



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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May
2026

Reminder: School Closed for Half Term Holiday

School will be closed next week for the half term holiday. Enjoy the break with your families - we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 1 June.

Advanced notice – Due to staff training after school every day, there will be no after school clubs the week beginning 1 June 2026

Quiz Night success!

Thank you so much to all the families who joined us for our Family Quiz on Monday — we may need to make the questions more difficult next year, as you proved to be a very intelligent crowd! It was wonderful to see the hall full and to watch families coming together to enjoy a social event.

We raised over £130, which will go towards funding our Fun Day and disco in June. A big thank you as well to the staff who generously gave up their time to help run and support the event.

Talent Show- Monday 29th June, 6pm Padre Pio Talent Show

📅 Monday 29th June ⌚ 6:00pm 📍 School Hall

Our next event will be our popular Talent Show. All pupils who wish to take part will be invited to audition, and we will look to put through four entries from each class (individuals, pairs or groups). Unfortunately, we cannot allow everyone to perform during the evening show, as the concert would last all night!

However, pupils who do not get through will still have the chance to perform during a special school-time Talent Show. We will let you know when auditions will take place.

In addition, we will be running a fun competition during the evening show for our talented parents and families — so start practising!

Careers/ Try Something New Day! Friday 19th June

We have been overwhelmed by your generous offers to spend time with our pupils to talk about your jobs and/or hobbies. The pupils and staff are really looking forward to the day.

We are asking those who are willing to talk or demonstrate their jobs to come into school in the morning (9.30am–11.30am, if possible), and those who would like to share their hobbies to come in

during the afternoon (1.30pm–3pm). If you are happy to support both sessions, even better!

If these times suit you, please confirm your attendance — along with your job and/or hobby — by email to nicola@padrepiopriary.co.uk as we do not want to miss anyone out and have received so many kind offers.

Thank you so much for volunteering. And if you are still able to support this event, it is not too late to sign up!

End of Year Reports

Your child's school report will be emailed to you during the week beginning 6 July. Contact school by phone or email if you would like to discuss the contents of the report with your child's teacher.

Year 5 Transition Session at St. Alban's High

Pupils in class 5 will walk to and from St. Alban's High School on Wednesday 10 June for a transition event/experience, 11.00-12.40. They will be back in school in time for lunch. Pupils should wear school uniform as normal.

Annual Parents/Carers Survey

Your views on our school are extremely important in improving the quality of education and experiences we provide for your children.

After half-term, a link to this year's survey will be emailed to parents/carers who have provided the school office with an email address (those who already receive our newsletter via email). Please contact the school office if you want to be added to the mailing list. If you would prefer a paper copy of the survey, please contact the school office.

Urdd Workshops

In June, Classes 3, 4 and 5 will be visited by member of the Urdd team for a day each of workshops called "Hwyl yn Gymraeg" - "Fun in Welsh". The aim of the workshops is to encourage bilingualism across the curriculum by learning through play.

Eco Quiz – Team Going to the Final!

Well done to the team of Year 6 pupils who participated in Pontypool Community Council's Eco Quiz competition – the team finished in an amazing 2nd place and will now take part in the final, competing against other Torfaen schools on 10 June. We are all very proud of you and will be cheering you on for the grand final!

Class 2 Assembly

A huge thank you and well done to Class 2, Miss Way, Mrs Jones and Mrs Sculley for leading an amazing

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assembly on Wednesday, sharing so much about the Ascension and Pentecost. We particularly loved your catchy songs! Thank you also to the parents and families who were able to join us.

Classes 1 and Reception Assemblies

Parents and families are invited to join **Class 1** on **Wednesday 17th June** and **Class Reception** on **Wednesday 8th July**, both at **9.15am**.

Sports Day – Tuesday 23rd June (reserve date: Tuesday 30th June)

Parents and families are invited to join us on the field for our sports day on **Tuesday 23rd June**.

Classes 3 - 6 races will be in the **morning** starting at **9.30am**, and **Reception - Class 2** races will be in the **afternoon** starting at **1.30pm**. The reserve date, if the weather isn't suitable will be 30th June. Pupils can wear kit to school: PE kit for Reception – Class 2, and PE kit or a top in house colour for Classes 3-6.

Fun Day – Thursday 9 July

This will take place during the school day on Thursday 9th July.

The day will include:

- **A Bouncy Castle**
- **An Animals Interactive Session**
- **A Picnic Lunch**
- **A range of games and activities**

This event is fully funded through money raised from raffles and social events, so pupils do not need to bring money. However, we will have a small selection of refreshments on sale if pupils would like to bring a little spending money.

After school on this date, all pupils are invited to return for a school disco (optional), hosted by DJ Tucker!

Disco times:

- **Reception – Class 2: 4pm- 5pm**
- **Classes 3 – 6: 5.15pm – 6.30pm**

Free Coffee Afternoon- Friday 26th June at 2.15pm

Thank you to the parents who joined us for our coffee afternoon last Friday — it is always lovely for parents to come together informally and enjoy a peaceful chat for 45 minutes or so! Our next coffee afternoon will be on **Friday 26th June at 2.15pm**. We would love to see you there!

Summer Uniform Reminder

Thank you to the pupils and families who have followed our Summer Uniform policy. As a reminder, pupils may wear grey or black shorts to school, but they must be a suitable length — ideally knee-length. **Nike Pro-style shorts or similar are not acceptable.**

We are also noticing more pupils wearing brightly coloured trainers; however, **black shoes are required** as part of our uniform expectations. We hope this provides clarity, and thank you for your continued support.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

10.06.26	Year 6 Summer Trip
12.06.26	Year 6 Cluster Sports Day – tbc
17.06.26	Information Session for Parents of New Intake
18.06.26	Rec, Yr1, Yr 2 Summer Trip
19.06.26	Careers/Try Something New Day
19.06.26	Mini Olympics at George St. (selected pupils)
23.06.26	Sports Day
24.06.26	St Alban's Open Evening 4pm (for yr 5)
25.06.26	Yr3, 4, 5 Summer Trip
29.06.26	Talent Show (6pm)
01.07.26	Moving Up Day
09.07.26	Fun Day and disco
17.07.26	Last day of term for all pupils
20.07.26	INSET 6

01.09.26 INSET 1- No school for pupils

02.09.26 INSET 2- No school for pupils

Over to our classes to share what they've been learning this half term:

Reception – We have enjoyed growing our own cress, drawing people with pencils, learning numbers to 20, planting potatoes in our garden and writing sentences.

Class 1 – We have been learning about butterflies and their life cycles, we have watched the caterpillars transform through the stages into butterflies.

Class 2- We have really enjoyed learning how to measure in maths and how to make a "Wanted" poster in literacy. We have also enjoyed finding out about space rockets, gravity and forces

Class 3- We have been counting in 3's and multiplying and dividing by 3. We wrote poems about Snow white and the seven dwarfs.

Class 4 – We have talked about how to forgive others, and we have learned all about "Water Wonders" — What's in the Ocean.

Class 5- In Mathematics, we have been converting fractions, decimals and percentages and in Literacy writing diary entries. We have studied David Attenborough's life and career and also learned how to play cricket!

Class 6 - We have journeyed back in time to discover what life was like in different eras. We were free to choose when (and where) we went to in our 'time machines' and we chose very interesting eras such as the Cretaceous Period, Ancient Greece, and even the Wild West of America! We also experimented with electrical circuits to try and make Christmas lights from scratch, and tested the pH of different liquids.

And finally: We would like to wish all our families a fantastic half-term next week, however you choose to spend it. The pupils have shone with their talents, behaviour and attitudes this half term, and it looks as though the sunshine is hopefully going to match their shine next week! Have a fabulous week.

Best Wishes,
Mrs McGinty.

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