



Becket Keys Church of England School

14th November 2025

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE – 11TH NOVEMBER

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Mr Scott-Evans writes.....

Thank you to the many parents who have been offering support for our school – it is always greatly appreciated. We have volunteers for minibus driving and volunteers to support with exam invigilation. Thank you if you are one of these people. Right now, there are several other ways you can get involved:

Become a Governor

We are currently recruiting for a new Governor. Having advertised this recently and not had anyone come forward, we are asking again. This is a fantastic opportunity to make a real difference in the life of our community. It is not as onerous as it can often be in a maintained school. Please see the separate letter for full details and contact me if you wish to discuss it a little

further. I am happy to explain more of what is expected.

Support Our Sports Programme

Do you have a passion for sport? We are looking for parents to help coach rugby, football, netball, basketball, hockey, or any other winter sport. If you'd like to join our extra-curricular sports team, please complete the volunteering form using the link below:

[Volunteering at Becket Keys](#)

Volunteer Technician Vacancies

We are also looking for parents to volunteer to help as technicians in various departments. Could you share your skills in Art, Textiles, Science, or DT?

Please indicate your area of interest on the application form.

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Many volunteers later move into paid roles, so this could be a great first step. If you are willing to come in to help for a morning or afternoon once a week (or more!), we would love to hear from you.

Cleaning and Catering Roles

There are often vacancies in our cleaning and catering teams (managed by external companies). Many parents and alumni already serve the school in these roles. If you're interested, please email us at office@becketkeys.org, and we'll connect you.

Have Other Skills to Share?

If you have expertise in an area not listed here, we'd love to hear from you! Please get in touch with your ideas:

<https://becketkeys.org/contact-staff>

Thank you for considering how you can support our school community. Every contribution makes a difference!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher



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Remembrance Day Memorial Service

Tuesday 11th November 2025

The weather managed to stay just dry enough to allow us to gather the entire school together on the playground, with a service to mark and commemorate Remembrance Day.

Canon Darren Barlow from Shenfield St Mary's came to share a prayer and reflection with us and Sam played The Last Post just before the two-minute silence at 11.00am.

Many of our students wore their poppies with pride, and without exception, students marked the occasion with dignity and respect. It was a privilege to stand with them to mark the occasion.



Sunday was a day of reflection and remembrance, but also one of pride for everyone who took part in the parade.

As the Mayor's Escort, I attend many events alongside the Mayor in a military capacity, but this occasion stands apart. Carrying his wreath and laying it at the memorial was a truly meaningful and humbling moment.

Oscar Smith – Year 13

Sixth Form Information Evening

It was wonderful to see so many people attend the Sixth Form Information Evening on Wednesday. We had a record number of visitors touring the school and finding out about the Sixth Form offer here at Becket Keys.

There were excellent displays to illustrate individual subjects and visitors were able to hear teachers speak with knowledge and passion. Current Sixth Form students were on hand to advise about life in the Sixth Form and they spoke eloquently about their education journey.

We have had some fabulous feedback from people who attended and wish to thank all the staff and students who participated and represented Becket Keys so well.

Key Dates:

November/December 2025

Year 11 Consultation Meetings
(Internal Students)

Monday 24th November 2025

External Student Consultation Meetings

Wednesday 14th January 2026

Sixth Former for a Day

Monday 19th January 2026

Closing date for [applications](#)

Any questions please email:

sixthform@becketkeys.org



Christmas Meal



**FANTASTIC
FESTIVE
FOOD**

FESTIVE MENU

Main Course

Roast Turkey Breast, Pigs in Blankets,
Crispy Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables &
Gravy

Sage, Onion & Cranberry Wellington, Crispy Roast
Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy **(VG)**

Dessert

Home Made Traditional Christmas Pudding With
Vanilla Sauce

Becket Keys Famous Chocolate Brownie Christmas
Trees
(VG) Vegetarian

JOIN US ON: 3rd December

Tickets are now available to purchase for our Christmas lunch which will be served on Wednesday 3rd December. This is a joyful occasion for Years 7 – 11 to enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner in the Bistro or Orangery with music and crackers. The cost is £4.55, tickets can be purchased from the Bistro/Orangery/Deli tills before school, break time and at lunchtime. Students should pay

in the usual way using the biometric system with the catering staff. Students will not be issued a physical ticket, but we will have a list of student names available on the day.

Students who are entitled to free school meals are automatically allocated a ticket and do not need to reserve one.

The final day to purchase a ticket will be Monday 24th November, so please encourage your son/daughter to buy a ticket as soon as possible.

Please note: No other food options will be available at lunchtime on this day. If no Christmas lunch ticket is purchased then your son/daughter will need to bring a packed lunch to school.

Non-School Uniform

Wednesday 3rd December will also be a non-school uniform day.

Students may:

- Wear their own choice of clothes.
- Wear *Festive Fun Clothes* such as Christmas jumpers, tinsel in hair, festive leggings, T-shirts, shirts, tops, dresses, jeans, skirts, or tracksuits.
- Bring £1 to hand to their Form Tutor.

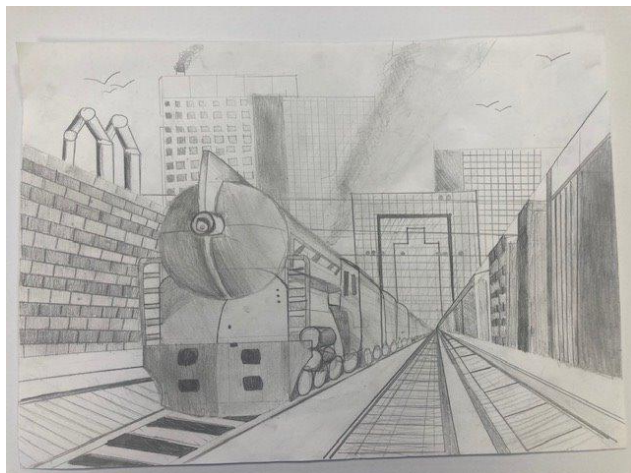
Expectations regarding make-up, jewellery, and hair remain the same as usual.

We look forward to all students enjoying these festive celebrations.

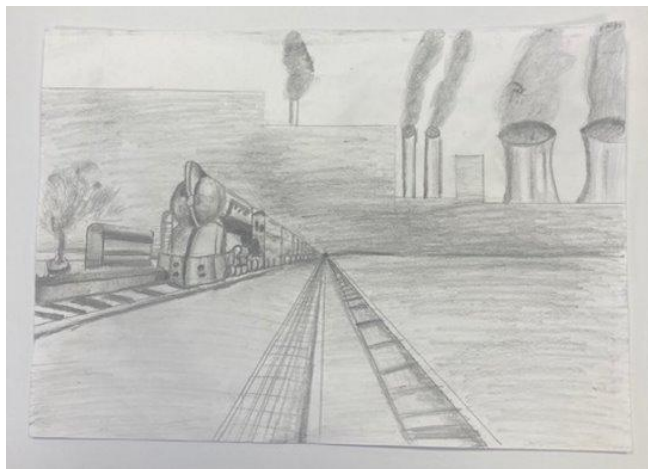


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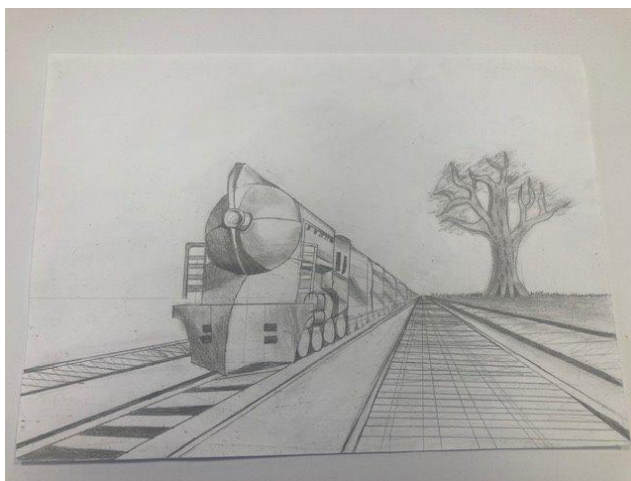
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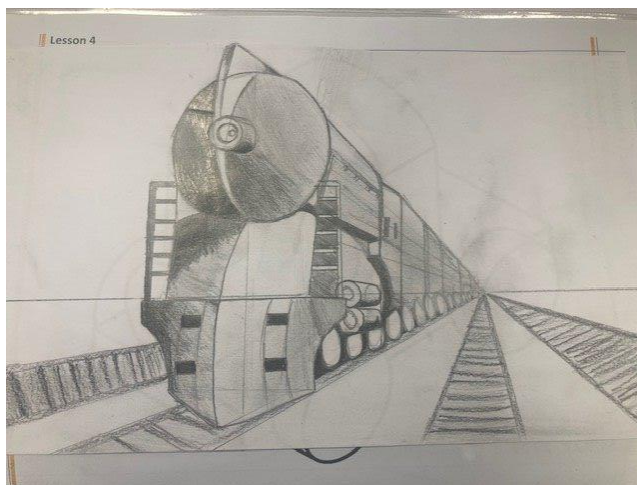
Olivia Willard



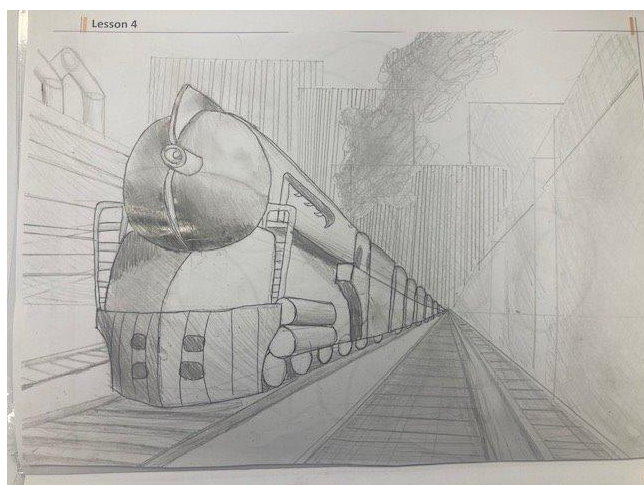
Rafferty Stirling-Howe



Evan Withers



Pearl Ralph-Davis



Esme Weaver

Year 7- 1 Point Perspective Drawings

The Year 7 students have been finishing off their technical drawing module in Design Technology & will soon begin making their aesthetically pleasing & laser etched pine presentation boxes.

We here in the DT department and very proud of all their efforts and their high-quality outcomes.



To celebrate their transition into Becket Keys, the Year 7 Disco will be taking place at Becket Keys on:

THURSDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2025
5.00pm – 7.00pm

This is always a fantastic evening and provides students with the opportunity to celebrate their successes so far.

There will be photographs on arrival, dancing and music in the Bistro and games and activities to play. The students will also be able to tuck in to the drinks and pizza provided.

Tickets are now available to buy via [ParentPay](#)

£14.10



Homework Club is available for all students.

Every afternoon after school students can stay for a supervised session until 4.20pm and complete their homework in C11.

Using Homework Club is just one way we provide for students who do not want to leave site at 3.10pm.

There are a large number of extracurricular clubs that your son/daughter can attend at Becket Keys. Full details are available on the school website here:

<https://www.becketkeys.org/extra-curricular>.



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



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House Music Competition



The annual House Music competition took place last Friday, filling the hall with energy, colour, and a real sense of friendly rivalry. Each Year 7 tutor group performed a unison song, led by a team of sixth form students and wonderfully supported by tutors, showcasing the huge range of musical talent in Year 7. This was then followed by the solo performance competition featuring our very talented sixth formers. The atmosphere was electric from the very first performance, with students supporting one another throughout the afternoon.



The unison song category was won by 7WW, whose confident and characterful performance of



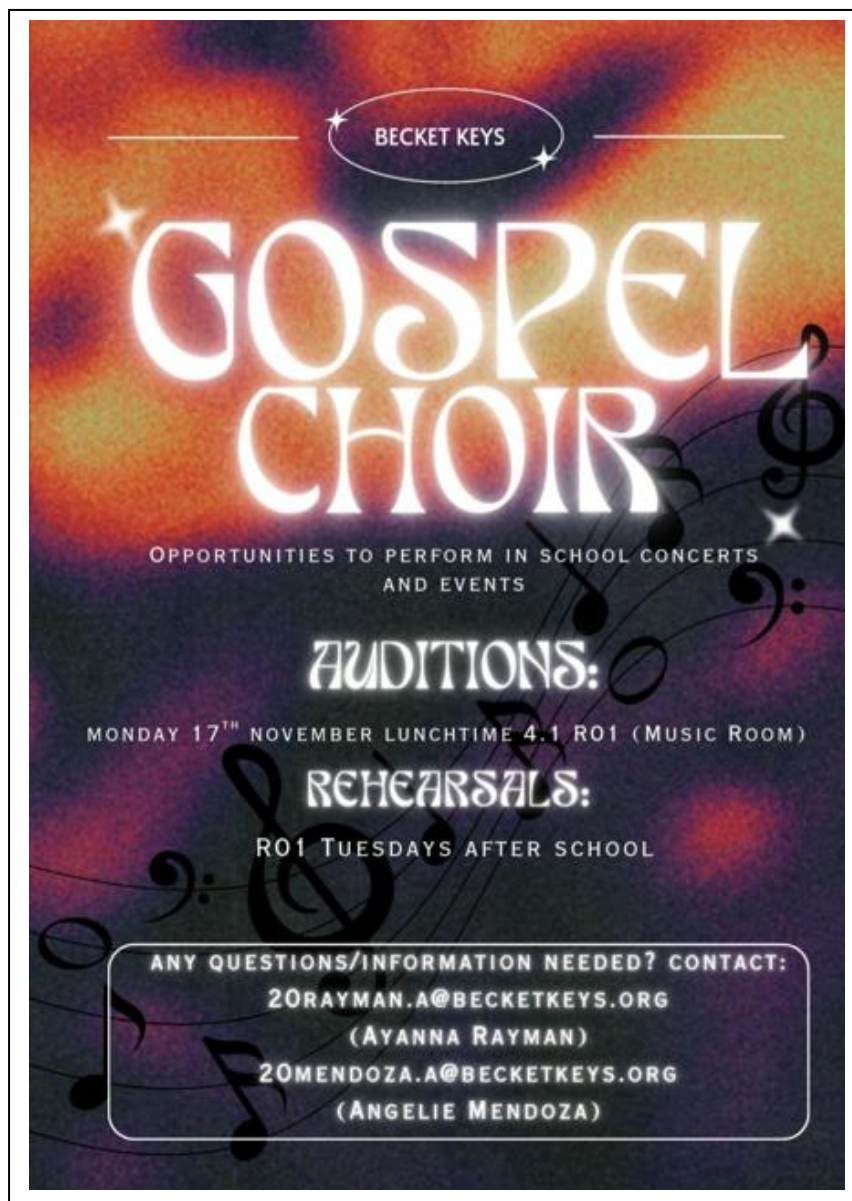
their song impressed both the audience and adjudicator. Their singing was tight, committed, and full of personality, capturing the spirit of the song and demonstrating excellent teamwork. In the solo performance category, Noah Gray, representing EW, took first place with a highly polished and expressive performance on piano, with his own arrangement, demonstrating both musicality and creativity as a performer-arranger. Runner-up was Sam Severn representing FS on electric guitar and Sruthi Jayagopal, vocals, representing AC.

After much deliberation and number crunching, the overall winners of HOUSE MUSIC 2025 were FS. Their combined strength across both categories secured them the trophy for this year. Congratulations to every student who took part - it was a

brilliant celebration of music-making in our school community.







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GOSPEL CHOIR

OPPORTUNITIES TO PERFORM IN SCHOOL CONCERTS AND EVENTS

AUDITIONS:

MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER LUNCHTIME 4.1 RO1 (MUSIC ROOM)

REHEARSALS:

RO1 TUESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL

ANY QUESTIONS/INFORMATION NEEDED? CONTACT:

20RAYMAN.A@BECKETKEYS.ORG
(AYANNA RAYMAN)

20MENDOZA.A@BECKETKEYS.ORG
(ANGELIE MENDOZA)

A Prayer for Year 11 and 13 students to use during their mock exams:

Jesus,

This mock season is challenging, and I have mountains of work ahead of me, yet I trust in you. I know that when I put my faith in you, even when it is as small as a mustard seed (Luke 17:6), miracles can be accomplished. I pray that as I study in these coming weeks, as I soak up knowledge and memorise facts, as I read and process and write, that you would be renewing my mind and strengthening my spirit. Help me to persevere through the massive the busy schedules and help me to keep my eyes fixed on you throughout it all.

As I enter my classrooms and exam rooms, I pray you would give me your peace. Ease any anxieties, calm my restless mind, and give me focus on the task at hand. I pray that I would know my worth is in you alone, not in any grade I do or do not achieve. I pray that I would feel your presence during my exams, and that I would be comforted by your nearness.

Thank you for the gift of this education, Jesus. I pray that these exams would be a celebration of all I have been learning, and that I would be grateful for all that I have experienced and for all the ways I have grown. Amen.

Soup club Monday

- Year 7 students are invited to come to W34 on Mondays to enjoy a cup of soup to warm you up.
- Bring your friends to enjoy some soup and have a catch up.
- Please arrive at 12.40.
- Next week's soup is Chicken noodle - 17th November



Club of the Week

Wool & Craft Club runs every Tuesday after school in C26. There are a number of students attending from the lower school and they are all have a great time being creative and making some fun crafts!

In the past few weeks they have made:

God's eye and butterflies made out of wool and wooden sticks.

Things made using toilet rolls: Pumpkins, a mobile phone holder, mini bobble hats.

Woolen owls and other creatures made of pipe cleaners.

Remembrance Day activities: bookmark, poppies and a silhouette scene

It is now time for Christmas crafts, and the club will be making cards and decorations to adorn their classrooms and homes.

Why not come along? The club is open to all students.



Remember that we are always happy to receive donations of wool, craft paper, pipe cleaners, crafting beads, ribbon, coloured card, glue sticks and pinecones. Please send in any items to reception and we will pass them on.

Sixth Form Psychology & Sociology Trip

Sociology Trip to Westminster Social Science Conference

On 10th November, 30 Sociology and Psychology students had the exciting opportunity to attend a Social Science Conference in Westminster, accompanied by Mrs Walker and Ms Stone. The event brought together leading academics and researchers to share their work with sixth form students from across the country, giving our students a real insight into university-level thinking and the wider world of social science.

Throughout the day, students heard lectures covering a broad range of contemporary issues. Ellis Cashmere explored the influence of celebrity culture and how our society constructs fame. Gemma Birkett examined representations of crime, prompting students to question how the media shapes public perceptions of offenders and victims. Danny Dorling offered a thought-provoking analysis of children and poverty, encouraging students to reflect on inequality and social policy. Rachel Seoighe delivered a powerful talk on abolition, challenging us to imagine alternatives to existing systems of punishment and control. The day ended with the legendary Ann Oakley, a pioneering figure in Sociology, who discussed her experiences in research and the



importance of questioning the world around us, in relation to gender inequality.



The conference gave students a genuine taste of university-style learning and encouraged them to think beyond the classroom.

Many commented on how inspiring it was to hear directly from researchers shaping current sociological debates. It also provided valuable super-curricular enrichment, helping to support UCAS applications and deepen academic curiosity.

Our students represented the school brilliantly, participating in discussions and asking thoughtful questions throughout the day. We hope this experience continues to inspire their critical thinking and their aspirations for future study.

Mrs Walker
Head of Sociology

PE Extra Curricular - Oct to Dec



Day	4.1 Lunchtime (11:50-12:30) 4.2 Lunchtime (12:40-1:20)	After-School (3:10-4:30)
Monday	Year 10 and 11 Basketball Club	Year 9, 10 and 11 Rugby
Tuesday	TUP Badminton	All Years' Mixed Recreational Football Year 7 Netball Year 9 Boys' Basketball
Wednesday	Year 7 Netball – Invite Only GCSE Theory Intervention	Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 Netball Year 7&8 Basketball
Thursday	TUP Basketball	Year 7&8 Rugby
Friday		All Years' Running Club All Years' Hockey Club

Keys:

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

WEEK 1

All our main meal dishes are Available Either Halal or Non Halal

Innovate

Week Commencing; 27/10/2025 17/11/2025 08/12/2025 19/01/2026 09/02/2026
02/03/2026 23/03/2026 13/04/2026

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS £2.85	VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS £2.85
MONDAY Beef Bolognese with Wholegrain Pasta & House Salad	MONDAY Plant Based Bolognese with Wholegrain Pasta and House Salad (V)
TUESDAY Kung Pao Chicken with Vegetable Rice	TUESDAY Kung Pao Cauliflower with Vegetable Rice (VE)
WEDNESDAY Honey Glazed Roast Gammon or Lemon & Thyme Roast Chicken, Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables & House Gravy	WEDNESDAY Lentil Sage & Onion Wellington (V)
THURSDAY Chicken Tikka Masala, Served with Braised Rice & Kachumber Salad	THURSDAY Butter Cauliflower & Chickpea Curry, Served with Braised Rice & Kachumber Salad (V)
FRIDAY Chip Shop "Fryday" Fish, Pizza or Fishcake & Chips with Peas & Tartare Sauce	FRIDAY Homemade Cheese & Onion Slice with Chips & Peas (V)

DESSERTS

Free with the main meal or £1.65 if purchased individually

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Spiced Pineapple Cake with Custard	Chocolate & Banana Brownie	Syrup Sponge with Custard	Oaty Apple Crumble with Custard	Hot Chocolate Rocky Road

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily - Price £1.00

HOMEMADE SOUP & FRESHLY BAKED BREAD
Available Daily

£1.85

JACKET POTATOES
Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily

Prices from £2.15



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Visit the restaurant to check out what's on offer each week

NATURALLY

Hot Bowls Prices £2.65

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pakistani Tarka Dhal (VE)	Vegan Singapore Noodles (VE)	Onion Bhaji & Vegetable Rice Bowl (VE)	The Big Plant Burger (VE)	Garlic & Chilli Noodles (VE)

TRATTORIA

Pizza from £1.60, Pasta 12oz £2.25

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

Enrichment Day – Girls' Netball Tournament



The rain could not dampen the spirit of our young netballers on Enrichment Day this year! All students got into the spirit of the game, with managers taking their role very seriously and reporters writing journalist standard news articles! Our Year 7s demonstrated their new skills from PE lessons, whilst our Year 8 & 9 teams showed us why they are in the Essex Cup - my goodness they are good!



Huge congratulations to the winners of the day but as always well done to all the girls who demonstrated our values on and off the court!

All tutor groups played against each other and there was a great atmosphere even though the girls were in competition.



The Year 7 teams showed their excellent passing skills and improved footwork. The fast pace of the matches meant that one team was able to score a goal in the first two minutes of a game! 7FS were a particularly high scoring team as they scored 10 goals in one match and 8 in two others!! The overall skills of all the Year 7 teams have improved since they joined the school, and the PE staff were very impressed with the teamwork shown throughout the day.

Year 8 had matches with slightly lower scores overall, however this was because the defending of the team and the marking of their opponents was at a high level. It was noted by the observers that

8WW in particular used their space well.

Excellent shooting from 8AC meant that they scored 13 goals in one match!

The Year 9 students are more experienced players, and this meant that the matches were fast paced and the girls worked together as cohesive teams.

The teams were able to move confidently about the courts to intercept and defend well. 9HS scored particularly highly.



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This year's Christmas Carol Concert takes place on Thursday 4th December 2025 in the Main Hall and will be a wonderful opportunity to listen to music performed by the many musical groups we have at Becket Keys.

Tickets for guests and parents are available to book here:

Becket Keys Christmas Carol Concert 2025

The Christmas Carol Concert is a wonderful tradition at Becket Keys and we are delighted that we can once again share this festive event with you and your family.

THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER 2025
BECKET KEYS CofE SCHOOL
MAIN HALL
7.00pm – 8.00pm

There is no charge for the concert tickets, but we will be having a collection at the end of the evening and any money donated will be split between the Governors' Hardship Fund and the Music Department so if you are able to a donation for these causes it would be appreciated!

Refreshments will also be available to prior to the event.



Please 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 send a message via the contact page on the website:

<https://www.becketkeys.org/contact-staff>

You can 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.

Previously Looked After Children



If your child has previously been in the care of a Local Authority in England or Wales and has an adoption, Special Guardianship or Child Arrangements Order, they are entitled to extra support through Pupil Premium Plus funding. Currently, the amount is £2,630 per student and it must be spent to improve outcomes for previously looked after children. It is important to note that the funding is not ring-fenced for the individual child, which allows the school flexibility to ensure it has maximum impact. As the parent or carer, you must declare your child's status and provide evidence of the legal order to us in order for us to claim the funding. You and your child are also entitled to support from our Designated Teacher (Mrs Claire Dowsett), and from the Essex Virtual School. If you wish to have a conversation about your child, we will treat the information with the strictest confidence. Please contact the school to confirm your child's status by phone on 01277 286600 or by email office@becketkeys.org

St Nicholas Church, Kelvedon Hatch

Christmas Fayre

15 NOVEMBER – 11AM TIL 4PM

IN THE FANE HALL, CM14 5TJ

Cakes, toys, tombolas, books, crafts, games, raffle, refreshments & more



Father Christmas
arrives at 12 noon
departs
at 2 pm

01277 373486 Proceeds go to the St Nicholas Church

School Shoes

- Boys - Traditional flat, black sensible leather shoes – lace up shoes to have black laces. No trainers or boots, no white or coloured laces. Lace up shoes preferable to Velcro. No sandals.
- Girls - Traditional flat, black sensible leather shoes – lace up shoes to have black laces, no trainers or boots. Lace up shoes preferable to Velcro. No kitten heels, sandals, platform shoes, ballet pumps, white or coloured laces.






The Essex County Council Apprenticeship Hub, bringing you the latest opportunities

Visit: Essex Opportunities for local opportunities or National Apprenticeship Service for national apprenticeships, links and vacancy bulletin below.

Leaving School or College this Summer and looking for an Apprenticeship?

A small selection of some of our exciting opportunities. Sign up to the Apprenticeship Hub to receive invites to our Apprenticeship Hub Live sessions and access to the Apprenticeship Hub Padlet.

School leavers can register with the Apprenticeship Hub for friendly help and support in finding the right apprenticeship.

If you are in Year 11 or Year 13 in a school in Essex, [sign up using our registration form](#) or email us on apprenticeship.hub@essex.gov.uk to find out more.

Late Gate

*Early is on time,
On time is late,
And late is unacceptable!*

At Becket Keys, we look to ensure that we are preparing students for life beyond school. We encourage students to attend school regularly and on time.

Remember that the school gate closes at **8.25am**. This allows students enough time to be at their first lesson on time. Period 1 begins at 8.30am.

Brentwood can be tough to negotiate during rush hour, so we encourage students and parents to contact the school in the case of **genuine** lateness, such as delayed public transport.

Parents can call the main school line 01277 286600 or use the "Studybugs" app.

We thank you for your support.



Think you're up for the challenge? This term's task is called **Nasty Negatives** – give it a try!

Every time you finish a challenge you will have learned or practised something important. Not only that, but just for fun show **Mrs. Conway** and she will put your name into the prize draw.

That means the more challenges you complete, the more you learn and the more chances you have to **win a great prize!** The draw closes on Thursday 18th December 2025.

Click the following link to complete on any device.

[Nasty Negatives!](#)

So, get started, give it your best, learn lots and keep those entries coming!

Mrs Conway
Head of Mathematics



Reminder!

School Uniform

It is important to all of us that every one of the students who attend Becket Keys looks smart in their uniform at all times. All students are required to wear shoes and not trainers.

Girls in Year 7-9, should have their long hair completely tied up. Year 10-11 – hair can be half up/ half down. Black, purple or neutral coloured hair ties please. If boys have long hair they too need to have it tied up.



Now that the weather is getting colder, please remember that all students will be in need of a **COAT** – Plain **BLACK** without coloured flashes, logos or slogans, no 'fashion items', no 'puffer' jackets. Please see the website, if you need more details about the school dress code.



School Eucharist

There is a Eucharist service held at school every Friday during term-time in the John Wraw Chapel. The service begins at 1.00pm and is open to everyone.

All students are welcome to attend these short services to pray and reflect.

Phoenix Youth Orchestra and friends
present a concert performance of

Amahl and the Night Visitors

by Gian Carlo Menotti

Conducted by Stephen Rumsey

Friday 28th November 7.30pm
St Thomas' Church, Brentwood

adult £10, student/65+ £8, under 18 free

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/boym>

Book here



boym.org.uk



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- Application Deadline: 12noon: Wed 19th November
- Interview Date: Thursday 27th November



For a detailed Job Pack
Application Form and Further Details:
www.huttonparish.com/jobs

DON'T FORGET

If you wish to play football on the Astroturf at lunchtime you will need to bring in your trainers. The surface has been recently replaced and so only trainers are allowed on there and no food is to be consumed. Students are not permitted to play in their socks.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

COME IN FROM THE COLD TO ENJOY FESTIVE STALLS,
ACTIVITIES, RAFFLE AND HOT FOOD AND DRINKS.

SATURDAY 22ND NOV 11AM - 4PM

RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE A FIRST PRIZE
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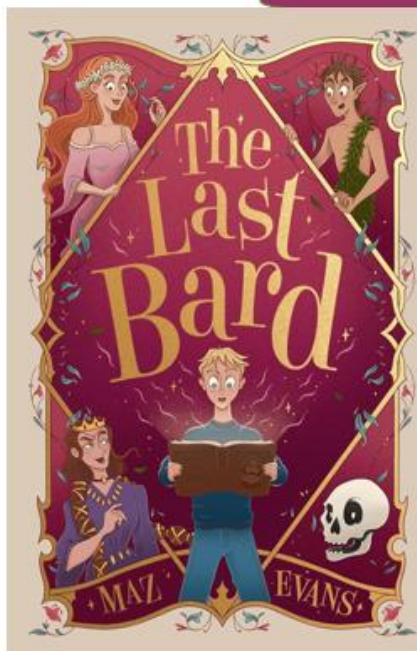
Please make sure that **EVERY** item of uniform, PE Kit and equipment is named. There are over a thousand students at the school all wearing the same uniform.

There are many items that we are unable to return as we do not know to whom they belong.

Lost Property can be collected from Reception.



Book of the Month - November



Will Davenant has known more tragedy than laughter. But there's a new twist in his family story when he inherits his grandfather's Complete Works of Shakespeare. As the last living relative of William Shakespeare himself, Will can summon the Bard's heroes from the pages, including the murderous Lady Macbeth, Juliet (without her Romeo), Yorick the mournful skull and a mischievous Puck. . . . and now he has some extraordinary new friends to help turn things in his life around.

With his late grandfather's home under threat, Will, his new friends and Ani from next door must fight for their future in a comedy of errors.

Can love's labours win? Or will it all be much ado about nothing?

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CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION 2025-6

Entries of prose fiction, non-fiction or poetry

Memento

Celebrate your writing across the six schools in the Russell Education Trust.

This year's challenge is to select a memento. Choose one as the starting point for your writing to feed your imagination.

Word limit: 1000 words.

Entries must be uploaded to [SatchelOne](#) by 9th January 2026.

Two school winners will be selected from each category: KS2-3, KS4 & Sixth Form.

All Trust-winning entries will be published in a book. The overall winner will gain a writer's visit for their school.



Your writing can take any form you would like. This is an opportunity to be as creative as you like.

A memento must feature somewhere in your writing. It should be the item which sparks the idea for your writing.

A memento is an object kept as a reminder of a person or event.

You can pick a memento that you have at home, or come and see an English teacher to see some of the examples that they have.

This writing must be typed on a word document.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

YEAR 11 MOCKS

TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER – TUESDAY 25TH
NOVEMBER 2025

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FOBK AGM – 9.20AM

WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2025

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YEAR 7 DISCO

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2025

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WHOLE SCHOOL ADVENT EUCHARIST

TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 11.00AM

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STUDENT CHRISTMAS DINNER

NON-UNIFORM DAY

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2025

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CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025
7.00PM MAIN HALL

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LAST DAY OF TERM

STUDENT HALF DAY

THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2025

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2025 –
FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY 2026

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INSET DAY

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)
MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026

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