



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
September
2025

INSET 3

School will be closed to pupils on **Friday 24 October** for INSET 3.

After School Clubs

After-school clubs will begin next week. The list of clubs available this term was posted in last week's newsletter. It is not too late for your child or children to join a club. Please email Mrs Lewis if you would like your child to be added to the list.

For safety and supervision, we kindly ask that only children attending the clubs remain on school premises at the end of the day, unless accompanied by an adult.

SAVE THE DATES!

26.09.25 at 2:15 p.m. – Coffee Afternoon for All Parents and Carers

This is a chance to meet with other parents for a chat. Mrs Jones (our ALNCo) and I will also be there to answer any questions you may have. We hope to see you there!

29.09.25 - Individual/sibling photographs of all children (Opportunity to purchase photographs)

07.10.25 at 2pm - Meeting for parents and carers about our new RE scheme of work, Majester, and our established RSE Scheme of Work, Life to the Full. During the meeting, we will present both schemes and share examples of what the children are learning in class. More details will follow in the next few weeks.

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 this half term are: **Eloquent and Truthful.**

Children are growing to be **eloquent and truthful** in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

School Mass for Feast of Padre Pio

Canon Paul will be celebrating Mass in school with classes 1–6 on **Tuesday, 23rd September, at 9:30 a.m.** in our school hall. All parents, families, and parishioners are warmly invited to join us. Our Reception class will join towards the end of Mass for a blessing. We would love to see you there!

Breakfast Club

It is wonderful to see so many children attending our breakfast club and enjoying a healthy breakfast with their friends. Breakfast club starts at 8:20 a.m., and the latest children can arrive is 8:30 a.m. to allow enough time to eat comfortably before school begins. For the safety of all, we politely ask parents and carers not to drive into the staff parking area for drop-off unless you have a blue badge. This area becomes extremely busy every morning, and staff are concerned that accidents may occur due to cars turning and reversing. We appreciate your full cooperation with this.

A Polite request from Class 3

Class 3 will be looking after our school garden this year and will be planting a variety of flowers and vegetables. If anyone has any spare or unwanted plants and/or seeds, Class 3 would gladly welcome them! Thank you for your support.

OVER TO OUR LEARNERS

Read what some of our children had to say about what they have enjoyed learning this week!

"I liked learning welsh colours with Mr Tucker" Millie, Dosbarth Derbyn/Reception Class

"I enjoyed counting" Freya, Dosbarth/class 1

"I enjoyed talking about Autumn and colouring leaves in Autumn colours. It was really fun!" Georgina, Dosbarth 2

"I enjoyed picking the apples and pears in the garden" Lwucus, Dosbarth 3

"I enjoyed learning about our new book "Hike" because it is interesting and it doesn't have any words and we have to figure out what is happening through the pictures" Osian, Dosbarth 4

"The best part about my week are the Jalapeno challenges in maths because it makes my work trickier" Thomas, Dosbarth 5

"I have learnt so much already. My RE is improving, my literacy is getting better and I'm even learning a bit more on my maths!" Eifion, Dosbarth 6

And Miss Way, Dosbarth 2 said: **"I have really enjoyed teaching our wonderful Class 2 pupils how to talk about how they feel in Welsh, Welsh is one of my favourite subjects to teach and it is lovely to see the children's enthusiasm this week, Da iawn!"**

Everyone should be really proud of their hard work, attitude, and behaviour this week—we certainly are! Congratulations to Reception and Class 4 for winning "Best Attendance" this week, and to Classes 2, 4, and 6 for having no late marks and achieving 100% punctuality- perfect! Good luck to all classes next week in the race for the trophies! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me or any member of staff—we are here to support you. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to seeing you again next week. Kind regards, Mrs. McGinty.

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