



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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School Closure- Heat Wave

A heartfelt **thank you** to all our parents and families for your understanding and co-operation following the announcement of our recent school closure due to the **Red Weather Warning**. It was a difficult decision to make, but the extreme heat — especially yesterday's scorching temperatures—proved it was unquestionably the right call. As many of us are working parents ourselves, we fully appreciate how challenging sudden school closures can be. Your flexibility and support have not gone unnoticed. A huge **well done** to our pupils who managed to complete some online learning in such intense heat — truly a tough ask. We are incredibly proud of their resilience and commitment. We also extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated staff, who prepared work at very short notice and remained available over the last two days to facilitate home learning. Their adaptability and teamwork ensured continuity for our learners despite the circumstances.

Let's all hope for cooler, more bearable temperatures **very soon!**

Thank you once again for being such a supportive school community.

Careers/ Try Something New Day

We were absolutely **thrilled** with the success of our very first *Careers and Try Something New Day*. Every pupil I spoke to shared how much they enjoyed hearing from such a wide variety of guests, each speaking so passionately about their careers and the paths that led them there. Pupils also loved getting hands-on with new skills — from knitting and card-making to box-hiit and shelter-building. The enthusiasm across the school was infectious. The response from our families and wider school community was truly **unbelievable**. Thank you to every single one of you who spread the word, volunteered your time, or took part in any way. Your support made this event not only possible but exceptional.

A very special thank you goes to **Mrs Tennet**, who tirelessly supported the planning and organisation. We are already buzzing with new ideas — so keep an eye out for **new community events** coming next academic year!

Country Dancing Festival – Cwmbran Town

What an absolute pleasure it was to see a group of our Year 3 pupils taking part so enthusiastically in the annual **Country Dancing Festival** in Cwmbran Town Centre last Saturday. Their energy, smiles and confidence lit up the square. I genuinely lost count of the number of dances they performed — and to top it off, they even learnt two brand-new dances on Saturday morning! A true testament to their natural talent, teamwork and willingness to give everything a

go. A huge thank you to **Mrs Jones**, who taught the children the dances and kindly gave up her Saturday morning to accompany them. Your dedication made this experience possible. And of course, a special thank you to all the parents, families, pupils and staff who came along to cheer them on. Your support means the world and helps create these memorable moments for our pupils. What a wonderful celebration of community, confidence and creativity.

Mini Olympics – 19th June, 2026

Congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils who took part in the Mini Olympics held at George Street last Friday. You represented our school with fantastic effort, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day. Many of you returned proudly wearing impressive medals, but win or lose, we are incredibly proud of your attitude and the way you supported one another. Thank you to Mr Sefton for taking the pupils and to the parents and families who went along and supported our athletes.

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 recently to all 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 interested, please complete the survey before the deadline (5pm today).

Talent Show- Monday 29th June, 6pm Padre Pio Talent Show --- FREE ENTRY FOR EVERYONE!!!

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

Thank you to all the pupils who took part in the auditions this week for our talent show. The entries were amazing and it made the judges job very difficult. However, they eventually narrowed the contestants down and the successful pupils should have brought a letter home this week for you to confirm that they can take part. If you have not done so, please email me on nicola@padrepiopriary.co.uk to confirm your child will be there.

Entrance to the talent show is FREE and everyone can attend, regardless if your child is taking part or not. It is always a very popular evening and we hope that you can join us. We will be selling refreshments and of course, there will be a raffle!!

In addition, we will be running a fun competition during the evening show for our talented parents and families — so start practising as you have not got long left!

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Sports Day – Tuesday 30 June (New Date)

The weather is looking **much more promising and cooler** for our new Sports Day date on **Tuesday 30 June**. Parents and families are invited to join us on the field and we hope that you can make the new date.

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**. 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.

Moving Up Day – Next Wednesday.

On Wednesday 1st 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 collect from that door at the end of the day. Pupils in Year 6 will spend the day at their chosen High School – details have been emailed to parents. St Alban's parents should have also received an email yesterday, confirming which form their child will be in starting September. We are sure all pupils will enjoy spending time with their new teachers and in their new classrooms and hope that any nerves will soon pass.

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

End of Year Reports

Your child's end of year school report will be emailed to you during the week beginning 6th July. It has been so rewarding reading each report and seeing the individual progress that every pupil has made this year. If you would like to discuss the contents of the report with your child's teacher, please contact us by telephone or email or contact the class teachers directly. I'm sure you will feel really proud when reading your child's achievements- I did!

Online Personalised Assessments

Each year pupils in Years 2 -6 complete informal assessments online and parents/carers have access to feedback on your child's results. **These results will be available from JULY 6th**. Instructions and links to access the information is provided on the school website, under the parent tab:

<https://www.padrepiorcprimary.co.uk/personalised-assessments/> If you require help accessing the results, please contact me or your child's class teacher. If you would like to discuss the results, equally speak to your child's teacher.

Music Assembly – Tuesday 7th July

Parents of pupils in our Reception class and Class 4 are invited to a music assembly, the finale to their class music projects, on **Tuesday 7 July, 2pm** in the school hall. We hope that you can join us!

Reception Class Assembly

Parents and families are invited to join us for Reception Class Assembly on **Wednesday 8 July, 9.15am**. The assembly will last approximately 20 minutes.

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 these parents and families 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. There will be tea/coffee available after the concert.

Class 6 Leavers Mass

Please join Class 6 pupils and staff on **Thursday 16 July** at **9.30am** in St. Alban's Church for their Leavers Mass with Canon Paul. It will be a special time for our school community to come together in gratitude and celebration. We will gather to thank God for the **wonderful pupils** who have been such an important part of our school family, and to pray for their continued happiness as they move on to their next exciting chapter.

Fun Day – Thursday 9 July

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

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**

Attendance Assembly

On Tuesday 14 July we will celebrate and reward the individuals who have excellent attendance and also the classes that have the best attendance and punctuality records this year - the winning class(es) will enjoy a picnic and sample Welsh treats.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

29.06.26	Yr 3, 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
14.07.26	Attendance Assembly
16.07.26	Year 6 Leavers Mass, 9.30 in Church
17.07.26	Last day of term for all pupils
20.07.26	INSET 6 – No school for pupils

01.09.26 INSET 1- No school for pupils

02.09.26 INSET 2- No school for pupils

And Finally

Wishing you all a wonderful and well-deserved weekend after an eventful and uncomfortable few days for many!!!

Best wishes, Mrs McGinty