



# 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.

**21**  
**July**  
**2025**

## Thank You

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your kind words, very generous gifts, and warm wishes on the occasion of my retirement. Your generosity and support have truly touched me.

It has been a privilege to serve as headteacher and to be part of such a caring and vibrant school community. Working alongside dedicated staff and governors, supportive families, and, most importantly, wonderful children has been the highlight of my career.

I was appointed headteacher in September 2006 and for the first 2 years worked in St. Alban's and St. Francis preparing for the amalgamation of the schools to form Padre Pio, which opened in September 2008.

I never thought that I would remain in Padre Pio until this day; it's a testament to how happy I've been that I've stayed so long (nearly a third of my life – how scary!). They say time flies when you are having fun and I've certainly had fun over the years.

Thank you once again for your kindness and for the many wonderful memories. Padre Pio School will always hold a special place in my heart.

I wish you all a happy and restful holiday and all the best for the future.

Mr Welsh

## Padre Pio Leavers

Good luck and best wishes to all the pupils leaving Padre Pio this academic year. As you close this chapter, remember how far you've come and how much you've grown. You've made memories, built friendships, and learned lessons that will stay with you forever. You will be missed.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Every summer, the library service run a Reading Challenge and all children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part. The Challenge is all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence. It runs throughout the summer holidays. Children can read any six books they like from the library and collect free rewards for their reading.

All the children had a presentation on the reading challenge on Thursday and were very engaged with it.

We encourage your child to take part and further information can be found use this link [Reading Challenge](#) and the attached flyer. Or just visit the local library.

## Term Dates: Academic Year 2025-26

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Monday 01.09.25 *	Monday 27.10.25	Friday 31.10.25	Friday 19.12.25
Spring	Monday 05.01.26	Monday 16.02.26	Friday 20.02.26	Friday 27.03.26
Summer	Monday 13.04.26	Monday 25.05.26	Friday 29.05.26	Monday 20.07.26

- **First day for pupils is Wednesday 3 September**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**01.09.25**

**INSET 1**

**02.09.25**

**INSET 2**

**03.09.25**

**New Term starts for pupils**