



# 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.

18  
October  
2024

## School Closed for Half-Term

We remind you that school will be closed after next Thursday for an INSET day (on Friday 25 October) and for the half-term holiday. School will reopen on Monday 4 November.

## Parent Consultation Evenings – NEXT WEEK

A reminder that parent consultations will take place next week via a telephone call. Thank you for making an appointment via the online booking system – your booking has been forwarded to your child’s class teacher and they look forward to speaking with you next week.

Please note that each meeting is limited to 10 minutes to ensure other parents are not kept waiting. If you need assistance please call the school office.

## No After School Activities Next Week

We remind you that there are no after school activities/clubs next week due to teacher-parent consultations taking place. Clubs will resume after the half-term holiday.

## 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.

## Parent and child science and technology engagement sessions

(initially open to families with children in year 5 or 6)

The school has been given the opportunity to participate in an exciting Science and Technology (STEM) based family project. There will be 3 sessions which will run from 3.15pm to 5 pm on:

- 19 November
- 26 November
- 3 December

More details have been provided in a letter given to the pupils today. Please return the slip attached asap if interested.

## Library Visit on Monday

On Monday, class 2, 3 and 4 will visit Pontypool Library to enjoy a talk from local author Daniel Morden and select books to read (books will be kept in school).

## 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.



## Pupil Profile

The virtues we will be focusing on next half term are: **Intentional and Prophetic**

We will be helping the children to be **intentional**: to think about the way they live their lives guided by Jesus’ teaching – having a specific intention to live in the kind way Jesus taught us to. Every action we make has an impact on other people and the world around us. We will be thinking about the choices we make and care for God’s creation.

We will be helping the children to be **prophetic**: being able to set a Christ-like example to others, showing the world that there are alternatives to arguments, conflicts and unkindness. We will be encouraging the children to set a good example and try to be role models for others.

## Reception Class – September 2025

Would you like your child to join our reception class 2025? Please email [susan.lewis@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto: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). Please join us for a **Tour and Q&A Session on Thursday 24 October, 9.15am in the school hall.**

## 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

**25.10.24**  
**DATES FOR THE DIARY**  
**INSET 3**