



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.

13
November
2024

Music Assembly – Tuesday 26 November

This term, class 2 and class 6 have enjoyed class music projects. After the projects end, the classes would like to show you what they've learnt, and they invite parents to watch them perform in an assembly on **Tuesday 26 November 2.15pm**.

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 3 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 this 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

As we have done previously, we will continue to notify parents, via text messages, prior to any sensitive lessons being taught

Further information is provided in the letter attached to this email, but if you have any further questions regarding the programme please contact school to discuss the matter.

Mini Vinnies After School Club

Next week is the third/final week of club (for children in years 1-3) 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). From Tuesday 26 November, the club will be open to children in years 4-6.

Mini Vinnies News

We donated boxes of 8 tins of food to 32 pensioners in our parish. Recipients were overwhelmed at your generosity and asked us to thank you for your donations and kindness. Da iawn, Mini Vinnies!

Whole School Advent Mass – Sunday 1 December

You're very welcome to join us for our Family Mass at St. Alban's Church, 11am on 1 December.

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 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

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18 December

The menu for Wednesday 18 December is Christmas lunch. Please note that no other lunch options will be available.

Family Bingo Night – Thursday 5 December

Please join us on Thursday 5 December at 6pm in the school hall for bingo! Everyone is welcome to attend this fundraising event (money raised will be used to pay for the Christmas disco). We would very much appreciate any prize donations, e.g. boxes of chocolate, bottles of wine, gift sets.

Christmas Concerts

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

We will also record concert rehearsals and share them online, via the school's private YouTube channel. We will send parents a link to their child's class concert. We remind parents that the link is for your personal use only – please do not share the link with others and refrain from posting images of the concert which will contain other children onto any social media sites. We feel it appropriate to advise you that the guidance from the Information Commissioners Office would be by publishing on social media and if used for any other purpose that you could be treated as a Data Controller in your own right and would be subject to the legislation and be accountable to ICO scrutiny.

If you do not consent to your child being in the recording, you must contact school before Wednesday 20 November.

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. 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.

2024/2025 School Term and Holiday Dates

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Monday 02.09.24	Monday 28.10.24	Friday 01.11.24	Friday 20.12.24
Spring	Monday 06.01.25	Monday 24.02.25	Friday 28.02.25	Friday 11.04.25
Summer	Monday 28.04.25	Monday 26.05.25	Friday 30.05.25	Monday 21.07.25

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DATES FOR THE DIARY
INSET 4
INSET 6

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