



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.

12
June
2026

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**.

Country Dancing

We wish Mrs Jones and the children taking part in the Country Dancing Festival the best of luck, enjoy yourselves and do your best. If you'd like to watch the dancing, the festival is in Cwmbran town centre (weather permitting) on Saturday 20 June, 10am.

Moving Up Day

On **Wednesday 1 July**, all pupils will spend the day in the class that they will join in September. In the morning, pupils should go to the door for their new class and parents can then collect from that door at home time. Pupils in Class 6 will spend the day at their chosen High School – details have been emailed to parents.

Classroom teachers for September 2026 are:

Mr Tucker – Reception Class
Mrs Taylor – Class 1
Miss Way – Class 2
Mrs Jones – Class 3
Mr Davies – Class 4
Mr Francis – Class 5
Mr Sefton – Class 6

Class 6 Leavers Concert

On Wednesday 8 July at 6pm Class 6 will perform their end of year concerts for their families. We hope that you can join us – it will be an opportunity to celebrate with them, as they prepare to move on to the next stage of their education.

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 on **Monday 22nd June**, 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. If you have offered to support this event, your child will bring home a letter on Monday outlining the day. If you do not receive a letter, please let either myself or Mrs Tennet know. The pupils and staff are really looking forward to the day.

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.

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.

A link to this year's survey has been 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. Please complete the survey before the deadline of Friday 26 June. We will share the main findings with you before the end of term. As always, we will listen to your concerns or questions at any time and please speak to us. Thank you.

Urdd Workshops

This week Classes 3 and 5 enjoyed a visit by a member of the Urdd team and participated in a day of workshops called "Hwyl yn Gymraeg" - "Fun in Welsh", encouraging bilingualism across the curriculum. Class 4 will participate in a similar workshop shortly.

Eco Quiz Final

Well done to some of our Class 6 pupils who took part in Pontypool Community Council's Eco Quiz Final on Wednesday after successfully qualifying for the event. The competition was incredibly strong, and for much of the evening our team held an impressive second place. We are extremely proud of the way you represented our school. A big thank you to the parents and staff who supported the team throughout the competition.

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

Our next coffee afternoon will be on **Friday 26th June at 2.15pm**. We would love to see you there!

Music Assembly – provisional date 07.07.26

Parents of pupils in reception class and class 4 are invited to a music assembly, the finale to their class music projects, on Tuesday 7 July (TBC), 2pm in the school hall – this date will be confirmed next week.

Summer Uniform Reminder and jewellery

Thank you to the pupils and families who have followed our Summer Uniform policy (despite the rain we have had recently) 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. **We strongly ask that jewellery is left at home, and pupils wear stud earrings only.**

For safety reasons, we also ask that all pupils remove earrings for PE. If this is not possible, pupils should bring a plaster from home to cover their earrings, thank you.

Homework and Skills Grid

Your child should have brought home a new homework and skills grid today. Please let the class teachers know if your child did not receive one (Mr Sefton sent his out at the start of this half term). As always, pupils who complete five or more pieces of homework will receive a treat at the end of term.

Thank you to the pupils who completed the Church-based activities. These will be exhibited in St Alban's Church on **20th June for the Church Open Day, when the Church will be open throughout the day for visitors to explore.**

In addition, there will be a special **180-year Anniversary Mass on Friday 19th June at 7pm in St Alban's Church** if families would like to attend.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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
08.07.26	Year 6 Leavers Concert
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

As it is Careers Day next week, you may like to read what our amazing canteen staff say about their favourite part of their job and what they wanted to be when they were younger.

Kelly The Cook – “I love listening to the things that the children say to us and just being in their company as they always make us laugh! Growing up, I wanted to be a chef or nursery nurse”

Sharon – “I love it all, especially seeing the children everyday and being with the ladies in the kitchen. I wanted to be a Nursery Nurse”

Hannah – “I love feeding the children delicious food and watching them develop and grow throughout the year. I always wanted to be a midwife”

Sally- “I love interacting with the children at the salad bar (and of course home time and the school holidays!!). I wanted to be a Nursery Nurse”

Trixie– “I love having a laugh with the other ladies and the children. Growing up I wanted to be taller and to become a Clown!!”

Mrs Carter – “I love making sure everyone has the dinner that they asked for and seeing them happy eating. Growing up I wanted to be a hairdresser and be thinner!!!”

Thank you to the canteen ladies for the wonderful job they do every day!

And Finally –

After some gloomy weather recently, things are hopefully looking more promising again, starting this weekend. We hope the improving forecast brings a lift to everyone and we wish all our families and community a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Best Wishes
Mrs McGinty.