



Becket Keys Church of England School

4th July 2025

**BECKET KEYS ORCHESTRA AT ST HELEN'S SCHOOL THIS MORNING
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Minibus Fundraising Week – A Huge Success!

Dear Parents, Carers, and Friends
of the School,

What an incredible week it has
been here at Becket Keys Church
of England School! Our
community has come together in
the most joyful and energetic way
to raise funds for our much-
needed new school minibus.
We're thrilled to share that we've
made fantastic progress!

5km Fancy Dress Fun Run

Midweek saw our 5km Fun Run,
with students and staff donning
costumes of everything from
minions, dinosaurs, to bananas!

The creativity and energy on
display were inspiring, and the
laughter along the route was a
testament to the spirit of our
school.

Lunchtime Sports Galore

Throughout the week, lunchtimes
were transformed into mini
sports festivals. From darts and
tennis to golf challenges,
students had the chance to try
something new and enjoy some
friendly competition.

Stick or Twist Penalty Kick Challenge

A huge thank you to everyone
who took part in the Stick or
Twist Penalty Kick Challenge!

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Students lined up to take their chances against me in goal, weighing up whether to “stick” with a sweet or “twist” for glory. The excitement was electric, and the competition fierce—but all in great fun!

The winners were:

Theo Smith-Tun
Melody Shanley
Henry Shotter
Oliver Pallett
Oscar Hack
Tom Hart

Soaked for a Good Cause!

And let’s not forget the brave staff members who volunteered to be targets in the wet sponge throw! There were plenty of soggy shirts and even more smiles as students lined up for their chance to soak a teacher all in the name of charity.



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As we reflect on this week of generosity, joy, and community, we are reminded of the words from Galatians 6:9:

“Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

This verse beautifully captures the heart of our campaign. Every



£7,777

raised of **£30,000** target by
141 supporters

Give Now

Share



pound raised, every laugh shared,
and every effort made brings us
closer to our goal and
strengthens the bonds of our
school family.

To every student, parent, and
staff member who participated,
donated, or cheered us on—thank
you. Your support is driving us
forward, quite literally, toward a
new minibus that will benefit all
our students.

With gratitude,

Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher



Fundraising Events – Fun Run



On Wednesday, our school community came together for a fantastic cause — the 5K Fun Run/Walk, and it was nothing short of a huge success! With over 100 students, staff, and supporters taking part, the event was a joyful blend of fitness, fun, and fundraising.

Held on the school grounds and surrounding area, participants had the option to either run or walk the 5K course — with many doing so in incredible fancy dress, shoutout to Mr Collins and Mr Achillia for wearing dinosaur suits and 7FS for being minions, the creativity and enthusiasm on display made the event even more special.

The atmosphere was electric, with cheers, cookies and high-fives all round. Whether sprinting to the finish line or strolling with friends, every step counted towards raising funds for our chosen charity. The collective energy and commitment to giving back truly showcased the spirit of our school.

We are proud to announce that, thanks to the generosity of our participants and sponsors, the total we raised was £1285!

Thank you everyone!



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 25% towards our goal.

 Donate via [Just Giving](#)

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 [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 Sports Marathon – Wednesday 9th July, 7:00am–5:00pm

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!

Courageous Advocacy

Share with us what your child does!

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40

What is a courageous advocate?

Someone who bravely supports, champions and speaks out for something that is important to them. Examples: volunteering at a food bank, working as a Guide/Brownie/Scout leader, setting up a group/club in the community.

Courageous advocates need to be identified throughout Becket Keys, however, our students are not very good at coming forward and telling us about the good they do outside the school gates. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please email:

courageousadvocacy@becketkeys.org and tell us all the good things your child is doing in their free time. We want to know and celebrate their courageous advocacy.

Governors' Speech & Awards Evening



Last week, we celebrated the achievements of some Becket Keys students at the Governors' Speech & Awards Evening. We were delighted to be joined by Claire Ransley one of the founding cohort of students and our first Head Girl. She spoke delightfully about her time at Becket Keys and the exciting things she has experienced since she left (see last week's newsletter for her speech in full). She presented a new 'Flying High' Award to one of our Year 9 students Oprah Amode and other students. In Years 7-10 received awards for subjects, sporting achievements and character and conduct. We had excellent musical entertainment from the Stage Band and Canon Darren Barlow, one of our governors, said the closing prayer and blessing. Huge thanks to Sawyers Church for hosting the event.



History Department

Becket Keys welcomes survivor from the Holocaust Educational Trust



On 10th July 2025 students from Year 9 will hear testimony from Holocaust survivor, Tom Keve as part of a visit organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET).

The testimony will be followed by a question and answer session to enable students to better understand the nature of the Holocaust and to explore its lessons in more depth. The visit is part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's extensive all year-round Outreach Programme, which is available to schools across the UK.

Mr Bay (Head of History) has said:

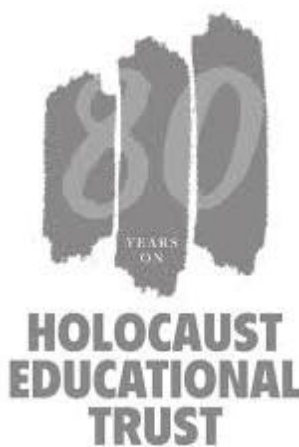
"It is a privilege for us to welcome Mr Keve to our school and his testimony will remain a powerful reminder of the horrors so many experienced. We are grateful to the Holocaust Educational Trust

for co-ordinating the visit and we hope that by hearing Tom's testimony, it will encourage our students to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust and make a positive difference in their own lives."

Karen Pollock CBE, Chief Executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust added:

"The Holocaust Educational Trust educates and engages students from across the UK, from all communities about the Holocaust and there can be no better way than through the first-hand testimony of a survivor. Tom's story is one of tremendous courage during horrific circumstances and by hearing his testimony, students will have the opportunity to learn where prejudice and racism can ultimately lead.

At the Trust, we impart the history of the Holocaust to young people, to ensure that we honour the memory of those whose lives were lost and take forward the lessons taught by those who survived."



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.

Another Musical Week to Remember!

This past week has been a celebration of music and talent for Becket Keys students, with performances across Brentwood that showcased their dedication and passion.

Saturday marked the exciting launch of the Brentwood Arts Council Music Festival, where students took centre stage at the Baytree Centre. Shoppers and visitors were treated to a variety of musical performances. A standout moment was Zak Amachree's stunning violin solo, which captivated the audience and set a high bar for the festival.



On Wednesday evening, the Becket Keys House Band had the honour of performing at the Brentwood Centre as part of the Essex Music Service's Brentwood Primary School Vocal Festival. Playing in such a large venue in front of students and parents from eight local primary schools was a thrilling experience and a true highlight for our musicians.

The week concluded on a high note with a Friday morning visit to St Helen's Infant School, where the Becket Keys Chamber Orchestra not only performed but also led a workshop for Year 2.



The session featured instruments such as the bassoon, tuba, and french horn, sparking curiosity and excitement among the young audience.

Meanwhile, rehearsals are in full swing for our upcoming

production of Bugsy Malone, with the orchestra preparing to bring the show to life in just two weeks' time.

A huge well done to all the students involved.

Mr Romhany – Director of Music

Year 11 Prom – Monday 30th June 2025

To all Year 11 students,

I want to say a heartfelt thank you for all your hard efforts this year and your outstanding conduct during your exams. We all thoroughly enjoyed the prom on Monday and all the staff agreed that it was a huge success. You were all impeccably behaved, and as a result, we all had a wonderful time together to celebrate. We have had so many positive emails from parents and staff and I would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Simmons and all of the prom committee for helping to organise such a successful event. I wish you all the best over the summer and look forward to seeing you on results day!

Mrs Noble
Head of Year 11



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Year 13 Prom



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If you:

- ☒ are aged 16 or over
- ☒ are available to work in Birmingham, London or Manchester
- ☒ have minimum 2 GCSEs at grade 4 (C)

Set your reminder to apply!

Applications open August 2025

Visit [Civil Service Careers](https://civil-service-careers.gov.uk)



Civil Service

Free School Meal Vouchers - Summer Holiday

Further funding for Free School Meal vouchers for the Summer break 2025 has been allocated by the local authority. As with previous holidays, we will be using the school voucher system, Evouchers, to issue vouchers.

Parents and carers of eligible children will have received an email to allow them to claim a voucher for £50 for this period. Parent should also check their junk mail if you have not received this. You will be taken to the 'Evouchers' page.

Details of the process and more questions about Evouchers can be found on their website - [I'm a recipient/parent - Evouchers](#)

Free School Meals Holiday

Further vouchers for the Summer break 2025 have been assigned by the local authority for free activities. As with previous holidays, vouchers will be assigned via HolidayActivities voucher system.

Parents and carers of eligible children will have received an email or text to allow them to book a child onto free activities in partnership with the local authority. Parents should again check their junk mail if they have not received this.

Details of the process and more questions about HolidayActivities can be found on the website [Parent Guide – Holiday Activities](#)

[I'm a parent – Holiday Activities](#)

Becket Keys Performing Arts Department proudly present.....



Production Dates:

Monday 14th July

Tuesday 15th July

Wednesday 16th July

The school production tickets are now available to purchase via ParentPay.

Tickets cost £12.50 each.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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!

PLAY THE ORGAN YEAR 2025

www.rco.org.uk/play

FIRST ENCOUNTER CONCERT & PLAY THE ORGAN SESSION

Join us to hear - and play - our remarkable pipe organ, aka 'the King of Instruments'. All are welcome to this FREE EVENT, featuring music for all ages and tastes, followed by the opportunity to play this remarkable instrument – open to all*, regardless of musical experience or ability!



3.00pm to 4.30pm
Sunday 6th July 2025



St Thomas' Church
St Thomas Road, Brentwood CM14 4DF

Register for your free place by emailing stthomasdom@gmail.com

*Open to all, but under-18s must be accompanied by a parent/carer



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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.

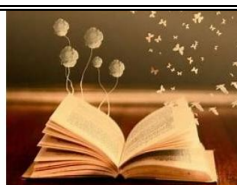
Brentwood can be tough to manoeuvre during rush hour, especially with the planned road and engineering works so please make sure that you are leaving enough time to get to school.

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



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.





Volunteers for Year 10 Mock Interviews 10th July 2025

As part of our 10th 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 careers@becketkeys.org. Thank you so much for considering supporting our students as part of this important day.

Ms North
Head of Careers

BRENTWOOD FOODBANK HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

The Brentwood foodbank is part of [The Trussell Trust](#)'s 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.

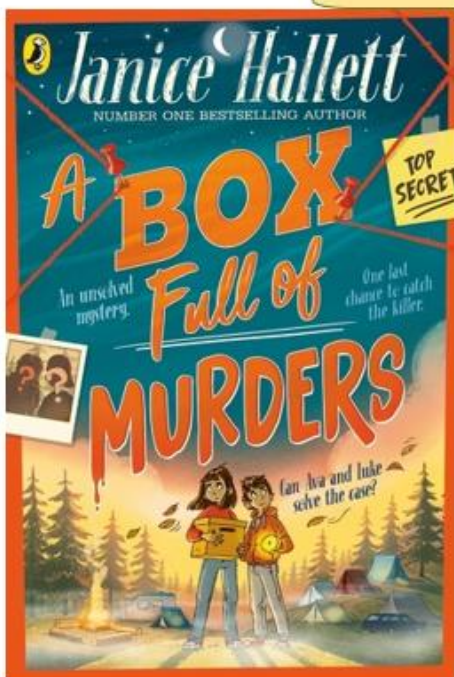
You can make a donation at Sainsburys, Tesco Express in Brentwood High Street, St Thomas of Canterbury Church or St Stephen's Church.

June Items Required

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



Book of the Month - July



When Ava and Luke discover a mysterious box of papers in their attic, they are instantly curious about secrets it might hold. As they read through letters, diary entries, newspaper cuttings and listen to secret recordings, they realize that a decades-old, still unsolved, murder mystery is unfolding right in front of them . . .

Ava and Luke decide to try and crack the case themselves. But as they work through the clues, it soon becomes clear that the mystery isn't something left in the past: the killer is still be out there - and might be closer than they think...

YOU know the facts. YOU have all the clues. Can YOU solve the mystery before they do?

Remember that you can borrow 'The Book of the Month' from the school library.

8FS Fundraising Small Change for a BIG Change

Do you have any loose change at home?

According to a 2024 news article, the average person has £26.99 in loose change or forgotten cash at home (although as we start to use cash less, it is possible that this amount becomes less and less).

If you are able to check around for loose coins that are just lying around at home (or down the back of the sofa), 8FS will be collecting any loose coins that you have to contribute towards the school minibus appeal (of course notes will also be accepted!)

Students will be coming around during form times to collect – alternatively, donations can be left with Mr Harvey in J25.

Average person sitting on £26.99 in loose change or forgotten cash at home

Melanie May | 13 May 2024 | News

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The average person in Britain has up to £26.99 in loose change or forgotten cash lying around their house, equating to a national total of more than £760 million that could be donated, according to research by Greene King.



25 YEARS OF MAKING POSITIVE CHANGE

Twenty-five years ago The Diana Award was founded on the belief that young people have the power to change the world, and for the last 25 years, we have been working with them to do just that.

Over the last three years, over **3800 young people** have participated in our Online Careers Fair project. The project improved their transferrable careers skills, knowledge of routes to education, employment and training, and confidence.

HOW DOES IT WORK

This Online Careers Fair project aims to provide every young person with the knowledge and skills they need to support their career ambitions. The sessions are open to young people aged 14-18 each online talk lasts an hour and will be facilitated by The Diana Award Mentoring Programme Team and our professional volunteer mentors.

The week will consist of **11 sessions**, discussing different careers within industries and providing guidance on topics such as writing university applications and interview technique.

For more details visit: [The Diana Award](#) or register via the QR code.

	Monday 7 th July	Tuesday 8 th July	Wednesday 9 th July	Thursday 10 th July	Friday 11 th July
9.10 - 10.10	Building a Difference: Social Value in Construction In this webinar, panelists from Overbury's Social Value team will be discussing how the Construction industry is making a positive difference in their communities.		Finding Your Way: Apprenticeships in Law In this webinar, two apprenticeships at multinational law firms will be exploring the alternative routes into the industry and reflecting on their own journeys so far.		Working in the Charity Sector In this roundtable, speakers from a range of charities will be discussing the highs and lows of working in the third sector, the skills you need to succeed, and their routes into charity work.
11.30 - 12.30	Lawyer Up - Applying for a Law Degree In this webinar, academic and solicitor Annette Kalu FCMJ will be discussing how to stand out from the crowd when applying for a Law degree, and the skills you need for a legal career.	Building a Career: Jobs in Construction In this webinar, panelists from Hill Group will be exploring the wide range of careers available in Construction.		Find My Place: Life, Lessons and Life Lessons From a Career in Social Change In this webinar, award-winning anthropologist, innovator, humanitarian, author and explorer, Ken Banks will be discussing his varied career.	Logging In: Routes into Tech Panelists from ServiceNow will discuss routes into the tech sector, such as internships and apprenticeship schemes, and early careers support.
2 - 3		Skills for Finance and Accountancy In this session, senior accountant Aliba Haque will be discussing the skills you need to stand out and succeed at the start of your accountancy journey.	Levelling Up: CVs, Interviews and Development Tips for a Career in Tech In this webinar, ServiceNow will be explaining how to harness their free training and development opportunities, offering guidance on how to write a CV and offering interview tips.	How Vision Shaped My Career Path: The Story of CURE In this webinar, Mahtabul Islam Uday will be discussing his career, community engagement, and the impact made by his social enterprise, CURE.	Wrapping Up: A Reflection on Online Careers Fair In the final webinar, Diana Award staff will be recapping key information from the week, answering any remaining questions and signposting to other opportunities.

Online Careers Fair 2025

Online Careers Fair is a week of online sessions, running from 7th-11th July 2025. It covers topics from careers in construction, applying for a degree in law, working in a charity to CV writing.

Scan to QR code to see the full week of events and register your attendance!



Applications open: Become a Lower Thames Crossing Youth Ambassador!

Are you aged 16–19 and living in Essex? Passionate about construction, engineering or sustainability?

The 2025/26 Lower Thames Crossing Youth Ambassador Forums are now open for applications.

This could be your chance to get involved in one of the UK's most ambitious infrastructure projects!

This exciting opportunity brings together young people from Kent and Essex to:

- Share their views and shape the future of the Lower Thames Crossing
- Build confidence and develop valuable skills
- Connect with industry professionals
- Champion sustainability and innovation in infrastructure

No experience is needed – just enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved!



Sustainable Growth

Essex Opportunities



Key information:

- Open to 16–19 year-olds from Kent and Essex (especially Grays, Tilbury, Havering, Gravesham, Northfleet & Medway)
- Application deadline: Friday 19th September 2025
- Up to 15 participants per forum

Don't miss out on this unique chance to make your mark and gain real-world experience. Apply now and help shape the future!



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SPORTS MARATHON 2025

 **BECKET KEYS SCHOOL**

 **WEDNESDAY 9TH
JULY**

 **7:00 AM TO
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SCHOOL PRODUCTION
BUGSY MALONE
MONDAY 14TH JULY 2025
TUESDAY 15TH JULY 2025
WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY 2025

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SPORTS DAY
WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY 2025

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LAST DAY OF TERM
WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY 2025

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BACK TO SCHOOL
FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2025
YEAR 7 AND YEAR 12

MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025
WHOLE SCHOOL RETURNS

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