



PADRE PIO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Padre Pio is a Catholic family where we pray and learn in peace with each other.
Together we take the message of Jesus to the world.

27
October
2023

School Closed for Half Term

Reminder:

School closed next week for half term. School will reopen on Monday 6 November. We wish you all a happy holiday.

Christmas Concerts

You're invited to watch your child's concert.

Dates for concerts are:

Class 1 and class 2 – Monday 11 Dec at 2pm and Tuesday 12 at 5.30pm

Class 3, 4 and 5 – Wednesday 13 Dec at 6pm and Thursday 14 Dec. at 6pm

Reception class – Friday 16 December 2pm

(Class 6 will perform in an end of year concert next summer.)

We will also record concert rehearsals and share them securely online, via the school's private YouTube channel. **You must complete a consent form for your child to be included in the recording – please use this link to give consent: [Consent Form](#)**

We will not charge for concert tickets, but we will be fundraising with a raffle before every concert – all proceeds will be used to pay for summer 2024 trips, so please be generous in your support. For the last few years, we've not charged parents for summer trips, and we hope, through fundraising, to fully-fund next year's trips.



Pupil Profile

The virtues we will be focusing on next half term are: **Attentive and Discerning**

We will be encouraging the pupils to be more **attentive** to their experience and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

Why do we focus on these virtues?

It is important that we are **attentive** to the big and the small things, to the responses of other people, to the stirrings in our hearts, and to the many concerns that thread their way through our lives.

Being **attentive** takes practice; it is much easier to rush from one thing to the next, taking little time to notice anything. Once we develop the habit of being attentive, we can begin to **discern** what is good for us and what is not; and what God calls us to be, and to do.

Reception Class – September 2024

Would you like your child to join our reception class 2024? Please email susan.lewis@torfaen.gov.uk to request an application pack (or call in to the school office). The closing date for applications is midday on Tuesday 9 January 2024 (parent/guardians will be notified of the result of their application on 16 April).

Safety Notice

We politely request that children are not given nuts as a snack: this is for safety reasons; to prevent allergic reactions and choking.

Heddlu Bach

On Wednesday, pupils in Heddlu Bach led assembly for the whole school to give advice on staying safe. Included in their message was the firework code, which you can find on the back of the newsletter.

Music Assembly – Thursday 30 November

This term, class 1, 3, and 5 have enjoyed class music projects for 10 weeks. After the projects end, the classes would like to show you what they've learnt, and they invite parents and carers to watch them perform in an assembly on Thursday 30 November starting at 9.15am.

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)

RSE is now a mandatory part of the curriculum and parents no longer have the right to withdraw their child from these lessons. To reassure parents who may have concerns, we have been teaching RSE for over 2 years and our aims and vision of RSE remain unchanged. We continue to deliver provision designed to assist in the formation of the whole person and to do so in ways that are developmentally appropriate, serve the specific needs of pupils and are in harmony with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

We will begin this year's RSE programme after half-term and the main resource we use is called Life to the Full. You can view the resources the school will be using by logging on to the parent portal at: www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal
School login: padre-pio-np4
Password: conifer-15

We invite parents to attend an information session, where you can ask questions about the RSE programme, on Wednesday 8 November 3.15pm in the school hall.

2023/2024 School Term and Holiday Dates

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Friday 01.09.23	Monday 30.10.23	Friday 03.11.23	Friday 22.12.23
Spring	Monday 08.01.24	Monday 12.02.24	Friday 16.02.24	Friday 22.03.24
Summer	Monday 08.04.24	Monday 27.05.24	Friday 31.05.24	Friday 19.07.24

DATES FOR THE DIARY

22.12.23	INSET 3
08.01.24	INSET 4
09.01.24	INSET 5
24.05.24	INSET 6

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