

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.

John 15:16



Becket Keys Church of England School

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*"You did not choose me, but I
chose you and appointed you so
that you might go and bear
fruit—fruit that will last... This is
my command: Love each other."*

John 15:16–17

At Becket Keys Church of England School, we speak often about our Christian mission: to nurture young people who live lives of purpose, service, and love. This week, we were reminded of what that looks like in practice through the actions of one of our Sixth Form students, Oscar Smith.

On Tuesday evening, Oscar was present at the scene of a serious motorbike accident on Weald Road. As a trained and experienced cadet, Oscar did not hesitate. He calmly stepped forward, assessed the situation, and began to offer support not only to the injured person, but also to the bystanders who had stopped to help.

Oscar's response was measured and mature. He introduced himself, checked the casualty's condition, and gave clear, confident instructions to those around him. He directed cars to block the road for safety, ensured the casualty's head and neck were supported, and maintained calm communication with the emergency services. When his first aid kit arrived, he put on his

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Great Sports Marathon Event this week assisting us to reach our fundraising goal! Full details next week.

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gloves and applied bandages with skill and composure, continuing to reassure everyone present.

What stands out is not just Oscar's technical ability (though that was clearly evident) but the way he carried himself throughout. He remained calm, compassionate, and focused, offering reassurance and leadership in a moment of real uncertainty. Witnesses described him as "inspiring" and "a credit to his school," and even the police recognised the value of his contribution, asking him to continue supporting the scene until the paramedics arrived to take over.



Oscar's actions were not about heroics or recognition. They were the natural expression of someone who has taken their training seriously and who lives by a deep sense of responsibility to others. In that moment, he



lived out the words of Jesus in John 15: bearing fruit that will last, and showing love not just in thought or word, but in action.

We are proud of Oscar not because he did something unexpected, but because he did exactly what we know he is capable of. His quiet leadership, his care for others, and his willingness to serve are qualities we see in him every day at school. This incident simply gave others the opportunity to see them too.

Oscar reminds us all that faith is not just something we speak about, but it is something we live.

We give thanks for his presence in our community and for the example he has set us all.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher



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Fundraising Update!



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](#)

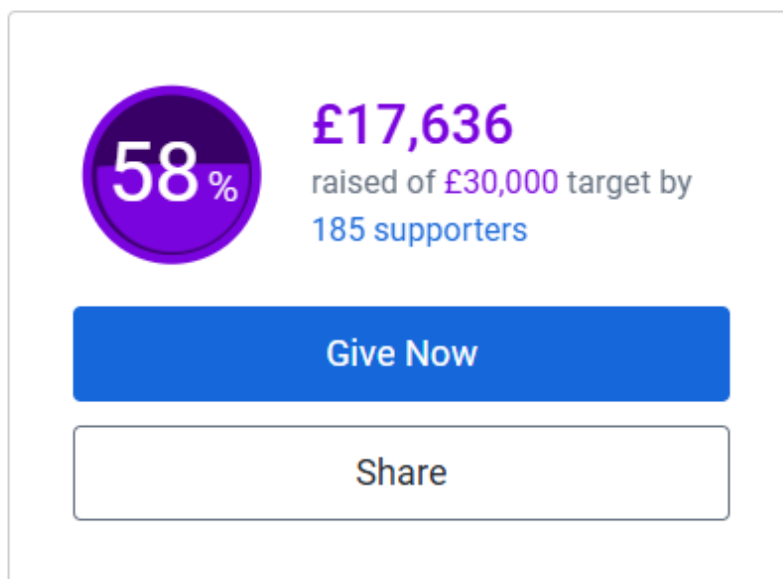
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Do you work for a company that offers matched funding? If so,



your employer could double the value of your donation or fundraising efforts. We have had several events that are perfect for this:

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!



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Next Fundraising Event

Non-Uniform Day

Tuesday

15th July 2025


Suggested Donation

£2.00 per student

Thank you!

View the Photographs of recent events here:

School Production




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Year 13 PROM



BECKET KEYS 2025 YR13 **PROM** - Dan Rouse
Photography - www.cherryblossombaby.co.uk
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PROM25

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.

Enrichment Day - 10th July 2025

On Thursday 10th July, students across all year groups took part in our whole-school Enrichment Day – a fantastic opportunity for them to engage in collaborative experiences beyond their usual classroom lessons.

Each year group followed a timetable focused on a key theme to support their personal, social, and academic development. From teamwork and problem-solving to creativity and careers, the day showcased enthusiasm, talent, and adaptability of our students and staff alike.



Year 10 students particularly shone during their Careers Day, where they completed mock interviews with external

volunteers from a wide range of industries. This experience allowed students to practise their communication skills, receive personalised feedback, and gain a clearer understanding of the expectations of the professional world.

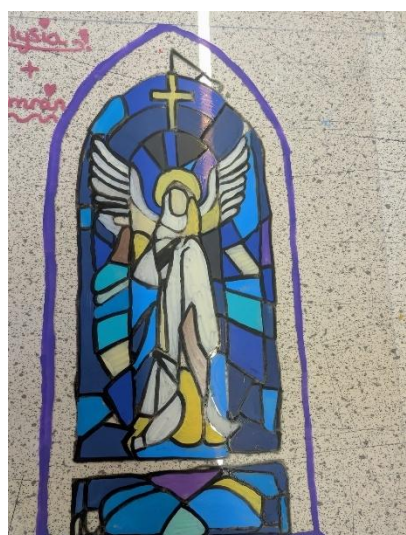


We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of the volunteers who gave up their time to support our students – your expertise and encouragement made a lasting impact.

We are also incredibly grateful to the staff who planned and delivered the workshops across all year groups. Highlights included Year 7's team-building activities in PE and Food Technology, Year 8's real-world maths and science challenges, and Year 9's creativity-themed sessions spanning DT, History, and Geography. The dedication and creativity shown by our staff in designing and leading these sessions ensured that every student had the opportunity to learn in a fun and meaningful way.

Enrichment Day is a key part of our commitment to providing a broad and balanced curriculum. We are proud of how positively

students responded to the challenges and opportunities presented throughout the day – and we look forward to building on this success in future events.



Year 9 Hear Holocaust Survivor Testimony from Tom Keve

As part of Enrichment Day on 10th July, Year 9 had the privilege of attending a Holocaust Survivor Testimony event held in Runcie Hall. The session was led by Tom Keve, who shared the moving story of his family's experiences living in Nazi-occupied Hungary during the Second World War.

Tom spoke about the hardships his family faced, the dangers they lived through, and the lasting impact those events had on their lives. His story gave students a powerful, first-hand insight into the realities of the Holocaust — something that is difficult to fully understand through books alone.

Our students listened with great respect and showed real empathy

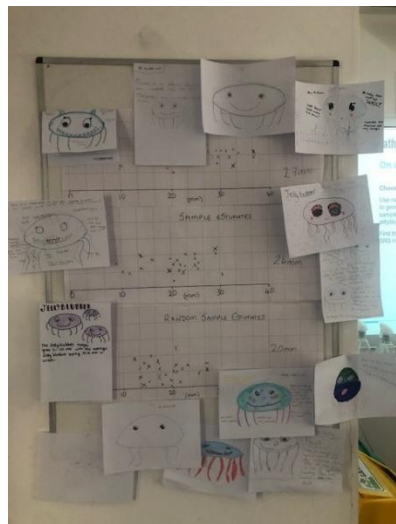
throughout the talk. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of remembering the past and learning from it.



Enrichment Day offered a valuable opportunity to learn beyond the classroom, and this session will no doubt stay with our students for a long time.

**Mr Bay
Head of History**

Mathematics Department - The Jellyblubber Colony



In the real-world collecting data is time-consuming and expensive. Consequently, it is not generally good practice to collect data from an entire group of interest (known as the population), which may be people, animals or even an unknown form of jellyfish.

In an activity dealing with data analysis, students were introduced to a new species of jellyfish that has been found off the Sussex coast and nicknamed, 'jellyblubbers' by local people. It is impossible to count how many 'jellyblubbers' are present, but some data has been collected and is ready to be analysed.... this begs the question: 'On average, how big is a jellyblubber?'

This problem gave the students a backdrop to how sampling can be used to draw conclusions about a much larger population.

Mrs Moffat
Mathematics Teacher

Student Achievement Amalia and Imogen Year 8 – Winners!



U13 Mavericks – ESF Grand Final Champions!

What a day at St George's Park! The U13 Mavericks have been crowned champions of the ESF Grand Final, the UK's biggest youth football tournament. To put it into perspective, this tournament brings together the very best teams from across the country, each one having already won their regional ESF competition. The standard was incredibly high... but these girls rose to the challenge and played an outstanding brand of football from the very first whistle to the last. Simply Brilliant!!

Science Club

As we approach the final days of the school year, Science Club wrapped things up with a bang, celebrating the annual **2024–2025 Science Club Awards!**

Throughout the year, our budding scientists tackled all sorts of challenges with curiosity, creativity, and collaboration. From designing hydraulic lifts and investigating the chemicals behind soft drinks to constructing circuits that squeezed the last drop of energy from a “dead” AA battery to power an LED sculpture. These students proved that science is fun, exciting and important.

This term, I set the club a final mission: to research, design, and launch either an air-powered or chemically fuelled rocket. Awards were up for grabs for Best Blueprints, Best Design, and Furthest Launch and the students **launched** themselves into it with gusto!

Best Design went to Olivia and Ruby, whose Iron Man inspired rocket combined engineering flair with superhero style.

Best Blueprints were awarded to Teddy and George for their cleverly crafted rocket, **INCAS**—an impressive display of planning and precision.

Furthest Launch was claimed by Evan and Toby, whose rocket



soared with awesome speed and power.

A huge well done to all our winners and to everyone in Science Club. You’ve experimented, problem-solved, and pushed the limits of your imaginations. It’s been a truly explosive year of investigations, inventions, and inspiration. We can’t wait to see what you create next!

Mr Achillea
Science Teacher



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Set your reminder to apply!

Applications open August 2025

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



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 – SOLD OUT!!

The school production tickets are available to purchase via ParentPay.

Tickets cost £12.50 each.

We have SOLD OUT on Wednesday 16th July. Last remaining tickets are available to purchase on ParentPay for Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th July.

The show starts at 7:00pm at Brentwood School, Memorial Hall. Doors open at 6:15pm and refreshments will be available to purchase during the interval.

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.



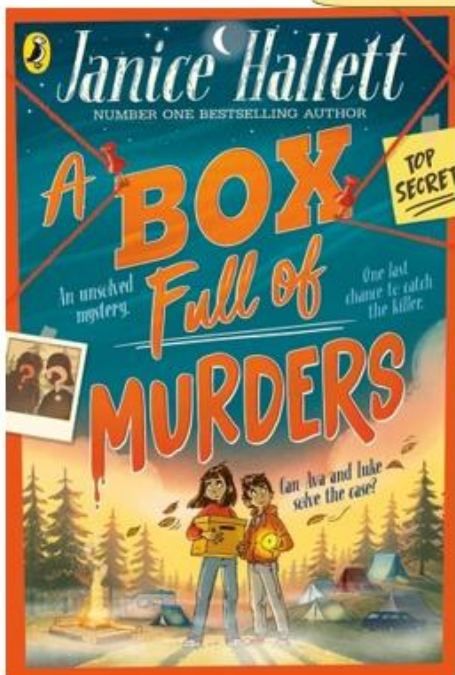
If anyone forgets a bottle or doesn't have one, they can request a second-hand bottle from Main Reception. These bottles have been in lost property for over six weeks and are being recycled for student use. They have been thoroughly cleaned, sterilised and can be used safely. Let's reduce waste and stay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



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.

Sports News

Year 7 Boys Cricket Season

The boys started the season off away at Plume who won the toss and elected to bowl first. We were able to set an impressive target of 125 for the home side to chase down. It took us until the final over before we were able to bowl them out after a respectable chase. The fielding star was Teddy Stevens who was able to take 4 wickets and take two catches which set his bar high for the season ahead. With the bat, the star was Max Massarella who very quickly racked up 25 runs to see himself retired.

The second game was at home to Great Baddow who often have a lot of sporting prowess. For the second time we lost the toss and the visitors also told us to pad up and set a target - and set a target we did! 153 runs later and multiple boundaries we found ourselves confidently bowling. Having set such a high target, we knew limiting Baddow to singles was enough and we didn't need to risk any overthrows through sloppy fielding. The star performers were both Sam Turner and Sam Anderson as they took 3 wickets each in quick succession.

Game three was back on the road to Burnham-on-Crouch, an away fixture that requires a strong mindset because an hour on the coach can often lead to poor decision making. We AGAIN found ourselves batting to set a target. The home side were able to bowl well and fielded as best they could with just 9 players! With the reduced fielders our batters became greedy, and we found ourselves falling to poor judgment. We did however set a target of 129 and Teddy again found himself with a mention as he retired on 26 runs. Charles took two wickets and an honourable mention went to Fin Moon who's one bounce boundary was a highlight.

Game four was a home fixture on the field against Moulsham. To keep trend, we lost the toss and padded up to set the target. A very exciting decision as Henry, Max and Dylan all retired with 25 runs! We racked up a staggering 169 runs and Max picked up our first SIX! Henry was the fielder of the day as he took 3 wickets and even had a look as his hatrick!

Game five we were given the victory... Annoying as we'd loved to have played but that's 5/5 in the division and we have eyes on the Division playoff final vs Anglo.

Division final – We faced Anglo in the final away at theirs to see who would be crowned the division champions. I was unable to dwindle down my squad, so we

took the full 13 who had been part of the squad from game 1, we just rotated in the field to allow all students to take part. To complete the clean sweep, we lost the toss again! This time we found ourselves fielding for the first time which was uncharted territory. This did not deter the team and we dispatched the Anglo side for 61. Sam Anderson taking 3 wickets and Henry taking two for himself and then getting a runout with a direct hit from deep field. We took just 10 overs to chase down the score as Teddy, Henry, Ed and Dylan all shared 11 runs each.

What an amazing season we have had! The boys have raised the bar for cricket at Becket Keys! All 13 players who have been part of the squad over the 5 games should be proud of their efforts. Boys you have been a pleasure to coach, and I know you will all go on to achieve lots over the years!

Season totals (Runs)

Max – 66	Henry - 61
Teddy - 57	Ed - 57
Charles – 47	Dylan - 43
Fin - 9	Arjun - 4
Sam T – 3	

Season totals (Wickets)

Sam A - 8	Henry - 7
Teddy - 6	Max - 6
Sam T - 4	Charles - 3
Fin – 2	Toby - 2
Dylan - 1	Ethan - 1
Arjun - 1	



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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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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