WITH INTERNATIONAL RUGBY PLAYER AND EX BKS STUDENT

SAM WINNEY

DUAL-REG SAM WINNEY

decision then denied Will E what seemed a certain try, and St Marks capitalized, extending their lead to 17-7. James G managed to cross the line again late on, but time ran out, and the game ended 17-14 in favour of St Marks, who actually went on to win the competition.

Match Results & Try Scorers:

Becket Keys 5 - 10 Woodbridge

Try scorer: James G (1)

Becket Keys 20 - 0 Hedingham

Try scorers: David W (2), James G (1), Dan (1)

Becket Keys 14 - 17 St Marks

Try scorers: James G (2)

Despite falling just short of qualification, the boys showed massive improvement throughout the tournament. Had they been more switched on in the first game, they could have gone through. A valiant effort in the end and a nice way to round off their rugby season.

Year 8 Boys' Rugby

The Year 8 boys' rugby team put in a strong performance at last week's Essex County Schools Rugby 7s competition. Drawn in a pool with William Edwards, Roding Valley, and St Nicholas, the boys started the tournament in dominant fashion, securing convincing wins over William Edwards and Roding Valley. The final pool game against St Nicholas was a much closer contest, with the team clinching a dramatic 15-10 victory thanks to a last-minute try. This result saw

Becket Keys finish top of their group and progress to the semi-finals.

Semi-Final vs Sydney Russell

In the knockout stage, Becket Keys faced a tough Sydney Russell side. Unfortunately, injuries to key players Ollie E and Will T proved costly. The team found themselves 10-0 down at half-time but showed great resilience, responding with an early second-half try to reduce the deficit to 10-5. Despite a spirited comeback, they were unable to find the crucial second score and bowed out at the semi-final stage.

Player of the Tournament: Will Tasker

A good effort from the entire squad, the team should be proud of their achievements and will take plenty of positives into future tournaments.

Year 7 Boys' Rugby

Year 7 Rugby 7s Essex County Schools Tournament Report

Last week, the Year 7 Becket Keys rugby team competed in the Essex County Schools Rugby 7s competition. Rugby Sevens, a fast-paced variation of the traditional 15-a-side game, requires speed, endurance, and quick decision-making, with teams playing two 5-minute halves on a full-sized pitch.

Drawn into a challenging pool alongside William Edwards, Plume, Thorpe Hall, and Helena Romanes, Becket Keys started slowly but grew into the tournament with each game. They secured three impressive victories, suffered one defeat, and showed great resilience throughout. Unfortunately, only the pool winners progressed, with Plume narrowly edging through after a tight contest that was decided by a last-minute kicking decision.



Match Results:

Becket Keys 30 - 5 Helena Romanes

Try scorers: Brodie (3), Henry (1), Theo (1), Max (1)

Becket Keys 25 - 10 William Edwards

Try scorers: Brodie (1), Teddy (1), Theo (2), Max (1)

Becket Keys 5 - 10 Plume
Try scorer: Brodie (1)

Becket Keys 25 - 0 Thorpe Hall

Try scorers: Teddy (3), Rayan (1), Andreas (1)

Mr Ison
Head of PE

Upcoming Fixtures

Monday 17th March 2025

Year 8 Boys' Football v KEGS

Hockey Festival

Tuesday 18th March 2025

Under 14s Netball Semi-Final v Coopers

Wednesday 19th March 2025

Year 7 Girls' Football v Moulsham

Thursday 20th March 2025

Year 7 Girls' Futsal Tournament@ Sandon School

HOCKEY CLUB

Wednesdays after school on the astro from 3:15-4:15.

You don't have to be an expert all levels of hockey ability are welcome, the more the merrier. Let off some steam, learn and perfect skills. Led by experienced sixth form hockey players.



JOIN US!



YOU WILL NEED:

PE KIT

SHIN PADS (FOOTBALL OR HOCKEY PADS)

ASTRO FOOTWEAR/HOCKEY SHOES

IF YOU DESIRE YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN HOCKEY STICK BUT THEY WILL BE PROVIDED


GUMSHIELD (IF YOU HAVE ONE)

LONG SOCKS (FOOTBALL OR HOCKEY)



Year 11 Football MESSA Cup

We found ourselves away to Chelmer Valley High School in the quarter final. The unity and passion these boys show is simply incredible!

After a cagey first half the squad depth started to show as gaps opened up. Just like last game, Ed Johnson opened the scoring as he reacted first and poached on the keepers spilt save. Dennis poked home a Zac cross for our second before fan favourite Jake scored a well-deserved goal to wrap up a 3-0 win and a place in the semi final. 

Ed Johanna, Denis E, Jake A. Players vote Man of the Match - Jake

Mr Lane’s Man of the MAtch - Morgan for breaking up play and holding down the centre of the park!

PE Extra Curricular - Term 4

Day	4.1 Lunchtime (11:50-12:30) 4.2 Lunchtime (12:40-1:20)	After-School (3:10-4:30)
Monday	TUP Badminton	Year 9, 10 + 11 Girls' Football Year 9, 10 + 11 Boys' Football All Years' Girls' Rugby
Tuesday	GCSE Intervention	Year 7 Basketball Year 8 Boys' Football Year 8 Girls' Football
Wednesday		Year 7 Girls' Football Year 10 + 11 Basketball Club Year 7+8 Boys' Rugby All Years' Hockey Club
Thursday	(4.1) Year 8 Basketball (4.2) TUP Basketball	Year 7 Boys' Football
Friday	(4.1) Year 9 Basketball (4.2) TUP Futsal	



- Keys:
- Astro
 - Sports hall
 - Main Hall
 - Field
 - Playground

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

GCSE AWARDS EVENING
THURSDAY 20TH MARCH 2025

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EXTERNAL SIXTH FORM INTERVIEWS
MONDAY 24TH & TUESDAY 25TH MARCH 2025

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YEAR 12 UCAS FAIR
TUESDAY 25TH MARCH 2025

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WHOLE SCHOOL EUCHARIST
TUESDAY 25TH MARCH 2025

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PARENT WORKSHOP
WITH ANDREW HAMPTON
'PARENTING TEENAGE BOYS'
THURSDAY 27TH MARCH 2025

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LAST DAY OF TERM
STUDENT HALF DAY 12.40pm FINISH
FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025

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EASTER HOLIDAY
MONDAY 7TH APRIL – FRIDAY 18TH APRIL 2025

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EASTER MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY
MONDAY 21ST APRIL 2025

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INSET DAY
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
TUESDAY 22ND APRIL 2025

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