

Becket Keys Church of England School

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Mr Shields writes.....

Change.

I find that the word 'change' tends to send people into a spiral. Humans demand routine. As parents, we try and give our children routine from when they are merely a few weeks old. We are at our happiest and most content when we know what is coming our way. However, we live in a very unpredictable world, therefore we try and build as much routine as possible into our lives and hope that when change occurs, it doesn't affect us too much.

However, change (albeit scary) can be a good thing. It stops us from becoming complacent and allows us to break routines, which can become quite dull. For most of us the change we like is the

change we make ourselves, under our control.

Change is the reason for me writing today. After nearly six years, I will be leaving Becket Keys at Easter. I have succeeded in securing a promotion to Vice Principal (Deputy Head Teacher) at the Drapers' Academy in Harold Hill. This is quite the change! However, a change I feel I am ready for.

Since finding out this news, I have felt a variety of emotions: Joy, fear, excitement, nerves. This is an excellent opportunity for me in my career, but I am nervous about what is to come. These emotions aren't limited to what's ahead; they extend to what I am leaving behind. Six years ago, Mr Scott-Evans took a chance on a brash PE Teacher and employed

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me to join his Senior Leadership Team. Ever since starting in 2018, I have done all I can for the families of Becket Keys and the community of Brentwood to provide a school that everyone is proud and happy to attend. It was a baptism of fire (and that's without navigating COVID!). However, without this experience I would not be ready for the move I am embarking on now. I have learned and grown more than I can communicate in this article. Becket Keys has given me a lot and I will be forever grateful. Gratitude aside, I also feel sadness. I have loved working here. We have amazing students and families who I will be sad to leave. I will also be sad to leave the staff. We have an amazing staff body. Everyone, no matter their role, is focused on bearing fruit, fruit that will last. Staff here are extremely committed; they work exceptionally hard and care so much about the students and community they serve.

The change doesn't stop there. It is a domino effect. A new Assistant Head Teacher will be hired, and his/her role will need to be filled. It is symbolic of life. No matter how much we try and foster routines, change is ultimately inevitable, and we should not be scared of it. My departure opens a new opportunity, a chance to take Becket Keys to even higher heights, and I pray that this is the case with whomever is appointed. Very soon it will be "Mr Shields, who?"



Investin have free webinars, designed to help parents supercharge their child's career potential.

Competing for Corporate Careers
Wednesday, March 20th, 7-8pm (UK time)
Gain insights from industry professionals on diverse corporate opportunities and learn how to support your child's entry into the field.

Effective Leadership & How to Follow
Wednesday, 27th March, 7-8pm (UK time)
Learn strategies for skill development and discover how to nurture your child's ability to lead and follow effectively.

If parents are unable to join the sessions live, they can still register for the event to receive the recording and follow-up resources.

These events are designed to complement our series of free career tasters for students. The full timetable of the free webinars scheduled for this term can be found on the website [here](#)

Events like this remind us that change is inevitable for humans, however we can take comfort in the fact that "God is unchanging". Prayer, at a time of uncertainty will calm the heart and focus the mind. God has a plan and no matter how uncertain life is, God will always support us.

I am truly blessed to have worked in such a special school. I will miss everyone dearly, and the school and its community will remain in my heart forever. I pray

that the school remains prosperous, fruitful and successful in the years to come.



Student Achievement Oskar Golba & Ethan Smith - Year 7



On Tuesday the 5th of March Oskar and I were invited as part of the Brentwood Cathedral Choristers to sing at evening mass at Westminster Cathedral with the choruses from Westminster Cathedral choir school. Going to Westminster Cathedral was an amazing experience and I really enjoyed it when we met the other choristers and made some new friends.

The building was grand and phenomenal to look at. Just being in there was amazing, we were lucky enough to be able to sing and eat with the choristers followed by a football game before heading home. The evening mass was an unbelievable experience and I hope that I will be invited back to have this experience again.



Ethan Smith
7FS

Easter, Sacrifice and Eggs

Easter is one of the most significant events in the Christian faith. It is the time when we can celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The Easter story is a story of hope, love, sacrifice, and victory over death. During Lent we lead into the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The 40-day reminder of Christ's days in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11), and His defeat of temptation. Lent is traditionally observed with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Almsgiving is, in a religious context, the practice of giving food or money to poor in need.

Whilst I have certainly not been able to give up many proteins (traditional fasting) in the last few weeks I have been giving a considerable amount of time and effort to thinking about others less fortunate than myself and in need of support.

As a Christian, I feel it is my responsibility to do my part and to help others. To this end I have been training for the 2024 London Marathon and raising funds for the fantastic work of the [British Heart Foundation](#). The BHF is a charity that support over £100 million of research each year into all heart and circulatory diseases and the things that cause them: heart diseases, stroke, vascular dementia and diabetes; something that globally affects about 1:13 people.



Global Heart & Circulatory Disease Prevalence in 2021

In Essex, around 130,000 people are living with heart and circulatory diseases, and 1:4 people in Essex will die from heart and circulatory disease.

Brentwood & Ongar statistics are below:

Around **10,000** people are living with heart and circulatory diseases in Brentwood & Ongar

Around **2,800** people are living with coronary heart disease in Brentwood & Ongar

Around **1,000** people have been diagnosed with heart failure by their GP in Brentwood & Ongar

Around **2,300** people have been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation

Around **920** people have a faulty gene that can cause an inherited heart-related condition in Brentwood & Ongar

Around **14,000** people in Brentwood & Ongar have been diagnosed with high blood pressure

24% of adults in Brentwood & Ongar have obesity

Around **9%** of adults smoke in Brentwood & Ongar

There are around **3,600** out-of-hospital cardiac arrests each year in the East of England

If you are able and willing to do so, may I ask you to donate even the price of a coffee, via this [link](#), or use the QR code on the last page of the newsletter to help raise funds and support a worthy charity.

<https://tinyurl.com/RTSBHFLM>

In school we shall be holding a giant Easter Egg raffle over the next couple of weeks to help raise funds. If you would like to enter, tickets shall be 50p per ticket, or £2 for 5. Students shall be coming around in Tutor time if you would like to enter, or pop into J15 in non-lesson time.

Thank you very much!

Mr Taylor-Smith - Head of Geography



Girls' Football

In an electrifying last game of the season for both Year 7 and 8 girls, we delivered an astounding performance in both games, scoring a combination of 17 goals in both. The Year 7s took the game in their stride and won 9-1, whilst the Year 8s took a 8-3 victory. These games reflect the ability and hard work the girls have put in all season. All players should be proud and ready for next season!

The School Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that Becket Keys Church of England School will be a blessing to the people of Brentwood.

Encouraged by the example of Peter, Thomas of Canterbury and all your saints, may its students know the beauty of your truth;

May its staff know the joy of your service;

May its headteacher and governors be led by a vision of your kingdom;

And together may the school community know your Holy Spirit in its midst.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Recruiting for primary and secondary trainees from October 2023

NESTT seeks to train highly effective teachers for our local schools.

We focus on developing professional expertise, supporting trainees to realise their potential and empowering them to engage critically with evidence-informed practice and subject strategies.

We provide new teachers with the knowledge, skills and professional attributes to enjoy a life-long career in teaching.

We'd love you to join us!

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Why choose NESTT?

We treat you as an individual, and support your journey by working closely with schools and partner organisations to bring you the best possible experience.

- Proven track record**
The organisations who have formed NESTT collectively have more than 45 years of experience in delivering high quality teacher training in our localities.
- Retention & employment**
Our programmes have high retention and employment rates. Our course fully supports trainees to achieve, ensuring they are ready for their first teaching post.
- Supportive partnerships**
We have strong and constructive relationships with a wide range of local schools. We work closely with our schools to ensure they are fully supported with delivering the requirements for high quality initial teacher training.
- Approachable & responsive**
Our locally-based teams will continue to build on existing relationships with schools to meet individual trainee needs and personalise the training journey.
- Ambitious curriculum**
Our curriculum is rich, ambitious and evidence-informed. It aligns seamlessly with the Early Career Framework - supporting the journey from trainee to Early Career Teacher.
- Face to face**
Our training will be predominantly face to face securing better engagement from trainees and mentors.

Whether you're thinking about getting into teaching, or you're interested in developing partnerships, we'd love to hear from you.

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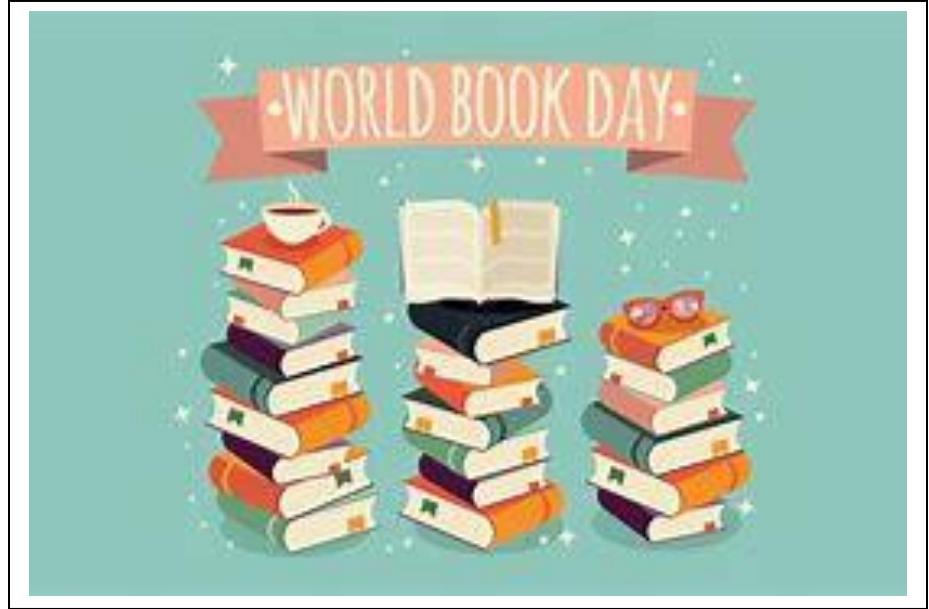
English Department – World Book Day

Last week we celebrated World Book Day. All students were testing their knowledge of well-known children and young adult books, through fun quizzes, reminding them of their favourite stories from childhood. There was some tight competition between form groups, as each group tried to prove they had the best knowledge of famous books. Additionally, students have been recommending some great reads to the teachers of Becket Keys, who have been sharing what they like to read, and asking students to share some books they think staff should be reading. There have been some great recommendations, and staff are always keen to hear what students are reading and give those books a read too.

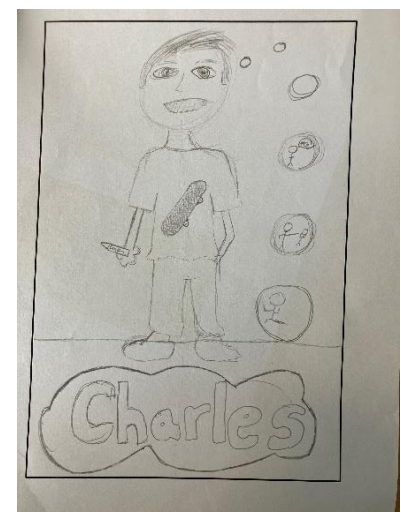
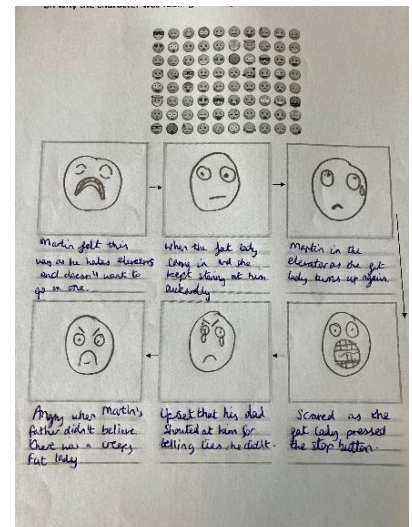
Year 7 had a fun filled day of reading short stories last Thursday. Students started every lesson by reading a short story and completing some book based activities.

Students read:


- ‘Charles’ by Shirley Jackson
- ‘The Stolen Bacillus’ by H.G. Wells
- ‘The Butler’ by Roald Dahl
- ‘After Twenty Years’ by O. Henry
- ‘The Eyes Have It’ by Philip K. Dick
- ‘The Elevator’ by William Sleator.



These short stories from famous authors ranged in genre and allowed students to experience a variety of stories, and the activities asked students to be creative with what they had just read. Students have brought these stories and their activities home, to share with their friends and family.




The New York Times
Jimmy Wally Captured!



Summary
 Jimmy Wally a Criminal who has been hunted for 20 years has been found by police. A friend of Jimmy Wally noticed that he looked the same as a man he saw on a wanted poster. So he reported the man to the police instantly.




Charles
 Angel to a devil...



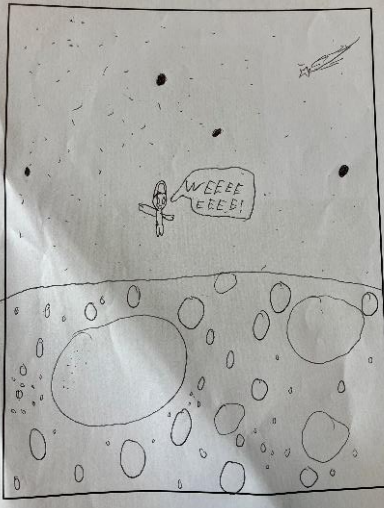
cracked potato

Choose a character from the story and draw them as:
 • A child
 • An adult
 • An old man/woman

Underneath each picture, write a few sentences detailing what you think they would be up to at that stage in life and why you think this.

| Child | Adult | Old Man/Woman |
|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |
| The Butter around the room has a special smell as a chimney sweep set in by people. | The Butter is now the job of the butter factory. He is happy to work there and will be paid by the factory. | He is old and is looking happily with his wife who he has married. They are a happy couple. |




Choose a character from this story.



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Mr. Cleaver

| Child | Adult | Old Man/Woman |
|--|--|--|
|  |  |  |
| A boy who thinks his dad over sized jumper sport shorts and flat hair. He used jumper. | Selfish arrogant man who thinks fancy games parties and has a big million wages a suit and shoes every day and a messy of flat black hair. Little fancy games. | Simple glasses and wearing a yellow shirt and blue shorts. He is a simple man. |

Design the alien world from this story.


moon



spaceship

The Chicago News
 Bob Sikes found with money \$1m

Man wanted in Chicago found after stealing \$1m from City Hall - Gazette.

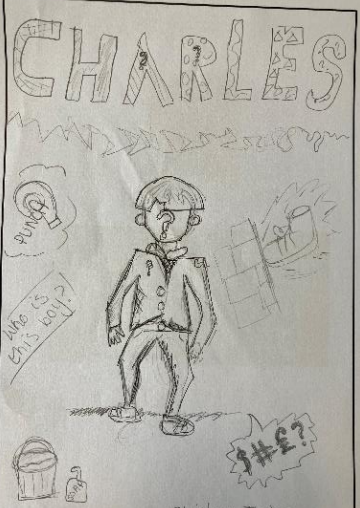


I am joined with Police Officer Gates, the winner of this incident.

Q: "Is it true that Bob Sikes was the person that is waiting for you?"
 A: Yes, I remember him straight away. I once he was my friend but I had to break him into custody.

58 year-old man
 Bob Sikes was found smoking outside a cigar store by police officer Gates. Sikes apparently was waiting for a friend which turned out to be true but was soon arrested as the wanted criminal and was taken into custody last night at 12:30 pm. \$1 million was retrieved from Mr. Sikes flat and he will be spending time in prison for another 20 years.




CHARLES



Shirley Jackson

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|  |  |  |
| If this strange he spends most of his time sitting. | He's a famous model who has been up there. | He died of old age and he was very old. |

Students were keen to come and let us know how much fun they had. We heard students saying “it was a really fun day,” and how they “loved the twist at the end.” Some students, in true newspaper reporting style, wanted to go on the record:

Joelle Amanor *“It was relaxing and very peaceful starting every lesson with a story.”*

Anna Benns *“It was really exciting to start every lesson with some reading.”*

Lewis Mason *“The stories were really interesting.”*

Mia Camfield *“I liked it because we got to read different types of stories.”*

George Lawrence *“I like the anticipation of going from lesson to lesson, not knowing what the next story will be.”*

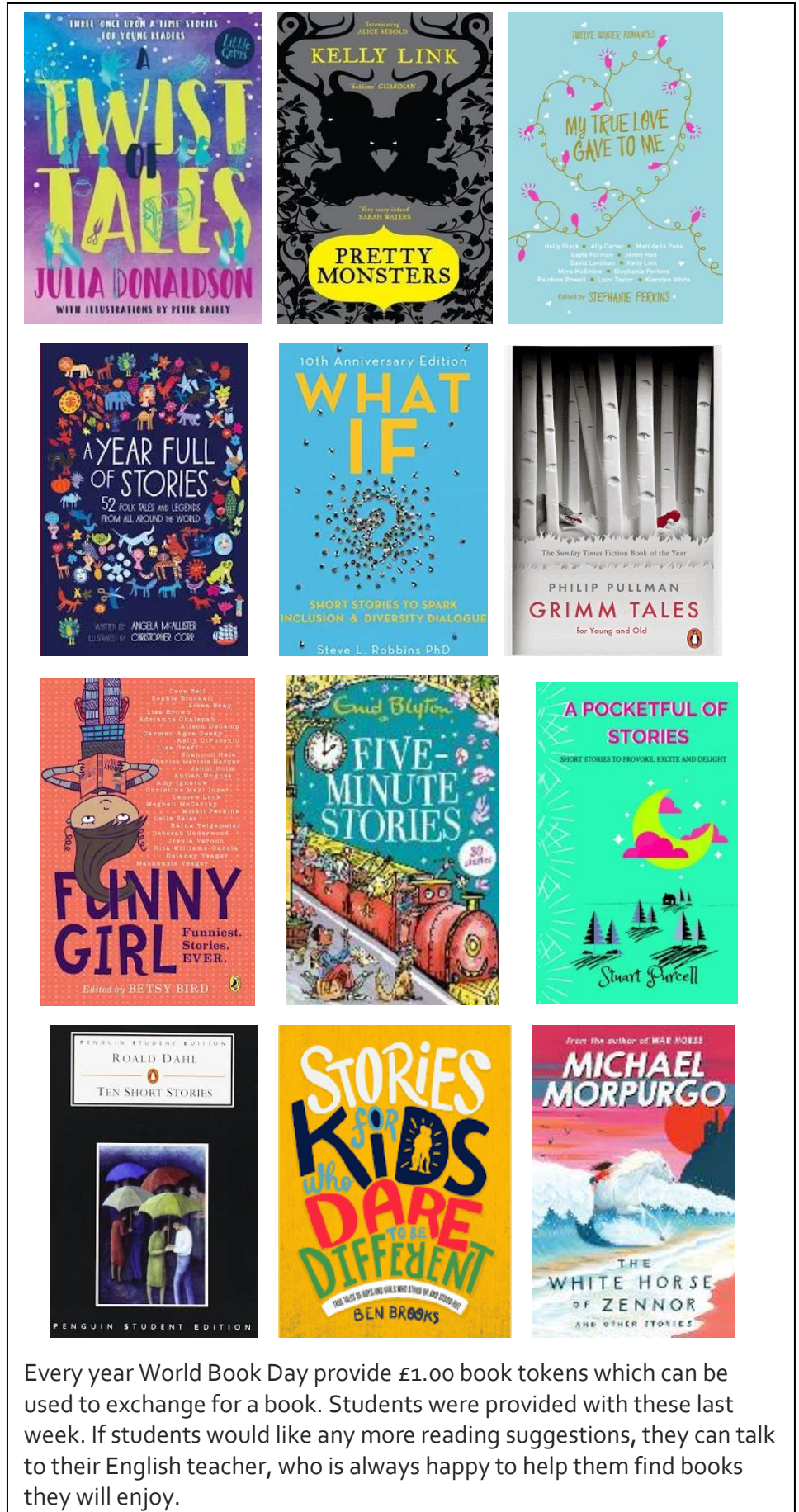
Rhea Manani *“It was enjoyable to read lots of types of stories.”*

Lucus Tjonis *“I liked getting to do different activities based on the stories.”*

Isaac Smith *“I liked reading different genres.”*

We wanted students to take enjoyment from these stories, as World Book Day aims to promote reading for pleasure, a message we strongly believe in. Here are some suggested collections of short stories for secondary aged students.

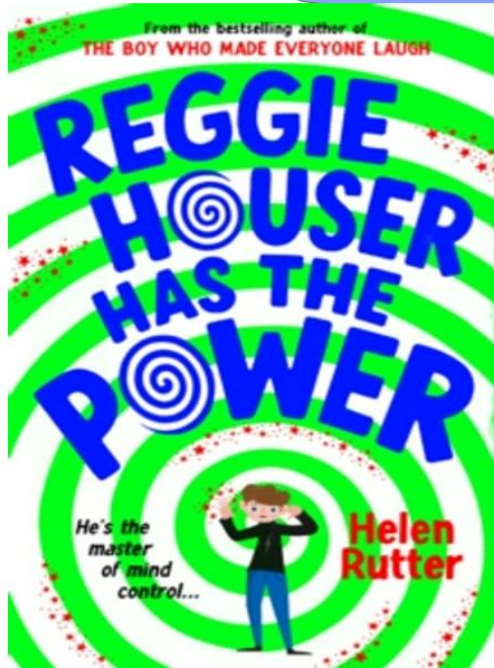
Miss White
English Teacher



Every year World Book Day provide £1.00 book tokens which can be used to exchange for a book. Students were provided with these last week. If students would like any more reading suggestions, they can talk to their English teacher, who is always happy to help them find books they will enjoy.



Book of the Month - March



Reggie's busy brain makes it hard for him to follow rules and make friends, plus his mum and teachers seem constantly weary about his erratic, high-energy ways. But when he sees a hypnotist perform on stage at the holiday park he visits, Reggie becomes *obsessed* with learning the skills of mind control - and he discovers he has an incredible talent for it! He's sure this will be his passport to popularity.

First of all he hypnotises the dog to think he's a frog, then makes his headmaster cluck like a chicken in assembly in front of the whole school - but then a group of mean kids supposedly take him under their wing and make him use his hypnosis talents for bad: stealing a chocolate bar from a shop and escalating to a bigger theft. Reggie must decide to use his skills for good only and come to trust his own brain to make decisions.

A funny, sensitive story, featuring a hilariously likable protagonist and a sympathetic, well-informed portrayal of ADHD, packed with brilliant jokes and one-liners.

PE Extracurricular Timetable 23/24



| Day | Before School 7:30-8:20 | 2 nd Lunch 12:40-1:20 | After-School 3:10-4:30 |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| Monday | STAFF BRIEFING | TUP Badminton | All Years Boys' Football GCSE Filming (Invite) |
| Tuesday | Year 7&8 Mixed Futsal Squad Gymnastics | GCSE PE intervention drop in | Year 7 Mixed Basketball |
| Wednesday | STAFF MEETING Squad Gymnastics | YR7&8 Girls' Futsal | All Years Netball |
| Thursday | Year 8+9 Mixed Basketball | TUP Basketball | KS3 Rugby Training |
| Friday | STAFF BRIEFING | - | All Years Girls' Football |

Keys:

- Astro
- Sports hall
- Main Hall
- Field
- Netball Courts

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

GOVERNORS' SPEECH & AWARDS

EVENING

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2024

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WHOLE SCHOOL EUCHARIST

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH 2024

11.00am

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INSET DAY

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2024

NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

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EASTER HOLIDAY

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH – FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

2024



QR Code to donate to Mr Taylor-Smith's
marathon run.

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