

Becket Keys Church of England School

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SCHOOL PRODUCTION – BUGSY MALONE!

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End-of-Year Newsletter – A Celebration of Community, Talent, and Hope

As we come to the end of another remarkable school year, we pause to give thanks to God for the joy, the achievements, and the shared moments that have made this year so special. It has been a year of excellence, community spirit, and God's abundant blessings.

Sports Day Joy!

What a fantastic Sports Day we had this week! The sun shone, the races were thrilling, and the atmosphere was full of encouragement and laughter. It was a day where teamwork, perseverance, and good sportsmanship were on full display. We also took the

opportunity to say a fond farewell to Mr Lane and Miss Plunkett, who are both leaving us this summer. Mr Lane is moving to a school closer to home, and we wish him every blessing in his new role. Miss Plunkett will be returning to us for supply teaching, so we look forward to seeing her again soon!







Fundraising Update

Non-uniform day and school production refreshments this week have assisted towards reaching our fundraising goal!

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School Production

Some of the fantastic photographs taken of the cast by Carmel Jane.

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Awards for students and staff both in and out of school.

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A brand-new book recommendation for July.

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Bugsy Malone – A Show to Remember

Our school production of *Bugsy Malone* was nothing short of

marvellous! The talent, energy, and dedication of our students lit up the stage and left audiences smiling from ear to ear. From the toe-tapping songs to the dazzling costumes and clever staging, it was a triumph of creativity and collaboration.

A special mention must go to our school orchestra, made up entirely of our own students a rare and wonderful achievement in schools today. Their live performance throughout the show brought the production to life and showcased the incredible musical talent we have in our community. We are so proud of every student who took part you gave your all and created something truly unforgettable.

Minibus Fundraising – We're Nearly There!

We are thrilled to share that we are very close to reaching our fundraising goal for a new school

minibus! Thanks to your generosity, and with some grant applications and matched funding in progress, we are hopeful that just a few more thousand pounds will take us 'over the line'. Our aim is to place the order in September; what a gift that will be for our students!

Would you consider helping in another way? We are looking for volunteer minibus drivers to support our PE department by driving students to fixtures after school. We will cover the cost of MIDAS training, which will help you feel confident and capable. Volunteers must have:

- A clean driving licence
- At least two years of driving experience
- A clean criminal record (an enhanced DBS check will be carried out; any conviction, no matter how old, will preclude participation)

If you're interested in serving our school community in this way, please get in touch (office@becketkeys.org); we'd love to hear from you.



A Year of Excellence

This has also been the year in which we were inspected by OfSTED and found to be

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Outstanding in all areas once again. We give thanks to God for this affirmation of the hard work, love, and faith that shape our school every day.

A Word of Encouragement

As we reflect on all that has been achieved, we are reminded of these words from Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

This verse has been lived out in so many ways this year in the courage of our performers, the determination of our athletes, the generosity of our community, and the faithfulness of our staff and students. We give thanks to God for His strength and guidance.

Thank You

Thank you for being part of our school family. We pray that your summer is restful, joyful, and full of God's peace. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another year of learning, growing, and flourishing together.

A special final mention to the following staff members who are leaving us this year:

Mrs Gander (Finance Office – retiring)

Mrs Goodfellow (English and PSHE – moving to a new school)

Mr Collins (Head of Year 8 and Science – travelling the world)

Mr Birkett (Second in Charge of Science – moving North)

Mr Lane and **Miss Plunkett** (see above)

We are deeply grateful for all they have contributed to our school community. We wish them every blessing and success in their next adventures!

Enjoy the summer – we will see you in September.

Mr Scott-Evans Headteacher

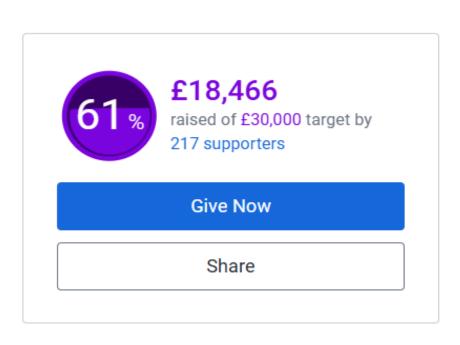
There is still time to donate!



ParentPay Login







Minibus Appeal

Remember that if you are a UK taxpayer and you donate via JustGiving you can add gift aid at no additional cost.

Thank you to all those who have already donated. We are currently 61% towards our goal!

Donate via <u>Just Giving</u>

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School Production - Bugsy Malone



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View the Photographs of recent events here:

School Production



Year 13 PROM



PASSWORD: PROM25



Ger Ready for September!

Equipment List

STATIONERY

Pencil case no bigger than 35cm by 13cm

Pens – black, blue and red Medium tip dry wipe whiteboard pen

Pencils

Colouring pencils

Rubber

Clear 30cm Ruler

Glue Stick

Pair of compasses

Clear Protractor

Pencil sharpener

NO TIPPEX!!! (Apart from Tippex

Mouse)

Calculator – CASIO FX 85 GT

OTHER

Apron, cream or white Reading book Padlock

BANNED ITEMS

NO Chewing gum

NO Fizzy drinks

NO Liquid Tippex

English Department – Inter House Competition

Round 6 – The Final Results

This year we have launched the English Interhouse Competition. Over the course of this school year, students have had 6 opportunities to earn points for their house in an attempt to be the overall winner of the English Competition.

Round 6 was to deliver a 1 minute speech on the best thing or most important thing that has happened to in Year 7. There were a good number of entries, which made judging very tough but eventually a decision was made.

Round 6



1st Place – Joshua Battershall (7HS)



2nd Place – Olivia Bamber (7PP)



3rd Place – Ifesowapo Oyinbo (7FS)

On Friday, the results were announced in an exciting end of year collective worship. It was tense especially since round 6 was a double points round.

The final results were:

- 1st Place 7FS 175
- 2nd Place 7PP 82
- 3rd Place 7EW 79

Well done to 7FS and Mr Ison on being the first ever winners of the English Interhouse Competition.

And congratulations to everyone who entered. These points have been added to the whole school House Points Competition.

Miss White English Teacher





Calling All Becket Keys Alumni Families!

Have a graduate in the family? Whether they're donning caps from university, college, apprenticeships or other amazing achievements, we'd love to celebrate their success!

Send us a photo and a short update about what they have accomplished and what they are up to now. We will feature their story in an upcoming newsletter to showcase how far our alumni have soared.

Let's keep the Becket Keys spirit alive - share your proud moments with our community and inspire the next generation!

Please email your updates and photos to <u>office@becketkeys.org</u> by 31st August 2025.

We can't wait to hear from you!

Messages from the Heads of Year

A Message from: Miss Bolt Head of Year 7



Dear Year 7,

What a fantastic first year it's been for you at Becket Keys! I cannot believe how quickly time as flown, you joining us feels like yesterday! I have been consistently impressed by you all year.

From the moment you joined us, you've shown amazing resilience, adapting to the challenges of secondary school with positivity and determination. These values carried through everything you did, including our first interhouse music competitions and our recent sports day! This month, I have been especially proud of how brilliantly you represented the school on our trip to Norfolk – your conduct, kindness, and teamwork were exceptional. It's been a real privilege to watch how much you've grown, both in your learning and in confidence.

You've made new friends, embraced new experiences, and truly become part of our school community. I couldn't have asked for a better cohort to have as my first year as Head of Year 7!

I am so proud of each and every one of you – well done on a brilliant year! Keep working hard Year 7, I'm so looking forward to seeing you all in September. Have a safe, restful and fun summer!

> Miss Bolt Head of Year 7



Mr Collins Head of Year 8

As we come to the end of another academic year, I'm thrilled to reflect on what a successful journey it's been for Year 8. From impressive progress in the classroom to outstanding contributions in sports, music, drama and beyond—you've shown resilience, creativity and kindness in everything you've done.

One of the highlights was our unforgettable residential trip to

Bude. Whether it was outdoor adventures, building friendships, or stepping outside comfort zones, the spirit and camaraderie you showed made it an experience to remember.

I'm proud of the way you've supported each other, embraced challenges, and grown not just as learners, but as young people ready to make their mark. Thank you to all the staff, families and friends who've championed our students every step of the way.

Here's to the summer ahead—and to an even brighter Year 9!

Warm regards,

Mr Collins Head of Year 8



Mrs Palmer Head of Year 9

Having taught five of this cohorts six classes in both Year 7 and 8, it has been wonderful to now become their Head of Year for this academic year. To guide these young people from Year 8 to Year 9 has been incredibly rewarding, and as we reach the end of Year 9, I am incredibly

proud of the progress and development our students have made. It has been a year of growth, both academically and personally, as students have begun to mature into thoughtful, responsible young people preparing for the challenges ahead of Key Stage 4.

Throughout the year, Year 9 have demonstrated resilience, curiosity, and a growing sense of independence. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or through creative and extracurricular pursuits, they have shown a commitment to their learning and to supporting one another as a community.

Highlights of the year have included the Madrid trip, seeing the live theatre production, "The Witness of the Prosecution", continuous sporting accomplishments, termly music concerts and showcase evenings, along with the China trip which is yet to come. All of these showcased the diverse talents and enthusiasm of this brilliant year group.

As they now move into Year 10, I encourage all students to reflect on their achievements, set clear goals, and continue to embrace every opportunity with positivity and determination. I look forward to seeing how they continue to grow and succeed in the next stage of their journey. It is never too late to make the smallest of changes; their direction is more important than their speed. Success looks different for every student, and that is exactly how it

should be. Year 9 has just been a chapter; it is not the whole story. In this spirit of hope and purpose, I am reminded of a verse that has always inspired me when thinking about young people stepping into their future with courage and hope:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope." — Jeremiah 29:11

I wish all the students a wonderful last term together and a restful and peaceful summer before the onset of their GCSE courses.

Mrs S Palmer & Year 9 Team



Miss Brown Head of Year 10

As we come to the close of another academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey our Year 10 students have taken, one marked by growth, resilience, and a deepening sense of purpose.

This year has not been without its challenges. From the increasing demands of GCSE coursework to

the personal hurdles many have faced, our students have shown remarkable determination.

They've learned not only how to study more effectively, but also how to support one another, how to bounce back from setbacks, and how to take responsibility for their own learning. These are lessons that will serve them far beyond the classroom.

One of the standout moments this year was our school production of *Bugsy Malone*. Year 10 students played a leading role both on stage and behind the scenes. Their energy, creativity, and commitment brought the show to life in spectacular fashion. From dazzling performances to impressive set design and technical support, they demonstrated what can be achieved when talent meets teamwork.

Our enrichment day, which included mock interviews, was another proud moment. Students dressed to impress and engaged with professionals from a range of industries, gaining valuable experience and confidence in presenting themselves. The maturity and ambition they showed was inspiring, and many received glowing feedback from our visitors.

On the sports field, Year 10 students made their mark during our sports day, showing not only athletic ability but also sportsmanship and team spirit. Whether sprinting for the finish line or cheering from the

sidelines, their enthusiasm was infectious.

We also saw incredible commitment during our sports marathon and fun run, where students raised funds for local and global causes. Their generosity and determination were a true reflection of our school's values, and we are so proud of the impact they've made.

Academically, students rose to the challenge of their English speaking exams, demonstrating confidence, clarity, and creativity. These assessments are never easy, but our Year 10s approached them with courage and preparation, and many exceeded expectations.

At Becket Keys, we are guided by values of compassion, integrity, and hope. I've seen these values lived out daily in the way our students treat one another, in their willingness to serve, and in their quiet acts of kindness. As the Bible reminds us in Galatians 6:9, "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." I believe our Year 10s are beginning to see the fruits of their perseverance.

As we look ahead to Year 11, I encourage every student to rest well over the summer, to reflect on how far they've come, and to return with renewed focus and faith in what they can achieve. The final stretch of their secondary school journey is just around the corner, and I have

every confidence they will rise to meet it.

To our parents and carers, thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. It truly makes all the difference.

Wishing you all a restful and blessed summer.

Miss Brown Head of Year 10



Mrs Noble Head of Year 11

It gives me great pleasure to announce that I will be the new Head of Year for the current Year 9s going into Year 10. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching my Year 9 group this year and getting to know a few more over the last few months. I am really looking forward to taking this cohort through their GCSEs in year 10 and 11. This will be my fourth year group going through Year 11 and I'm sure they will continue with their successes through Key Stage 4. I wish you all a restful summer and look forward to seeing you all back in September.

> Mrs Noble Head of Year 11

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@becketke ys.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.

Jack Petchey Awards

Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme is a flagship programme which recognises outstanding young people aged 11-25 across London and Essex. Groups on the scheme get to celebrate the achievements of young people and apply for a package of grants, worth up to £6,100 per year, to support their activities.

Organisations on the scheme nominate young people they would like to celebrate and acknowledge for an Achievement Award. Each award winner then receives a certificate, pin badge and a book. Jack Petchey Achievement Award winners are young people who have gone above and beyond to achieve – perhaps when others thought they might fail. Nominations for these awards are made by staff and peers. The recent winners are:



Noah Gray Year 12

Noah is a dedicated and hardworking student whose commitment to school life is truly commendable. A regular volunteer at school events,



Noah's contributions to the music department are exceptional. He plays an integral role in the stage band and jazz band, performs regularly on piano, and arranges music for collective worship. His talents extend to accompanying various ensembles and choirs, and he is a consistent presence at school concerts. Noah's passion and generosity of time has impacted positively on the wider school community.



Lyla Stevens Year 8

Lyla is a credit to the school and her family. She is polite, punctual, respectful and a good friend to all! Within PE, Lyla's reliability and excellent organisation skills have led to her taking on the role of netball and cricket captain. In her free time Lyla volunteers at the local library where she listens

to children read. We are so proud of you Lyla, well done!



Miss Plunkett Jack Petchey Leader Award

Miss Plunkett won the Leader Award for her outstanding enthusiasm towards engaging students in sport. She continuously encourages the Becket Keys pupils to get involved in sport and take their talents and skills to the next level.

Miss Plunkett has used her club links to generate more sporting opportunities for our students and resourced better facilities and opportunities for them. She is a true inspiration to all, and both the staff and students are grateful for her hard work and dedication.

Kaylin Shines on the West End Stage at the Jack Petchey Speak Out Grand Final!



We are bursting with pride as we share the phenomenal news—Kaylin Nachwa Muwenda has taken to the stage of the Cambridge Theatre, home of Matilda the Musical, to compete in the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge Grand Final!

Performing in front of an audience of over 1,000 guests, including dignitaries, and supporters from across the country, Kaylin delivered a speech that was nothing short of extraordinary. With poise, passion, and power, she had the audience in the palm of her hand from the very first word.

Her performance was a true testament to her dedication, resilience, and remarkable talent. Kaylin's journey from the initial workshop to the Grand Final has been marked by hard work and unwavering determination—and it all culminated in a moment that will be remembered for years to come.





The Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge is the UK's largest youth public speaking competition, and reaching the Grand Final is an achievement reserved for only the top 15 speakers out of over 30,000 participants. Kaylin's presence on that prestigious stage is a reflection of her incredible growth and her ability to inspire others through the power of words.

We are incredibly proud of Kaylin and all that she has accomplished. Her voice, her message, and her courage have made a lasting impact—not just on the judges and audience, but on all of us here at school. Follow this <u>link</u> to see her amazing speech from the night!

Congratulations, Kaylin! You've made us all so proud.

Kaylin will now be the MC at next year's regional finals that we will host in May 2026- so watch this space!

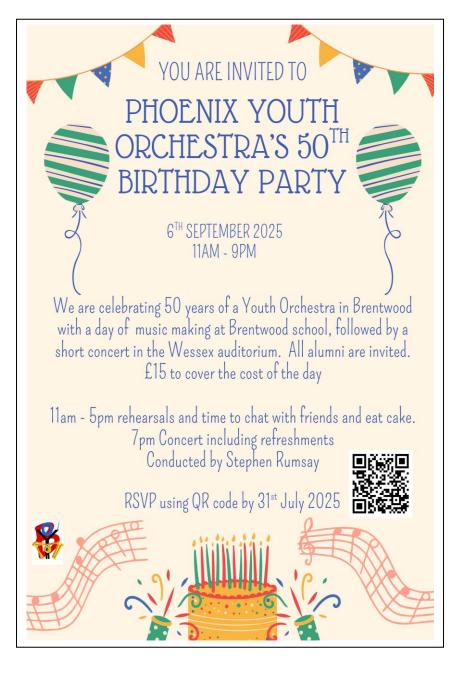
Let's continue to support her as she reaches for even greater heights.

> Miss Romano English Teacher



Gabrielle Wright

Gabby in Year 8 attends the Essex Dance Theatre as one of her extra-curricular activities outside of school and the other students at this organisation voted for Gabby to receive a Jack Petchey award as she is kind, hardworking, determined and reliable! Well done Gabby!



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 <u>Parent Guide</u> – Holiday Activities

Student Achievement Max Sanderson



It was a scorching hot day for the first English Schools' session in the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. Max Sanderson took on the senior boys' 3000m staying calm in a very tactical and closely matched race where slow pace in the early laps meant a fast last 400m. Max finished his heat in second on 9:01.36.

Following his great run in the senior boys' 3000m heat, Max lined up in a very strong final. But he kept calm, showed real race maturity and kept himself in contention throughout and had an incredibly strong finish to take 4th overall in 8:31.66.

We are all very proud of Max as it was his first year as an U20 against the best in the country!





We believe that good standards of dress promote a positive attitude to work and behaviour and identify students to local residents and future employers. We have worked hard to create a uniform that is distinctive and smart. The co-operation of all parents/carers is requested to ensure that students are in correct uniform to and from school as well as during normal school hours.

Remember to make sure that you have all the unform you need for September. You can find full details of all the uniform requirements on the <u>school website</u>.

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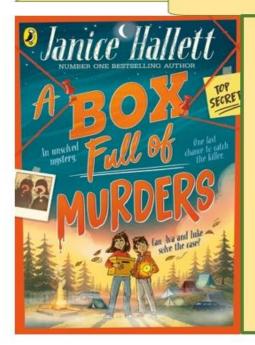
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SmartyPants are now under new management. Please give any feedback to them directly with the school in copy (office@becketkeys.org)



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?

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



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

MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025 WHOLE SCHOOL RETURNS

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