



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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Annual Parent / Carer Questionnaire - Results

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the online survey. The survey is very positive about the school, but we are always striving to improve and staff and governors will consider the results and comments very carefully as we evaluate how well we are doing and set priorities for improvement.

We had a total of 34 responses.

34 parents (100%) agree that their child is safe in school.

33 parents (97%) told us that their child enjoys school, and many, when asked for 1 word their child would use to describe school, answered 'happy'.

34 (100%) feel their child is making good progress.

32 (94%) responded that the behaviour of pupils is managed well and 34 (100%) agree that the school's values and attitudes have a good effect on their child.

34 (100%) agree the school is well-led and managed.

34 (100%) agree they receive timely and clear information from school. 34 (100%) agree that requested donations/contributions to school and charity are affordable.

2 do not agree that their child is taught to stay safe online. In response, every class has regular lessons about how to stay safe online (appropriate for their age), but this can be reviewed and be more regular.

5 responded that they do not know the school's procedure for dealing with complaints can be found on the school website - please click this link to find the Complaints Procedure on the Key Information/Policies page of our school website:

<https://www.padrepiorcprimary.co.uk/policies/>

2 do not think sufficient and appropriate homework is provided. In response, please know that staff and governors will discuss your concern. Our Homework Policy can be found on our website:

<https://www.padrepiorcprimary.co.uk/policies/>

Please contact the school office if, after reading the policy, you think your child is not being provided with the right amount of homework. (The policy includes a useful guide to using online resources.)

The full results of the survey can be found here:

[Padre Pio School Parent Questionnaire 2025-26 – Results](#)

Talent Show

Congratulations to everyone who took part in our recent Talent Show! Every performer was fantastic, and it was amazing to see so much confidence, creativity, and talent on display. Everyone who took part should be incredibly proud of themselves. A huge well done to our winners and runners-up for their outstanding performances, and a big thank you to everyone who came along to support the event. Your encouragement helped make it such a special evening. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing **£198** for school. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make the event such a great success!

Sports Day

What a fantastic Sports Day we had! It was fabulous to see every child taking part with such enthusiasm, determination, and team spirit throughout both the morning and afternoon events. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to cheer on and support the children. Your encouragement helped make the day even more special. Well done to all of our pupils for their incredible effort, positive attitudes, and excellent sportsmanship. We are so proud of everyone for making Sports Day such an enjoyable and memorable event!

Padre Pio Leavers- Class of 2026 and pupils transferring schools

Good luck and best wishes to all the pupils leaving Padre Pio this academic year. As you close this chapter, remember how far you've come and how much you've grown. We hope you've all made memories, built friendships, and learned lessons that will stay with you forever. You will be dearly missed.

Farewell to Mrs Harris

It is with sadness we say goodbye to Mrs Jayne Harris who has taught in our Reception to Year 2 classes during the last 2 years. Mrs Harris has been a real asset to our school, always teaching with enthusiasm and passion. We would like to say thank you to her and wish her a very happy and long retirement. Mrs Tennet will be teaching PPA in these classes next year.

Online Personalised Assessments

Every year, pupils in Years 2-6 complete informal assessments online (Hwb) and parents/carers have access to results. Instructions and links to access the information are provided on the school website, under the parent tab:

<https://www.padrepiorcprimary.co.uk/personalised-assessments/>

You will need your child's Hwb login details (which your child should know).

Reminder for Next Year: Report Absence(s) to School

Please call school, 01495 742074, if your child will be absent – please select option 1 to leave a message, giving your child's name and the reason for absence, e.g. 'stomach ache' (please don't give reason 'unwell'; more detail is needed). Please do not email school or message on class dojo because these messages are often not read in time / before we make our calls home to find out why children are not in school. If you do not provide a reason for your child's absence or we are unable to contact you, we will make a referral to the Education Welfare Service who may visit you. Thank you.

Charity Donation

As part of R.E. learning, pupils in class 2 have been exploring the story of the Good Samaritan and thinking about how they can be good neighbours to others in the global community. Pupils have been working on a project to raise money for Mary's Meals. Pupils created artwork on the theme of being a good neighbour which they sold to their families for a suggested donation of £1. Pupils raised an amazing £61.50 for Mary's Meals charity, exceeding their target of £20! This money has been added to donations from other charity collections this year (e.g. Christmas Jumper Day) and £105 has been donated to Mary's Meals.

Music Assembly

Congratulations and thank you to our Year 4 and Reception classes for showcasing their musical talents during our recent Music Assembly. It was fantastic to see what the children had learned over the past 10 weeks, and they performed with such enthusiasm, confidence, and pride. The assembly was an outstanding celebration of their hard work and progress, and we are incredibly proud of all the children for their fantastic performances. We are delighted to share that Gwent Music will continue working with all classes next year, giving our pupils even more opportunities to develop their musical skills and enjoy making music together.

Reception Class Assembly

What an absolute privilege it was to sit back and watch our Reception class lead their recent assembly for parents, carers, and the rest of the school. Their confidence, teamwork, and enthusiasm truly shone throughout the performance.

It has been wonderful to see how much the children have grown and progressed since joining our school in September. They should all be incredibly proud of themselves for such a fantastic achievement.

A huge well done to all of the children, and thank you to the Reception staff for their hard work, dedication, and support in helping the children prepare for such a memorable assembly and to the families that attended.

Class 6 Leavers Concert

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for putting on a spectacular end of year performance for their families this week. It was wonderful to watch them perform with such confidence and I'm sure they made every parent and family member present very proud. Moments like this make me realise that the pupils are ready to move on to the next stage of their learning where they will continue to flourish. Well done, Year 6, you were great!

Class 6 Leavers Mass

Well done to our Year 6 pupils for participating so beautifully in our Year 6 Leavers' Mass. Their singing, reading, and exemplary conduct throughout the service were truly outstanding, and they represented our school with great pride and respect.

A sincere thank you to Canon Paul for leading this year's Leavers' Mass and for the continued support he has given our school throughout the year. We are very grateful for the spiritual guidance, kindness, and

encouragement he provides to both our pupils and staff. Thank you also to the families who joined us at church to celebrate this special occasion with our Year 6 pupils. Your support helped make the service a truly memorable and meaningful event.

Attendance Assembly

Attendance and punctuality are a high priority at our school, and we are delighted to share that we have improved in both areas this academic year.

Thank you to all our families who have worked in partnership with us to ensure that pupils attend school regularly and arrive on time each day. Your support plays a vital role in helping children achieve their full potential. This week, we were pleased to celebrate and reward pupils who have achieved an excellent attendance record throughout the year. Well done to everyone who received an award for this fantastic achievement!

Congratulations also to our Reception class, who achieved the best overall attendance this academic year, and to Class 4, who were recognised for having the best punctuality. As a reward for their fantastic commitment, both classes enjoyed a special Welsh picnic.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

01.09.26	INSET 1- No school for pupils
02.09.26	INSET 2- No school for pupils
03.09.26	First day back for all pupils
23.10.26	INSET 3 – No school for pupils
26.10.26 – 30.10.26	Half Term

And Finally

As we come to the end of another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed so positively to the life of our school. Together, we have achieved so much, and I am incredibly proud of all that we have accomplished.

My sincere thanks go to our brilliant pupils for their enthusiasm, hard work, and kindness; to our dedicated staff for their commitment and care; to our supportive parents and families for working in partnership with us; and to our Governing Body for their continued guidance and encouragement. We simply could not achieve all that we do without everyone working together with mutual respect, trust, and a shared commitment to providing the very best for our children. As the summer holidays begin, I hope you all have the opportunity to relax, recharge, and enjoy spending quality time with the people who matter most. I hope the weeks ahead are filled with happiness, laughter, and special memories.

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. I wish you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for the Autumn Term.

Very best wishes,
Mrs McGinty