

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.

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2024

THANK YOU

As we reach the end of another very busy term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support they have given the school.

Thank you to all the parents and carers, who have joined us for events or lent a helping hand. Your involvement truly makes a difference and without your support the opportunities made available to the children would be significantly reduced.


Thank you to our governing body, for their essential contribution to the school. Most of their work goes unnoticed as it involves attending meetings in the evenings. As most of the governors do not have children who attend our school, it is a big commitment and they generously give their time to help ensure the children receive a high standard of education in Padre Pio.

Thank you to our dedicated staff, who have gone above and beyond to ensure that every child enjoys coming to school, is supported and inspired to learn.

Thank you to your children. They have all worked hard, and their achievements, both big and small, have been a joy to witness. From the wonderful Christmas performances to the thoughtful acts of kindness across the school community, this term has been a true celebration of the values we promote.

Finally, on behalf of all the staff, I would like to say thank you for the many cards and gifts you have given. We are always overwhelmed by your generosity.

As we break for the holidays, I hope you and your families enjoy a restful and joyful Christmas. May the season bring you peace, love, and happiness, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year, refreshed and ready for another exciting term.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! 

School will be closed for the Christmas holiday after Friday 20 December and will reopen on Tuesday 7 January (INSET on Monday 6 January).

Many Thanks for Your Support

To everyone who bought raffle tickets before our Christmas concerts last week, thank you so much for your support - £725 raised for activities and trips.

Spring Term After School Clubs

Clubs will resume on Tuesday 21 January – a new list of clubs will be on the next newsletter.

Whole School Mass – Tomorrow, Friday 20 December

You're very welcome to join us for our Advent Mass at St. Alban's Church, 9.30am on 20 December.

Our Virtues and Values

As a Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Cardiff, we have embraced the Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile, which teaches the children a set of eight pairs of virtues to be internalised and cultivated - enabling them to grow in wholeness as fully rounded individuals in the image of God.



The pair of virtues we are focusing on next half-term is:

Grateful and Generous

Next half -term we will be encouraging the pupils to be:

Grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day;

And

Generous with their gifts, becoming a person who thinks about and helps others.

Shrewsbury Trip Fundraiser

We enjoyed a fun-filled visit to Shrewsbury on 8 December for Christmas shopping and to watch the panto. Thank you so much, Mrs Carter, for organising the trip and games on the bus – this raised £180 for school (to be used for in-school activities and trips).

Toy Day – Friday 20 December

Pupils can bring a toy or game to school. No electronic devices (no access to WIFI). Items brought into school are not school's responsibility; please do not allow your child to bring valuable items to school.

Reception Class – September 2025

Would you like your child to join our reception class 2025? Please email susan.lewis@torfaen.gov.uk to request an application form (or call in to the school office). The closing date for applications is 9 January 2025 (parent/guardians will be notified of the result of their application on 16 April).

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24 December

7.30pm St. Alban's Church

Christmas Day, Wednesday 25 December

11am St. Felix Church, Blaenavon

11am St. Alban's Church

New Years' Day Mass

10am St. Alban's Church

DATES FOR THE DIARY

06.01.25	INSET 4
21.02.25	INSET 5
21.07.25	INSET 6