



# FRIDAY LETTER

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## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Disturb us, O Lord when we are too well-pleased with ourselves  
When our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little, because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, O Lord when with the abundance of things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the water of life

when, having fallen in love with time, we have ceased to dream of eternity and in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of Heaven to grow dim.

Stir us, O Lord to dare more boldly, to venture into wider seas where storms show Thy mastery, where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. In the name of Him who pushed back the horizons of our hopes and invited the brave to follow.  
Amen

**Prayer attributed to Desmond Tutu adapted from an original prayer by Francis Drake**



## KEY DATES

29th November  
4th December  
5th December  
10th December  
11th December  
12th December  
13th December  
17th December

School closed—Inset Day  
University of Chester visit  
Bishop Swarbrick visit  
Y7, 8 and 9 Christmas dinner  
Y10 and 11 Christmas dinner  
Y11 Parents Evening  
Nasal flu vaccinations  
Rewards trips

## REMINDERS

### Student Absences

Call school on 01229 814 560

### Do not forget

Christmas dinners need ordering via Arbor by Thurs 5th December.

### Remember

Rewards trips are in a few weeks. Please sign up if your child would like to go.

## WORDS FROM ST BERNARD

‘God will either give us what we ask, or what He knows to be better for us’



**Congratulations this week to our fantastic students. We are so proud of you**

## EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE

Bateman, Shannon 11C  
Joshy, Grace 11C  
Biju, Amelia 10D  
Forsyte, Casey 10B  
Talaskova, Sofie 08B  
Anyanwu, Lisa 07E  
Thekkanath, Alina 11E  
Chelton, Emily-Grace 09B  
Duncan-Matalavea, Emily 07B  
Jose, Adina 09C  
O'Flynn, Mairead 09A  
Joshy, Jewel 09A  
Mathugama Kankanamge, Neja 08C  
Grozea, Alexandra 08C  
Baiju, Ann 08C  
Wise, Penelope 09E  
Perry, Maximus 09E  
Tentativa, Kate 09E  
Haynes, Mary 07E  
Shakir, Lucia 08B  
Hayton, Tamara 08B  
Bryson-Roberts, Mila 08A  
Barker, Mia 08D  
Park, George 11A  
Chadbourne, Freya 11C  
Coram, Evie-Grace 11B  
Renjith, Riona 10D  
Adeyeye, Ireoluwa 10B  
Alyzza, Khloe 10C



# ST BERNARD'S NEWS

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A big thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to our Careers Fair on Tuesday. It was great to see the opportunities open to our young people. We were also able to welcome back many of our former pupils and share their journeys since leaving us.



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Our Year 9 boys football team did extremely well in their 7 a-side Furness schools tournament this week.

Winning 2 games and narrowly losing 1. In the wind, rain and hail they kept possession of the ball well during the games and played some very nice football.

As ever it was a pleasure to work with the team. Well done lads!

Congratulations to our Year 7 boys who played some outstanding football this week against Furness Academy.

The way they passed and moved at times was fantastic.

They now play an away fixture at QES Kirkby Lonsdale School in the quarter final. Well done boys!





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We need donations of unwanted football boots, sports trainers and football shin guards. They need to be in good condition so that we can lend them to students who forget to bring them to lessons. We need a range of sizes from 12c-12 (adult size)

If you have anything you are happy to donate—please drop at reception with a note for the PE department or students can bring to PE staff directly.



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Our year 8 and 9 girls netball teams enjoyed double success this week, both winning their games against Walney. Both teams played some excellent netball and thoroughly deserved their victory.

Thanks goes to Walney school for hosting the fixture, it was a very enjoyable night of netball.



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## Spirit of Christmas

We are holding a Christmas event with some of the primary schools from our Trust on Wednesday 18th December at 5pm. It will be an evening of song and story and will involve some St Bernard's pupils as well as a few from each of our feeder schools. We hope it will be a festive and celebratory evening to share together alongside our community.

All of our parents are welcome to come and join in the event with us and get ready for Christmas together.



## MESSAGES FROM MR VINCE

### Visitors to School

I was delighted to welcome two visitors to school this week, both experienced CEOs of Education Trusts. They were very impressed with our calm, safe and ordered school. They both described behaviour as excellent and felt relationships between staff and students were warm, accepting only the very best for the students they teach.

### Personal Development of Students

As you can see from the newsletter we continue to have lots of opportunities to enhance students' wider personal development. This week alone we have had careers roadshows, University of Cumbria visiting, Hello Futures, BAE mentoring and a visiting singer! We do all this because we know our children are made in the image and likeness of God and we want to help them become the very best person they can be. Students at St Bernard's are known and loved, growing to be committed learners and exceptional people.

### Spirit of Christmas

You will also notice in the newsletter we are having a 'Spirit of Christmas' celebration in the last week of term. I am delighted we are able to work on this with our wider Catholic family in Barrow and it has been a great joy to go out to work with the primary schools to prepare for this.

### News Items and Celebration

Please continue to share your news with us by emailing us on [news@stbernardsschool.uk](mailto:news@stbernardsschool.uk) with a short write up and photos and help us celebrate all we are! It is so good to see the newsletter so full each week, so please continue to share!

### And finally

*After Villa were robbed by VAR in the last minute against Juve, I am optimistic but not hopeful that our winless run can end on Saturday!! Let's hope also that Barrow can get back to winning ways!!*

*There is however, many happy Liverpool fans in the school as their season goes from strength to strength!! Spare a thought for a few Everton fans we have in school!!*

Have a wonderful weekend all,

God Bless,

Mr Vince

Headteacher

