

## Becket Keys Church of England School

13th June 2025

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## **Staying Connected**

As we move through exam season and look ahead to the end of term, it's easy to feel stretched, tired, or even a little overwhelmed. Whether you are revising for your final exams, preparing for performances, training for athletics, or helping raise funds for our new school minibus, it is a busy time for everyone.

Recently, during a church prayer meeting, a story was shared that really stuck with me and I think it has something to say to us all.

At the turn of the 20th century, a wealthy but frugal woman had electricity installed in her home. A few weeks later, a meter reader visited and noticed she had barely used any power. When asked about it, she replied, "Oh yes, I turn on the lights every evening,

just long enough to light my candles. Then I turn them off again."

She had access to a powerful new energy source, but she was not using it to its full potential.

This story reminds us of the power we have access to. I am not talking electricity, but something even greater: the power of prayer and the presence of God through the Holy Spirit. Pentecost, which we recently celebrated, marks the moment when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the early church, giving them boldness, strength, and guidance. That same Spirit is available to us today.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, we are encouraged to "pray continually." That doesn't mean we have to be on our knees 24/7, but it does

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mean staying connected, bringing our worries, hopes, and thanks to God throughout the day. Just like we would not only charge our phones for 30 seconds a day, we should not only turn to God in emergencies. He invites us to stay 'plugged in'.

So, whether you are facing a tough exam, helping with a fundraiser, learning lines, rehearsing your instrument for a concert, improving your times on the athletics track, or just trying to get through the week, remember: you are not alone. You have access to a source of strength, peace, and wisdom far greater than your own.

My constant prayer is that we will be a school community that supports one another, prays for one another, and stays connected to the source of true power.

During this slightly longer weekend, as the staff have two INSET days, I hope that you can find a bit more time than usual to pray and seek the Holy Spirit in your life.

Enjoy the weekend!

Mr. Scott-Evans Headteacher





## **Minibus Appeal**

Remember that we are currently fundraising to purchase a second minibus for the school. Thank you to all those who have already donated. We are currently 13% towards our goal.

Donate via <u>Just Giving</u>



ParentPay Login



Do you work for a company that offers matched funding? If so, your employer could double the value of your donation or fundraising efforts. We have several upcoming events that are perfect for this:

- PE Fun Run/Walk Wednesday 2nd July, 3:45pm
- PE Sports Marathon Wednesday 9th July, 7:00am–5:00pm
- Charity Lunchtime Events Week commencing 30th June

Whether you can help time a race, hand out water, or simply cheer on our students, your involvement makes a difference. And if your employer matches your support, it makes an even bigger one - hopefully up to £1000!

- Sign Up for your child to Participate
- Matched Funding Survey

## **Tribute to Isabel Taylor**

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Isabel Taylor, a cherished former student of Becket Keys Church of England School, who graduated in June 2023. Isabel died on Saturday 24th May after contracting bacterial meningitis the day before, while studying Psychology and Criminology at the University of Brighton.

Isabel joined us from St John's School and quickly became a much-loved member of our community. She was known for her gentle nature, her kindness, and her dedication to her studies. Always polite, thoughtful, and respectful, Isabel was a shining example of the values we hold dear at Becket Keys.

She worked incredibly hard and achieved excellent A Level results, a testament to her determination and quiet strength. Her teachers remember her as a joy to teach; she was diligent, gracious, and always willing to support others.

We have been remembering Isabel in our prayers, staff meetings and in times of Collective Worship and will continue hold her and her family in our thoughts. We are also grateful to her family for allowing us to share this tribute and, with their permission, we include a photograph of Isabel in this article.

Isabel's legacy will live on in the





hearts of those who knew her. She will always be remembered at Becket Keys with love, admiration, and deep respect.

Please join us in keeping Isabel's family and friends in your prayers during this difficult time.

Loving God,

We come before You with heavy hearts, grieving the loss of Isabel, one of our former students. Taken so suddenly by illness while at university, her death has left us shocked and saddened.

We entrust Isabel into Your eternal care. Hold her in Your mercy, surround

her with Your peace, and welcome her into the fullness of Your presence.

We pray for her family and friends

The Taylor family have setup a memorial page for Isabel, which includes service and wake details, and rather than flowers they are asking for donations to Meningitis Now, which can be made through the memorial page:

Tribute to Isabel Taylor, 2005 -2025



Meningitis Now is the first meningitis patient group in the world, and the only charity dedicated to fighting meningitis in the UK.

Helpline 0808 80 10 388

## **English Department**



# English Interhouse Competition Round 5

This year we have launched a new English Interhouse Competition. Over the course of this school year, students will have had six opportunities to earn points for their house in an attempt to be the overall winner of the English Competition. Each term, we have enjoyed one round of this competition for Year 7 and 8.

Round 5 was to write a letter to an author explaining why they enjoyed their book so much. There were a good number of entries, which made judging very tough but eventually a decision was made.

#### Year 7

1<sup>st</sup> Place Joshua Battershall (7HS)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ethan Wilson (7WW)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Aanvi Pramod Jain (7EW)

# FINAL TERM DOUBLE POINTS ROUND!

The last round of the house competition for Year 7 this year and we would like you to write and present a one-minute speech about the best or most important thing that has happened in Year 7.

Was it your first day at Becket Keys?

Was it the residential trip you attended?

Was it a sporting event?

Is it the friendships you have made?

Finding a new subject you love to learn?

Miss White will be listening to all those who enter on the dates below.



Round 6 of our Interhouse competition was launched this week. The task is to deliver a 1-minute speech on the best thing or most important thing that has happened in Year 7. Students will find guidance on this in News for the Day, which their form tutors will show them.

To enter, students will need to prepare and then attend Library A in any of the slots below and deliver their speech to Miss White.

- Tuesday 1st July Lunchtime
- Thursday 3rd July Breaktime
- Monday 7th July Lunchtime

The Year 7 tutor groups need to try and catch 7FS who are in the lead with 141 points! However, there is everything to play for as the final round can earn your form double points if you are one of the winners!

Remember you get points just for entering, so every entry really does count. This round is double points so the whole leaderboard could be shaken up. I am looking forward to hearing all the speeches.





# Volunteers for Year 10 Mock Interviews 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025

As part of our 10<sup>th</sup> July Enrichment Day, we are excited to be running a Mock Interview Day for our Year 10 students. We would be incredibly grateful for your support as a volunteer interviewer.

The day is designed to give students a real taste of what to expect in a professional interview setting. Each student will arrive with a CV and a generalised job application, which you will have the opportunity to discuss with them. You will also be provided with feedback forms and guidance materials in advance to support your conversations with the students.

There will be three sessions throughout the day:

Session 1: 8:45am – 10:25am

Session 2: 10:50am – 12:30pm

Session 3: 1:30pm – 3:10pm

In each session, you will meet two students, spending approximately 20 minutes with each.

We would be delighted if you are able to join us for the full day – lunch and refreshments will be provided – but even if you can attend just one session, your support will be greatly appreciated.

This is a fantastic opportunity to help prepare our students for life beyond the classroom, and your time and expertise can have a real impact on their confidence and future success.

If you are available to help or have any questions, please e-mail <u>careers@becketkeys.org</u>. Thank you so much for considering supporting our students as part of this important day.

Ms North Head of Careers



#### **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.



#### Mr Scott-Evans' Stick or Twist **Penalty Kick Challenge!** Can you get the highest score? 3rd July, Lunchtime. Help us raise money for our new school minibus! How it works: - Pay £1 to have a go - Take a penalty kick against Mr Scott-Evans. - If you score, you can: - Stick – keep your score and take a sweet 🐐 - Twist - take another shot to increase your score... but if you miss or it gets saved, you lose everything! Highest scorers at the end of lunch win a certificate and bragging rights! Separate competitions for: - Boys & Girls - Each Year Group When: Thursday 3rd July - First and Second Lunchtimes Where: Far End of the Astro Turf You can have as many goes as you like, but each new go costs £1.





# BRENTWOOD FOODBANK HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

The Brentwood foodbank is part of <u>The Trussell Trust's</u> network of 428 foodbanks, working to tackle food poverty and hunger in the local community, as well as across the UK.

The Foodbank Network was founded in 2004 in Salisbury, since then The Trussell Trust has helped communities work together to launch foodbanks nationwide in a wide range of towns and cities.

In 2023/24, food banks in the Trussell Trust's network provided 3,121,404 three-day emergency food supplies and support to UK people in crisis. Of these, 1,144,096 were distributed for children.

You can make a donation at Sainsburys, Tesco Express in Brentwood High Street, St Thomas of Canterbury Church or St Stephen's Church.

#### June Items Required

Tinned Potatoes
Tinned Chilli Con Carne
Tinned Ravioli
Tinned Chicken in Sauce
Bags of Rice
Laundry Gel
Shampoo

## **Performing Arts Department**



# **Upcoming Concerts Dates for your Diary**



### **Production Dates:**

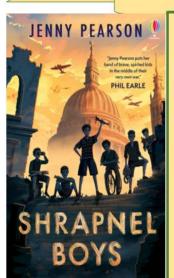
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Tickets will be available to purchase soon and will be available via ParentPay.

Date	Concert	Groups
18 <sup>th</sup> June  Concert from 6:30pm-7:30 pm Chelmsford Cathedral	Secondary School's Concert	Stage Band Choir
TBC	Orchestra at St Helen's Infant School	Orchestra
24 <sup>th</sup> June St Peter's Church South Weald 7pm start	Patronal Festival with St Peter's School	Stage Band Bugsy Cast Soloists Year 12 Jazz Band Orchestra
26 <sup>th</sup> June Main Hall 7pm start	Governors' Speech and Awards Evening	Stage Band Bugsy Cast Soloist
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 1pm onwards <b>Brentwood Centre</b>	Brentwood Vocal Festival	House Band (students from Stage Band will form this group)



## Book of the Month - June



There's a war going on out there, and I'm missing it

When war comes to London in 1939, Ronnie Smith is scared and excited: scared of the bombs that fall at night, but excited to race his friends to collect the best bits of shrapnel every morning.

But for Ronnie, the battles aren't just in the sky and on the streets. They're at school and at home too. His little brother is up to no good with a secret job and dangerous new friends, and Ronnie's worried he's getting himself into big trouble.

Ronnie's desperate to help his little brother. But he isn't expecting to uncover secrets that could change the fate of the whole war...





Please make sure that you top-up your son or daughter's account each week so that he/she is able to access all the delicious meals in the school restaurants.

There is a small overdraft facility on ParentPay accounts of £2 for emergency situations, which covers the cost of a sandwich. Due to the cashless system in place, there is no other back up.

We do not want any student to miss lunch or the great choice of food available every day in our restaurants. Our chefs work hard each day to provide a variety of delicious meals for the school.

If you need assistance navigating the site then help is available here: <a href="https://support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/sections/6089568194577-Parents-and-quardians">https://support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/sections/6089568194577-Parents-and-quardians</a>

If you have any other queries, please contact the school – office@becketkeys.org



## A Message from the Admin Team

Remember that all correspondence to the school must come through the school office email: office@becketkeys.org

Your message will be forwarded to the member of staff concerned.

You can also now reply directly to any message you receive from the school via Bromcom, just hit the reply button and it will go to the office.

Students can contact their teachers via Satchel One if they have any queries regarding their lessons.

Please do not email staff directly as any message received in this way will not receive a response.

Many thanks for your understanding.

## Stay Hydrated Bring a Bottle!

As the weather warms up, it's important that all students stay hydrated throughout the day. Students should remember to bring a reusable water bottle to school each day. Students can refill bottles at the filtered water machines around school or use the fresh water fountains located outside the Justin Welby Building and the Carey Building if they just want to drink from a spout.



If anyone forgets a bottle or doesn't have one, they can request a second-hand bottle from Main Reception.
These bottles have been in lost property for over six weeks and are being recycled for student use. They have been thoroughly cleaned, sterilised and can be used safely. Let's reduce waste and stay refreshed!

Please note: Students are not permitted to leave lessons to fill up water bottles. Refills should be done during break or lunch times only.

Thank you for helping us keep Becket Keys a healthy and respectful learning environment!



If you are doing 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.





Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.





The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!



Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm



This term we are in Braintree, Hockley, Tiptree and **Chipping Ongar** 

Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:

https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows



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#### Our School Library (Lib A)

- Your school library is open on the following lunch times:
  - Monday (4.2) 12.50-1.20
  - Tuesday (4.2) 12.50-1.20
  - Wednesday (4.1) 12-12.30
  - Thursday (4.1) 12-12.30.
- If Miss White is in the library after school, you can come and use it then as well.
- The library is open for you to:
  - · Come and borrow or return books,
  - · Get help on finding a book you might enjoy reading,
  - · Sit and read,
  - · Discuss books with other students.







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

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

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



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

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

## Summer Reading Challenge Volunteering

Are you aged 14 or over? Are you looking for something to do during the summer holidays? Why not become a Summer Reading Challenge Volunteer?

#### What is the role about?

The Summer Reading Challenge is a national programme that runs during the school summer holiday. Children of all ages are encouraged to read six library books. All children taking part receive a certificate and a medal when they complete the challenge. You will be working with children and their parents or carers, encouraging them to join the challenge and talking to them about the books they have been reading.

#### What will it involve?

**Duties include:** 

Talking with children about the books they have been reading and encouraging them to share their views and ideas.

Handing out reading rewards including stickers and medals.

Helping children to have fun and enjoy the Summer Reading Challenge.

Encouraging children to read for pleasure.

Assisting with administration, e.g. membership, filing and



assisting with other library duties when time allows.

## What will you get from volunteering?

Valuable work experience and new skills, good for the CV.

Confidence in talking to children and adults and the chance to meet new people.

Pleasure of encouraging children to enjoy reading and the opportunity to make a positive contribution to the community.

## What skills and experience do you need?

A good team worker, able to work with library staff and other volunteers and be reliable, well organised and calm under pressure.

Be friendly, approachable and be enthusiastic about encouraging children to read.

Be able to communicate with customers of all ages including parents.

## How much time would you be asked to contribute?

To be agreed, but a minimum of 18 hours (approximately 6

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sessions of 3 hours each). You are welcome to complete more hours, and it may also be possible to volunteer for the Summer Reading Challenge at other libraries, by arrangement with the relevant libraries.

## What training and support will you receive?

Your placement library will invite you to a training session where you'll be given a tour of the library and the opportunity to meet library staff. We will send you a number of email updates during the summer with information about your role, details about the Summer Reading Challenge and links to training and resources. There will also be ongoing support from local library staff.

#### How do you apply?

#### Apply online

The closing date is **Sunday 22 June.** 

Volunteers must be 14 and over by 31 August this year.



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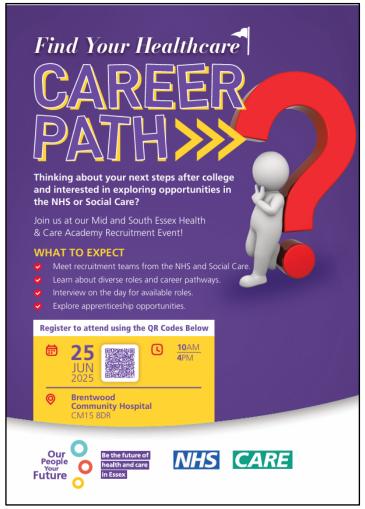
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On Wednesday 18th June, students are invited to join a webinar where they will discover the exciting apprenticeship opportunities available at Ernst & Young and learn how the EY Women's Network can help develop the skills they need to stand out, as they start their career in business and finance.

#### What the webinar will cover:

- **EY Women's Network**: hear how the EY Women's Network can support and empower students as they embark on an apprenticeship at EY.
- **Apprentice Q&A Panel**: have their questions answered by current and past apprentices. They will hear first-hand their experiences working across Assurance, Tax, Consulting and EY-Parthenon.
- **Building Resilience and Personal Branding Session**: gain valuable tips and strategies to build confidence and create a strong personal brand that feels authentic to them.

#### Date: Wednesday 18th June Time: 4:30-6:00pm.

If you can't attend on the day, then please register and you will be sent a recording of the session.

Please use this link to register: <a href="Institution Fairs">Institution Fairs</a> | UK University Search

## **Sports News**

## Tennis Tournament Year 9 & 10

On Monday 9th June, four students from Becket Keys represented the school in a competitive doubles tennis tournament hosted at Brentwood School. The event brought together Year 9 and Year 10 pairs from eight different schools, creating a high-energy day of exciting matches and impressive sportsmanship.

In the Year 10 girls' competition, Imogen Hutton and Nina Linnecar delivered a superb performance, finishing 2nd overall. The pair showed great composure and consistency, winning every match they played bar one—including strong victories over Brentwood School and St Martins. Their only loss came in a closely contested match against the eventual champions, Chelmsford College, making their silver-medal finish well deserved.

Over in the Year 9 boys' division,
Ollie Pallet and Drew
Hodges represented Becket Keys
with determination and grit. They
faced several tight matches,
many of which came down to the
final few points. One of the
highlights was their dramatic
sudden-death victory against
Shenfield, which secured them a
3rd place finish overall.





## Tennis Year 7 & 8

Our Year 7&8 underwent a competitive trial to make it to the Brentwood District Tennis Tournament on Tuesday.

Our teams consisted of:

Westwood

Year 7 Boys - Matthew Malatsi & Zac Nicolls
Year 7 Girls - Lucy Gemmill & Brooke Perkin
Year 8 Girls - Hollie Wylie & Immy Ellis
Year 8 Boys - Jacob Van Der Lith & Sam Whittaker
Year 8 Boys - Charlie & Freddie

All years faced some tough competition in their tournaments and demonstrated both high quality tennis and impressive doubles teamwork! A thoroughly enjoyable event - well done all!

Year 7 girls - won 3 Year 7 boys - won1 Year 8 girls - won 4 Year 8 boys - came 6<sup>th</sup> and Charlie and Freddie Westwood - won 1 match.











### **Boys' Rounders**



In a turn of events, Becket Keys has their first all-boys rounders team! These students have been attending club regularly and despite the lack of a league, we endeavoured to get them some friendlies in the build-up to a tournament.

This game did not disappoint! With some variations to the batting and fielding team in the 2nd innings, the boys fell into a groove and managed to cut the other teams' rounders down by half - a great achievement! Our batting game was strong, but some misjudged runs meant a lot of the team were out after their first bat.

The most enjoyable game, played in good spirits, lots of smiles and some very high-quality rounders! Next step: revisit the rules, know when to take the risks, and put ourselves in the right positions to start with.

Ms Schafer PE Teacher



## PE Extra Curricular - Term 5

Day	Lunchtime	After-School (3:20-4:20)
Monday	Sports Hall Out due to Exams	Year 7&8 Boys' Cricket
Tuesday	Sports Hall Out due to Exams	All Years Girls' Cricket Year 9&10 Boys' Cricket
Wednesday	Sports Hall Out due to Exams	All Years Athletics
Thursday	Sports Hall Out due to Exams	Year 7,8&9 Rounders
Friday	Sports Hall Out due to Exams	



#### Keys:

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



#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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INSET DAY
(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025

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SIXTH FORM BRIDGING EVENT MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2025 TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025

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CHINA TRIP PARENT MEETING
5.00PM TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025

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YEAR 7 RESIDENTIAL

MANOR ADVENTURE – NORFOLK

FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025

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SCHOOL PRODUCTION
BUGSY MALONE
MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025
TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025
WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025

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