



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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December
2024

Christmas Concerts

You're invited to watch your child's concert next week. You do not need a ticket. Dates for concerts are:

Class 1 and class 2 – Monday 9 December at 2pm and Tuesday 10 Dec. at 5.30pm

Class 3, 4 and 5 – Wednesday 11 December at 6pm and Thursday 12 Dec. at 6pm

Reception class – Friday 13 December 2pm

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

Children should arrive in school 30 minutes before the evening performances and go to their class.

We will not charge for entry to concerts, but we will be fundraising with a **raffle** before every concert – all proceeds will be used to pay for summer 2025 trips and activities in school, so please be generous in your support.

Refreshments will be available in the Art Room– tea/coffee (please feel free to bring your own cup) and a selection of Miss Powell's home-made cakes.

Christmas Concert Recordings on YouTube

Before Christmas, we'll send you a text with a link to the recording of your child's class concert.

Rugby News

Our thanks to Mr Francis and Mr Clegg for all their hard work coaching children who attend Rugby Club / our school rugby team. The team won third place in the Pontypool and District Schools RFU tournament last Friday – well done and congratulations to all who took part.

Choir News

Our Choir Club will sing in Pontypool Market on 11 December 11.30-12.30. Everyone is welcome to come along to support the children and enjoy listening to Christmas carols.

Our choir will also visit Regency House to sing for its residents.

Family Bingo Night – thank you for your support

Many thanks to everyone, parents and staff, who supported and attended yesterday's Bingo Night. All money raised, which was £200, will be used to pay for the Christmas disco (see below) and treats for the children.

Church Raffle – thank you for your support

Thank you for supporting St. Alban's Church raffle – you raised £180.

Homework Guide for Parents

You can find the guide to online resources on the Virtual School page of our website:

<https://www.padrepiorcprimary.co.uk/our-virtual-school/>

Christmas Disco – Wednesday 18 December

Disco in our school hall on Wednesday 18 December! Children in infant classes (reception class, 1 and 2) can attend at 4pm until 5pm. Children in junior classes can attend from 5.15pm until 6.30pm.

There will be no charge as the cost will be covered from the money raised at the bingo evening. Please can you explain to your child that loud music is played at a disco and there won't be a quiet space available. Please collect your child promptly (at 5pm for infants or 6.30pm for juniors).

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18 December

The menu for Wednesday 18 December is Christmas lunch. Please note that no other lunch options will be available. Note a change of menu for Thursday 19 December to pizza and chips.

Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 18 December

Pupils can wear a Christmas top/jumper on Wednesday. We ask for a charity donation of 50p per pupil

Whole School Mass – Friday 20 December

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

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.

Spring Term After School Clubs

This term's activity clubs have finished, with the exception of Craft Club. Next week is the third/final week of Craft Club and children can take their craft home - to cover costs and raise money for Mini Vinnies' chosen charity, please donate £3 (pay at school office).

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

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).

Common Childhood Illnesses

When children suffer with common illnesses it is often difficult for parents to know whether to keep them at home or send them to school.

For advice about common childhood illness and other useful information please visit the [Healthier Together](https://www.healthier-together.org/) website or scan the QR code on the attached information flyer.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

06.01.25 INSET 4
21.02.25 INSET 5
21.07.25 INSET 6