



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.

29
September
2023

Welcome to Canon Paul Millar

We welcome Canon Paul as the new parish priest in St. Alban's Parish. Canon Paul celebrated Mass with the children last Friday and we look forward to working with Canon Paul to further develop the spiritual life of our school/parish community.

Class 3 Mass – Wednesday 4 October

Please join us at St. Alban's Church for Mass at 9.30am to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, class 3's patron saint.

Class 5 Assembly

Class 5 will be leading the school assembly on Wednesday, 11 October at 9.15. Parents/Carers are invited to attend.

Pupil Voice Groups

Congratulations to the pupils who have been selected to take part in the following Pupil Voice groups:

School Council: Luned and Isaac (yr 3), Halle, Freya, Jayla, (yr 4), Nancy, Martha, Beck (yr 5), Rhydian and Megan (yr 6).

Curriculum Group: Caitlin, Noah, Aaron, Amelia, Ava, Devon, Brooklyn, Grace (yr 6).

Eco Committee: Isaac and Faye (yr 3), Freddie and Gwennie (yr 4), Tayah and Lenus (yr 5), Orla, Emie, Leo, Oscar, Carys (yr 6).

Other pupil groups will be established over the next couple of weeks.

Consultation with Class Teacher

Monday 23 – Thursday 26 October

Consultations will be held by telephone. Appointments must be booked using our online booking system; an easy way for you to book a convenient time to speak with your child's teacher. Next week, you will receive a text with a link to the online booking system. Click on the link and type in your child's first name (if you have more than one child, any of their first names will work). Click 'Please Choose' to be shown a list of available times that you can click to book. Then click 'Book this Slot' to complete your booking. When the button has turned green you know your booking has been made. Please note: the booking system will close on Friday 20 October – if you need to change your booking after this time, please call the school office. **Please note that there will be no after school activities/clubs during this week.**

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).

St. Alban's Year 7 September 2024 Admissions

To apply for a place for your child at St. Alban's High School please visit their website:

www.stalbans-pontypool.org.uk/about-us/admissions

The deadline for applications is midday on Monday 13 November 2023.

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.

RSE is intended to help children to develop healthy relationships and behaviours with their friends and families, based on kindness, empathy and respect. This is important for them to develop as 'healthy, confident individuals' with positive social, emotional and mental well-being.

RSE is also intended to keep children safe and to protect their well-being. This is critical as technology and society continue to change rapidly. RSE helps children recognise relationships and situations that might put them at risk of harm. It can support all children with what they need to know and what to do to keep safe and how to seek help.

We will begin this year's RSE programme after half-term and the main resource we use is called Life. 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

Before half term we will arrange a meeting for parents to explain our curriculum in more detail and to listen to any concerns or queries you may have.

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

19.10.23
23.10.23
26.10.23
26.10.23
27.10.23
30.10.23
22.12.23

Yr 6 transition session, St. Alban's 11-12.40
Photos (individual)
Tour/Q&A for Rec. 09/24 applicants, 10-11am
Football Tournament
INSET 2
Half term holiday begins (1 week)
INSET 3

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