



# Becket Keys Church of England School

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## Fragile World

"A fragile world, entrusted by God to human care, challenges us to devise intelligent ways of directing, developing, and limiting our power."

Pope Frances, Encyclical Letter on Ecology, "Laudato Si" 2015

In the first chapters of the book of Genesis, we see that God invites us to share in creation through our unique relationship with the earth, and that God makes us to 'till it and keep it'. Our purpose is twofold; to enable the earth to be fruitful, and also to take care of it so that it will not be used up, but sustained for the future. In recent centuries, we have been good at 'tilling', but not so good at 'keeping' and we need to

remember this our dual vocation. We are also made in God's image, in the image of the creator, and so just as God carefully created the world to flourish, we are called to take our part in the goodness and flourishing of creation; cherishing, protecting and keeping what God values and calls good. Richard Bauckham, a Christian theologian, suggests we have for too long imagined a vertical structure to describe the relationship between God, humankind and creation, as though we human beings are somehow 'above' creation. Yet through the unique relationship God set out in Genesis, we can know ourselves to be part of a horizontal community of creation. We are not called to dominate over other creatures, plants or minerals, but rather to live in good relationship with

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them, like sisters and brothers of the same family. Dr Rowan Williams (former Archbishop of Canterbury) said: 'We need to regain a sense that our relationship with the earth is about communion not consumption'.

A while ago, 'War Horse' author Michael Morpurgo and actors Jeremy Irons and Maxine Peake joined forces to make a powerful 5-minute film on this theme. I urge you to take the time to watch this:

<http://www.viewpure.com/-qzS4L5BiTM?start=0&end=0>.

The film cannot fail to sow the seeds for action to care for God's world with tenderness and love. The Becket Keys' Earthshot project (launched by Mr Scott-Evans in Collective Worship and last week's newsletter) calls us to action; both individual and cooperative. We can and will make a real difference!

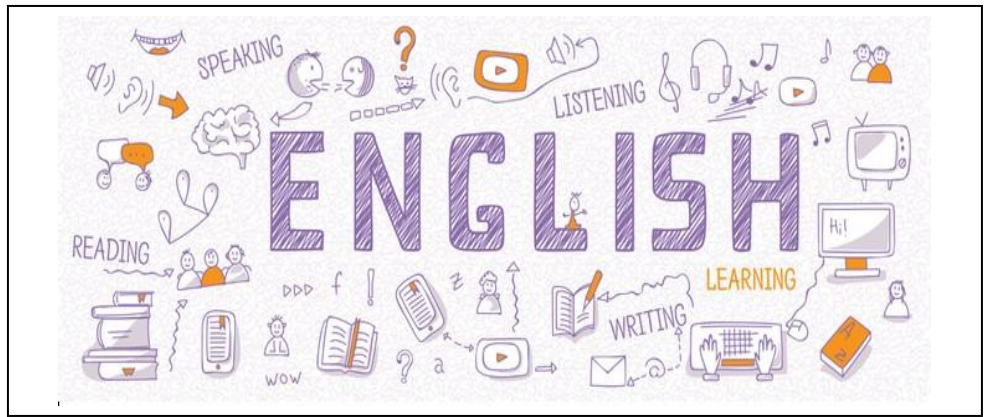
Let us pray:

Dear Lord,

Help us all instil a greater sense of responsibility, a stronger sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love of Your fragile world.

Amen.

Mrs Sharp  
Deputy Headteacher



**Word of the Week**

**convoluted**

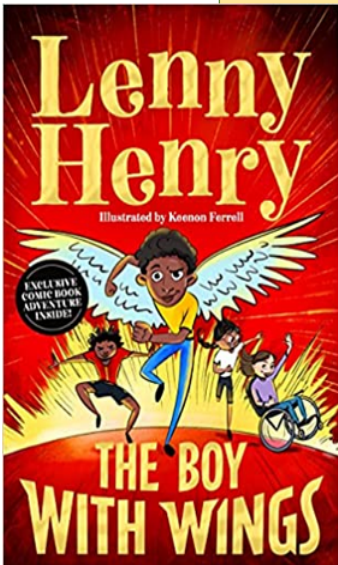
- In sentences:**
1. The novel's plot was extremely convoluted and difficult to follow.
  2. My head began to hurt as I listened to the teacher's convoluted explanation.
  3. He always uses a lot of convoluted arguments to support his theories, but no one's ever impressed.

**Meaning:** twisted; long and difficult to understand

**Etymology:** From the Latin *convolvere* 'roll together, intertwine'.



**Book of the Month - November**



This debut children's novel from Lenny Henry sees average kid Tunde suddenly sprout wings during a football match, embarking on an exciting and sinister journey of discovery.

Twelve-year-old Tunde is just your average kid: average friends, average parents, average grades. Sure, he has his quirks, but if he can avoid the school bullies and hang out with his ragtag group of friends, he's happy enough. But his life is about to get turned upside down when, in the middle of a football match, Tunde leaps for the ball and stays in the air - on an enormous pair of wings!

Everything Tunde knows is about to change. Under the guidance of a mysterious visitor known as The Seeker, he discovers new-found powers, a secret past, and some seriously powerful people who are determined to keep that past buried, whatever the cost. With strange things happening in a place known as The Facility and someone important in need of rescue, Tunde is going to need more than a little help from his friends. Join Tunde, Kylie, Jiah and Neville on an out-of-this-world adventure that brings Tunde face-to-face with his destiny.

An average kid is about to become an extraordinary hero!



## Year 8 Trip 2022 – Manor Adventure



**Please note this is the main trip for Year 8 this year, due to the uncertainty of foreign travel.**

We are pleased to announce that Year 8 students will have the chance to go on an end of year trip to Norfolk Lakes, run by Manor Adventure!!

This exciting trip will take place from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022, leading into the Whitsun holiday.

Due to uncertainties around what travel will be possible with COVID, we are not undertaking any foreign trips this year so the Year 8 Madrid/China trips will not be taking place. However, this will be an exciting replacement trip, especially as students were unable to go to Bushcraft in year 7!

The trip overall costs £254 with a deadline for the £60 deposit by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November; **this deadline has been extended by 1 week** in case there was any confusion over the Madrid/China trips still running.

Manor Adventure has been operating since 1991, now in 7 different locations, with Norfolk Lakes opening in 2016. This adventure trip will give students the opportunity to learn new skills outside of the classroom that will benefit everyone enormously by developing inner confidence, social skills and teamwork through trying new activities.

Throughout the 3-day residential trip, students will take part in 9 different activities including obstacle courses, high ropes and many, many more!

For more information, please visit <https://www.manoradventure.com/presentation/norfolklakessuperebreak.html#/>

I hope your son/daughter is excited for their first secondary school residential trip!

**Miss Tanner**  
Head of Year 8



# Enrichment Day 2021



This week we ran the first Enrichment Day of the year. These enrichment days support the PSHE and Careers curriculum as well as offering our students the opportunity to acquire new knowledge and understanding to help broaden horizons and strengthen character.

## Year 7-9

Our Key Stage 3 students had differentiated sessions focusing on First Aid, Healthy relationships and Mental Health, Diversity and British values.

### First Aid:



Mr Lane led an interactive and scenario based session, students were introduced to fundamental, transferable skills. As well as learning the first aid procedures and practices, our students were encouraged to work as a team to solve problems together. These

versatile skills will continue to benefit our students in and outside of school life.



### Healthy relationships:

This session worked alongside our statutory curriculum. Students were made aware of how to keep themselves and each other safe. Staff underlined our safeguarding procedures here at Becket Keys to ensure that students feel confident to ask for our help if they ever need it.





## Mental Health, Diversity and British Values:

In this session, students met, a singer and songwriter, Eleni C. Eleni performed a number of live pieces and spoke to students about how important it is to look after of your mental health, ensure we are inclusive and celebrate diversity. Eleni was wonderfully musically talented and spoke with passion and strength.



## Year 10-11

Our Key Stage 4 day was based on revision tips and techniques, Parliament and employability.

## Study Skills with Elevate Education:

Students took part in study skills seminar sessions with speakers from Elevate Education, a dynamic company which employs

recent graduates to talk to students about the most effective ways to study and revise at home. Students and parents have access to a range of online resources to further support learning and revision.

## Parliament Outreach:

Jasmine Losasso, a senior Education and Engagement Officer for Parliament Outreach, lead a session outlining the running of Parliament and how students can make their voices heard, get involved and make future change happen.



## Employability skills with Boost Learning:

Richard Fawdry led a live Teams talk which underpinned what employers will be looking for and the skills and characteristics our students need to exhibit when taking their next steps into further education and employment.

Thank you very much to staff and external guests that have inspired and motivated our students this week.

**Ms North**  
**Head of PSHE**



## Uniform

All students are required to wear smart leather shoes.

Students 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

Students should not have any extreme hairstyles and hair must not be dyed, no shapes cut into the hair e.g. stripes or undercuts.

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.

Bags should also be plain black.



Please see the website, if you need more details about the school dress code.


Bonfire Night should be a fun event for children, but it is important that they know what to do in an emergency. Please see below for First Aid tips from the British Red Cross. You can find out more information about all aspects of First Aid here: <https://firstaidchampions.redcross.org.uk/>

Have a safe weekend.

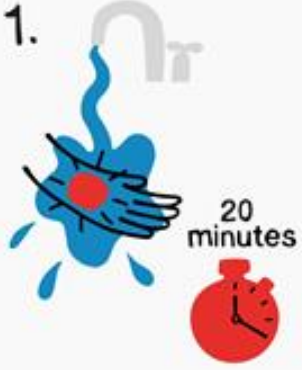
## First Aid Skills

## British Red Cross

**How to help:  
Burn**




**1.**



20  
minutes


Cool the burn under cold running water for at least 20 minutes.

**2.**



After the burn has been cooled, cover it with cling film or a clean plastic bag.

**3.**



If you're in any doubt, call 999 and always seek medical advice for a baby or child who has been burned.



School Community Prayer Group hosted by our Headteacher Mr Scott-Evans is now 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, please enter via reception.

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



Mr Scott-Evans wrote about the The Earthshot Prize in the newsletter last week. This is the most ambitious and prestigious of its kind – designed to incentivise change and help to repair our planet over the next ten years.

Find out more here: <https://earthshotprize.org/>

## Rotary **YOUNG WRITER** COMPETITION

### Calling all writers!

Anyone between the ages of 11-17 may enter

There is a local creative writing competition for Brentwood area schools.

The theme is *'The Environment'* and all entries can be *fiction* or *non fiction* and they can be *prose* or *poem*.

Each entry must:

- Be no more than 550 words if prose
- Have a maximum of 40 lines if poetry
- Have no drawings or pictures attached
- Be typed

All entries should be with *Miss Romano* by 1<sup>st</sup> December

-All entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation.  
 -Each school winner will receive a £10 voucher  
 -Winning entries will be entered in a District Competition and the winner will receive a £30 voucher  
 -Winners of the District Competition will be entered in the National competition, previous prizes include spending the day with a national newspaper!

If you need help, please attend Creative Writing Club (Tuesday after school in C24)

## Covid-19 Home Test Kits

All students have now been offered home test kits. If your child has not received a kit and wants to test, please ask them to collect from reception. More tests are available if they are required and we would encourage all students to keep testing regularly during the All Saints' break.

As a reminder, if your son or daughter is taking part in the Covid-19 home testing, please remember to conduct your tests on a **Wednesday and Sunday**.

[Please find here a step-by-step guide to COVID-19 self-testing.](#)

You must upload your results to: <https://testregister.co.uk/login> and then follow the steps to the Government website.

Test Register has been updated, if you need to change any details or if you have any queries regarding this process please contact: [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org)

## Student Achievement Leo Whiten – Year 9

During the All Saints' break Leo competed in the British Championships at the Brentwood Centre. Leo was in Espoir men's category (13-14 year old boys) performing artistic roller skating. He competed in free dance and compulsory dances and as you can see below he gained a silver medal. Congratulations Leo!





## Focus on Careers

Legal & General Investment Management Virtual Careers Day



Legal & General Investment Management are hosting a virtual careers day. The event will include talks from the following business areas:

- Operations
- Distribution
- Product
- Active Investment
- Passive Investment
- Real Assets

Followed by a workshop with recruiter Mason Blake who will cover CV writing and interview techniques.

### Key Information

Event date: 3 December 2021

Event time: 09:00 - 17:00

Location: Microsoft Teams

For more information:

<https://www.legalandgeneral.com/careers/>



## Student Events



The Dyson Institute & Engineering – All You Need to Know

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November |  
6pm – 7pm

Calling all students! Do you want a career in engineering but aren't sure where to start? The Dyson Institute is joining us on this event to showcase their fantastic Engineering Degree Programme. If you are studying Maths and on track to achieve AAB, this is the perfect opportunity for you! The Dyson Institute gives you the opportunity to earn while you learn, and come out the other side with a high level degree.

Link to

register: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/the-dyson-institute-engineering-all-you-need-to-know/>







### PwC Programme Made for YOU!

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
6pm – 7pm**

This event is all about the different routes for students and school leavers at PwC! Join us to hear from employees and apprentices about their experiences on these programmes, as well as what they can offer **YOU!** They will walk through PwC's apprenticeship opportunities, as well as their exciting Flying Start programme. If you are interested in joining PwC, this is **not** an event to miss!

Link to register: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/pwc-programmes-made-for-you/>



**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
6pm -7pm**

**Get into Social Care with the  
NHS**

Have you ever thought about a career in Social Care? This event will showcase careers available in this sector of the

NHS! Join us to hear from Senior Managers and Entry level Employees in the Social Care Sector! Come along with any questions you may have relating to Social Care and we will be sure to answer them!

Link to register: <https://pathwayctm.com/event/get-into-social-care-with-the-nhs/>



## Remembrance Day Memorial Service

We would like to invite all parents and carers to our memorial service for Remembrance Day on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

All are welcome to attend, but please keep in mind that this is an **outside service** held on the playground. It will begin at 10:40am and will finish at approximately 11:05am.



# In Art & Textiles this week with Mrs Cherry

**Star Designer for Textiles**

*Y13*

*Tara Duffy*



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# Key stage 3

Elizabeth Thompson Y9



Isabelle Boon Y9



Aimee Stevens Y9



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# Key stage 4 & 5



Darcy Reid – Kwei Y10



Olivia Garaty Y10



Abi Lorraine Y10



Abi Lorraine Y10



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## Sports News

### MESSSA Cross Country

The biggest cross-country event in the Becket Keys Cross Country calendar and we were so pleased with the performances from our students. We are the smallest school in the Borough but still competed to a high standard within these races! A few individual mentions:

**Maddie Barker** (our most seasoned runner) won her Senior Girls' Race. She continues to compete at a very high standard and is an outstanding athlete!

**Erin Delea** represented our intermediate girls as an individual. Her focus and leadership throughout the day was admirable. A true role model to other students.

**Josh Hall and Imogen Hutton.** Both students were in great form for the race however, had to pull out through injury. They both have very bright futures in running.

### Team Performances

Year 7 Girls – 9<sup>th</sup> out of 24  
 Junior Girls – 9<sup>th</sup> out of 25  
 Year 7 Boys – 12<sup>th</sup> out of 19  
 Junior Boys – 6<sup>th</sup> out of 24  
 Inter Boys – 6<sup>th</sup> out of 12







**All Years Running Club**

- Starting on Thursday 14th October – sign up at the fixtures board
- Run by Coach Melvyn and Tracy.
- Please meet at the sports hall
- £2 per session

If you want to improve your fitness, train for cross country or improve your long distance running, this club is for you!

**You must sign up! Only 24 spaces available.**  
**Sign-up sheet will be up on Monday 4th Oct.**

## Girls' Football

The Year 7, 8 and 9 girls' football teams all had away matches at Shenfield. Each team put up a great fight against strong Shenfield sides and played very well, battling to the end of the game. Unfortunately, each team lost but maintained a high spirit and put in a valiant effort. They were addressing some tactical plays in training the following day to implement in their upcoming fixtures. The effort of every player was certainly commendable.



The Year 9 girls in particular faced a very tough game against a very strong team from Shenfield High School. Special mentions to Frankie in goal, plus Olivia and Elizabeth in defence.



## Netball Year 9



The Year 9 team had their District netball rally this week. The girls had some key players missing and played with extra strength to ensure that they still had every opportunity to be successful.

Overall, we came 4<sup>th</sup> and I am so very proud of each and every girl's performance. I believe we deserve to be one of the top three teams and I am already looking forward to our next rally to prove this!

Keep up the wonderful work. Next week in training we will be focusing on driving onto the ball and rebounds, see you all there!

**Ms North  
PE Teacher**

## Netball Year 7 & 8

Having lost their first match, the Year 7 & 8 girls' netball teams were keen to play again to prove their worth.

Both teams were playing against Sandon on Tuesday, they were in



high spirits following their training session on Monday.



All the students are playing to a very high standard and so Miss Joughlin is having a challenging time making a team selection! It is great to see so many students attending the training sessions making sure that we always have a strong team.



Year 7 Player of the Match was Madison Moon due to her game management and control within in team.

Year 8 Player of the Match went to Imogen Walls for her flawless goal shooting within the game.



## Upcoming Sports Fixtures November

### Monday 8th

Year 7 Boys' Football v Brentwood County High School (H)

### Wednesday 10th

Year 9 Netball v Shenfield High School (A)  
All Years Boys' Swimming Gala  
(Please see team sheet)

### Thursday 11th

Year 7 Girls' Basketball v Great Baddow High School (H)  
Year 11 Boys' Football v Sandon (H)  
Essex Knock Out Game  
Year 9 Netball v Brentwood (Essex Cup) (A)

### Friday 12th

U13 Girls' Football Tournament  
(Please see team sheet for info)

### Monday 15th

Year 11 Boys' Basketball v William de Ferrers School (A)  
Year 7 & 8 Girls' Football v Sandon (A)

### Tuesday 16th

Year 8 Boys' Football v Chelmer (H)  
Year 9 Girls' Futsal Tournament (H)

### Wednesday 17th

Year 9 Boys' Basketball v Great Baddow High School (H)  
All Years Girls' Swimming Gala

### Thursday 18th

Year 10 Netball v Chelmer (A)  
Year 9 Boys' Football v Anglo European School (H)  
Year 7 & 8 Netball v Brentwood County High School (H)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

OUTSIDE SERVICE 10.40AM – 11.05AM

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### YEAR 12

### SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

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### STUDENT HALF DAY

THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021

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### STUDENT CHRISTMAS LUNCH

WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021

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### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021 –

MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2022

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### INSET DAY

TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022

(NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL)

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