



# Becket Keys Church of England School

21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

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### Mr Scott-Evans writes.....

#### A Time to Reflect and Celebrate

As I celebrated my 50th birthday on Wednesday this week, I find myself pausing to reflect on the journey that has brought me here. What have I achieved over the last half century?! My entire working life has been spent on this very road, starting as a Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT) at St Thomas of Canterbury Junior School. Over the years, I progressed to deputy head teacher and eventually head teacher, before founding Becket Keys Church of England School opposite St Thomas' in 2012.

Last night, we had the honour of welcoming 'Mr West Ham' - Mark Noble, to present the awards at

our GCSE awards evening. Mark Noble's career, dedicated to one club, mirrors the loyalty and commitment I have strived to embody in serving the Brentwood community. There is much to be said for dedicating oneself to a single community, nurturing it, and watching it grow and flourish.

This journey reminds me of a tree planted by the water, constantly growing and changing with the seasons, yet its roots grow deeper and stronger over time. As Psalm 1:3 beautifully states, "He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever he does prospers."

However, this reflection is not really about my journey, nor that

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**BECKET KEYS**  
Church of England School

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of Mark Noble. It is about the students of Becket Keys and the importance of helping them become fruitful individuals. Our school Bible verse, John 15:16-17, reminds us of our mission. Jesus spoke to His disciples saying: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other."



As we celebrated the achievements of our recent GCSE cohort last night, and as we continue to see students flourish in our school, let us remember the importance of nurturing their growth, helping them to develop deep roots in their faith, education, and community. Together, we can ensure they bear fruit that will last a lifetime.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey. Thank you for your many gifts and cards this week. You are all too kind! It is an honour to serve you, and I look forward to continuing to do so.

Have a blessed weekend.

**Mr Scott-Evans**  
**Head Teacher**



## SEND Drop in

**Co-hosted with SNAP Charity**  
**Free and safe space for parent and carers.**  
**To access advice and support for families of children with SEND.**



**Children are welcome to attend, no diagnosis required.**

**Time**  
11:30 -12:30

**Upcoming Dates :**  
 29th April 2025  
 20th May 2025  
 24th June 2025

**Location:**  
 Brentwood Library  
 Brentwood  
 CM14 4BP

**For further information please call 0300 247 0013**  
**Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service**

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Please note: the dishwasher in the school kitchen is currently broken.

We have been attempting to address the issue as quickly as we can and appreciate your patience during this time. Our kitchen team is dedicated to maintaining the quality of meals for the students and staff, but this is very difficult in the current circumstances. Thank you for your understanding. We will keep you updated on the situation.

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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](mailto: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](http://www.boym.org.uk)

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**SmartyPants**  
 School uniforms to suit you

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@smartypantschoolwear.com](mailto:jo@smartypantschoolwear.com)

**WEEK 3**  
**WEEK COMMENCING**  
 20/01/2025 10/02/2025 03/03/2025 24/03/2025

*Innovate*

**CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY**

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS £2.80	VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS £2.80
<b>MONDAY</b> Kung Pao Chicken, Wholegrain & White Egg Fried Rice	<b>MONDAY</b> Asian Vegetable, Soya Bean & Noodle Stir Fry (VE)
<b>TUESDAY</b> Beef & Tomato Ragout with Wholegrain Pasta & House Salad	<b>TUESDAY</b> Plant Based Bolognaise with Wholegrain Pasta & House Salad (VE)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Roast Shoulder of Pork or Salt & Pepper Roast Chicken, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Smashed Butternut Squash Mac and Cheese with Slaw and Garden Salad (V)
<b>THURSDAY</b> Chicken Makhani Curry with Pilau Rice	<b>THURSDAY</b> Egg Plant Katsu Curry (V)
<b>FRIDAY</b> Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas and Tartare Sauce	<b>FRIDAY</b> Chickpea, Carrot & Sesame Burger, Asian Slaw, Chips & Peas (V)

**streez VIBES**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Loaded Mediterranean Street Cart Wedges	Chicken Yakatori with Vegetable Rice	Korean Fried Crispy Chicken	Chinese Style Vegan Noodle (VE)	

**Prices between £2.65/£3.00**

**NATURally** Hot Bowls Prices £2.65 Each

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fork Friendly Falafel Kebab (V)	Vegan Singapore Noodles (V)	Spiced Paneer & Red Onion Naan (V)	Onion Bhaji Skewer with Bombay Potatoes (VE)	Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

**TRATTORIA**

Pizza from £1.55, Pasta 16oz £2.50

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato & Basil Pasta	Creamy Pesto Pasta	Mozzarella & Tomato or Pepperoni Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Pasta in Cheese Sauce	Margherita Pizza

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Banana Pudding and Custard	Warm Blueberry Sponge	Sticky Toffee Pudding with Caramel Sauce	Apple & Mixed Berry Crumble with Vanilla Sauce	Fruit, Jelly & Yoghurt Pots

**Fruit & Yoghurt Pots Available Daily - Price £1.00**

**HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD** Available Daily £1.80

**JACKET POTATOES** Prices from £2.10 Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily

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



## FOOD ALLERGENS

### LET US KNOW OF ANY CHANGES

- Please make sure the school has the latest information regarding any food allergies you son or daughter has
- We use this information for lots of things – including school trips and at the tills
- Please email the school if anything has changed, or to check the information we hold [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org)

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# 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.

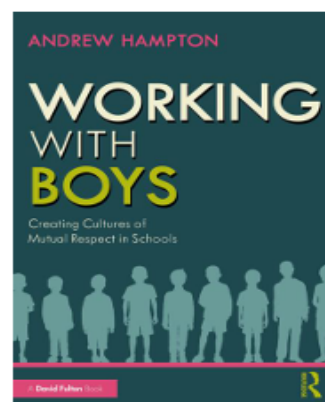
### Contact Information

For more information, please contact:

**Email:** [office@becketkeys.co.uk](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> April & Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
9am-5.30pm 9am-5.30pm

The Baytree Shopping Centre in Brentwood are running **ANOTHER** pre-loved Prom shop on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:zest@key-lime.co.uk)

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

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**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



**BRENTWOOD FOODBANK**  
**HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS**

Brentwood Foodbank facilitated by Dodinghurst Road Church  
Registered Charity Number 1171227



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.

## Charity Collection

If your son/daughter forgot to bring in their £1 charitable donation for the non-uniform day, it is not too late to donate. Kindly ask them to hand it in at reception on Monday. Funds are divided between our two school charities.




## Girls' Netball Year 7

The Year 7 girls' netball team played a game last week as part of the Essex Plate. The girls played an excellent game with Ava and Melody on fire with their shooting skills and the rest of the players assisted the final outcome with their excellent defending.


The team are now through to the semi-finals of this competition as the final score was 23-14 to Becket Keys.

Pippy  
Ava  
Edee  
Violet  
Charlotte  
Bella  
Mia  
Melody

Well done girls!



**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

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## Sports News!

### Year 9 Boys' Rugby

Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> March. 12 rugby hungry Year 9s set off on a mission which left no certainty with its outcome. The prospect of coming away with anything more than a couple of consolation victories appeared, on the surface, to be a worthy prize at the start of the day. However, the Becket Keys Brigade had other ideas.

Stepping foot on the minibus, there was a different feel to this team. A feel that was alien to this bunch, until now. This feeling was of brotherhood, togetherness and determination.

Upon arrival, the boys faced familiar competition where they matched up with rivals Emerson Park in the tournament opener. The match flowed more like a game of tennis as opposed to a rugby match with the constant back and forth of points being scored at both ends of the pitch. Despite the boys' valiant effort, they lost the opener 5-4. This defeat sparked a new energy and desire which banded the boys together. They were determined to better their results regardless of the opposition.

The next game against Plume was the deal breaker. Plume thumped Gosfield 55-10 in their first game which gave the boys the impression they would be fierce opponents. However, with tries from Jude and Rupert in the



early instances, the applear was upset, and the boys stunned the opposition. Plumes attempted revivals were futile as with every try scored, the boys put the game further out of reach to eventually seal the deal with a 7-3 victory.

Avoiding defeat in the next game against bottom of the group Gosfield would mean we would qualify in the top 2 spaces. The squad rotated and gave the opportunity for some legs to recover. With the boys winning comfortably to seal the game with a 4 try victory, the boys were on to the semi-finals.

Topping the group were rivals Emerson Park who didn't lose a game in the group, so the boys were faced with local competition in Appleton school who won their group undefeated. The game felt like two titans locking heads with neither side really getting a foot in the game until Harrison found

space on 2 occasions to blitz through and put the boys 2-0 up inside the first few minutes. Slight complacency meant the boys let their lead slip where Appleton brought the game closer to 2-2. Eventually, the boys restored their 2 try advantage but conceded with only a couple of minutes on the clock. Henry went down injured on the field with 30 seconds to go but in the build-up Becket Keys conceded a penalty on their defensive 22. The boys needed to compete hard in the scrum and secure their plan in case they were unable to better the opposition. Fortunately, the front 3 banded together and overcame the opposing 3, securing the ball and allowing the boys to use their possession to sucker punch Appleton and win the game 5-3.

It would only be fate that we would face Emerson Park in the final. The team that we had not

yet beaten and were still firing on all cylinders. The boys were ragged, battered and bruised but were still up for a fight. The atmosphere around Westcliff Rugby club pitch 3 was reminiscent of Rocky Balboa vs Apollo Creed. Both teams went hammer and tongs with unrelenting force. Franklin was stepping and jiggling his way through the midfield. Ethan and Charlie bulldozing their way into rucks and tackles. The two Ollies worked tirelessly to do their bit for the team. Jude, and Vincent battled until the very end. Rupert and Archie, crunching tackles to try and nullify the threat of Emerson Parks rapid runners...

However, it was not to be.

Everyone wanted Rocky to win the fight. He showcased skills, heart and determination that no one thought he possessed. He became a favourite of the fans, the officials and other coaches in the opposite corner. Apollo may have won the fight, but Rocky won the respect of everyone who watched him.

The boys deserved their plaudits and were an absolute testament to themselves and the school and gave everything on the pitch. Winners trophy or not, the boys still come home with silverware and should be proud of the achievement. A great day out and a Becket Keys' first ever silverware for Rugby.

**Mr Carter**  
**PE Teacher**



## 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



## 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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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### EXTERNAL SIXTH FORM INTERVIEWS

MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> & TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025

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### YEAR 12 UCAS FAIR

TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025

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### WHOLE SCHOOL EUCHARIST

TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025

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### PARENT WORKSHOP

WITH ANDREW HAMPTON

'PARENTING TEENAGE BOYS'

THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025

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### LAST DAY OF TERM

STUDENT HALF DAY 12.40pm FINISH

FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025

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### EASTER HOLIDAY

MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025

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### EASTER MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY

MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2025

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### INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2025

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