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## November Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday will be the beginning of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting, of preparing and of hope. Let us take a moment to reflect on our world; events ongoing around it and ask God to lighten all our lives with his light through this Advent prayer from Sister Bridgetta Rooney at CAFOD:-



*Christ, come into our world of darkness  
Light up our lives with your coming.  
Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth  
Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world  
And to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings.  
Amen.*

It has been an incredibly busy, enjoyable and successful November with trips and visitors galore and we say goodbye to November with a fantastic visit from Lancaster University and their Planetarium. I wonder whether we have inspired any astrophysicists or space travellers of tomorrow?

### Castlerigg



Year 5 travelled to Keswick for an overnight stay! This trip is a faith enrichment excursion and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. Thank you to Ms Fondja, Mrs Bramhall, Mrs Bolton and our super Chair of Governors, Mr Wyre, for giving so generously of their time and accompanying the children.





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## Decorating the St Bernadette's Snowman



Children from our After School Club spent some time decorating our 'Disco Snowman'. He will be displayed in the BID Snowman Trail in town. I wonder if you can find him? If you do happen to come across him he is wearing a special one off piece of school uniform. The children were so impressed with it, they have asked if we can add it to our normal uniform!

## The Fire Service visit Year 2 & year 6



The fire Service came into school to talk all things fire and rescue with the children. Johnny in Year 2 proudly told me that he had learnt to 'Stop, Drop and Roll' if fire ever got on his clothes.



## RockKidz Day!!!!



Our annual Rock Kidz Day returned. The Rock Kidz team members transformed St Bernadette's school hall into a ROCK CONCERT venue for the day! This year we were singing and dancing to the theme of Kindness. We can't wait to see what they bring next year.

The children and staff all looked amazingly ROCK and we had the best time.

## Year 2 Visit the Weather Station

Year 2 have been learning about weather in their Geography lessons and to enrich that learning, they went to visit the Weather Station at Lancaster University. They learnt about how our weather is measured to create forecasts for the public and saw how they use modern technology to measure rain, wind, temperature and sunshine. They also learnt about older ways of measuring rain and sunshine, just in case the technology fails.







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## Mad Science Assembly



Mad Science came to school on Monday and gave a very exciting assembly on all things Science and Sports! With an Olympic theme we learnt about reaction times, aerodynamics and even lit an Olympic Flame. Mad Science will be running a club for Year 2 upwards on a Monday afterschool. Flyers have already been sent home.

## Vikings Invade Year 5



Year 5 took part in a Viking workshop. They learned all about Viking life, who was in charge, how they were chosen and how Viking society was run. They learned how to row a longboat, examine artefacts and play Viking games. They all learned how Viking warriors charged their enemy and protected themselves using their shields.

## Mulled Wine Evening

Unfortunately, we are cancelling our 'Mulled Wine and Carols Evening' as we currently do not have a choir teacher. We hope to restart the choir in the New Year and look forward to many other performances.

## Sports

### Year 1 Learn to Ride

Bikeability returned to St Bernadette's, this time they were supporting Year 1 learning to ride. As you can see, they all had great fun riding and balancing on two wheels.



### Football Friendly



This term, St Bernadette's participated in some friendly football matches against Moorside School. The three teams from St Bernadette's played several mini matches against various teams from Moorside and they were amazing. All 3 teams won most of their games with some great results such as 4-0, 4-1, 2-0, 3-0.



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For some children, it was their first time representing the school and they fully enjoyed the opportunity. Well done to all the children who participated; you did yourself and school proud.

## Ten-Pin Bowling Competition at Soul Bowl

A group of children from Willow Class took part in a ten-pin bowling competition at Soul Bowl. The competition was against seven other teams and they managed to finish in first place. The children represented St Bernadette's exceptionally well, were very encouraging to each other throughout the event and had the best time. A massive well done to Alfie, who got the top individual score out of all of the competitors and also the most amount of spares in the game, meaning he came away with three medals! A very well done to all of the children involved!



## Multi Skills at Our Lady's Catholic College



A group of children from Beech and Eucalyptus Class took part in a multi-skills event with Mr Lofthouse at OLCC. The event was an opportunity to represent school and try lots of different sports and activities with children from other schools. Throughout the afternoon, the children played some crown-green

bowling, rugby and lots of other fun games. We had some superstar crown-green bowlers and they had a brilliant time! Well done to all the children involved, you represented St Bernadette's brilliantly!

## Catholic Teaching Alliance

### Recruiting for September 2025

Catholic Teaching Alliance - Train to Teach in Local Schools

### Have you thought about a career in teaching?

Established since 2014, the CTA has 10 years' experience in delivering teacher training. Train locally - schools in Preston, Blackburn, Blackpool or the Fylde coast.

### Apply now for a September 2025 start

### PGCE with QTS

Minimum requirements for our teacher training courses are GCSEs in Maths and English (and Science for primary), plus an honours degree, class 2:2 or above.

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**Bowerham Road Safer Active Travel**

Are a group of local residents and parents working together to try and make school drop-off and pick-up times safer and more pleasant for everyone. Want to find out more? Join our next meeting! Thursday 30 January 2025, 8-9pm via Zoom. Email [greensarahpunshon@gmail.com](mailto:greensarahpunshon@gmail.com) to find out more.

## Diary Dates

Date	Event/Activity
Apple & Oak classes	Judges Lodgings
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Performance 2:30 & 6:30pm in church
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	IEP information Evening – all welcome
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Pantomime Trip
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Service in school at 2pm Termly report to parents
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Final Assembly 2pm <b>Carols and Mulled wine at 6:15pm in school – Cancelled</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner and Christmas party day. FOSB Movie night 3:30 -5:15pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes at 2pm.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Parents Evening
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Play 2pm & 6pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver's Play in school 2:30pm & 6:30pm

Have a wonderful weekend. God Bless,

Mrs Shoulder

