



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.

20
June
2025

First Holy Communion – Sunday 22 June

Six of our pupils will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday at 11am Mass. Please remember the children, Ava, Logan, Alexander, Antek, Harry and Aneira in your prayers as they receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday.

Afternoon Tea and Activities Afternoon

Friday 04 July, 2-3.30pm

To bring together our school community and raise funds for school activities and trips, please join us on the afternoon of Friday 4 July, 2-3.30pm. Enjoy afternoon tea and music. There will also be a bouncy castle, games, and sweet stalls. The Curriculum Group will be offering fun activities and the Mini Vinnies' stall will sell children's novelties and jewellery. We very much hope you can join us. If, however, you're not able to come along, your child will visit the activities area and stalls with their class teacher and so you may wish to give your child spending money.

Would you / your business like a stall at the fete? No charge, but donation to school welcome. Please call or email school to discuss.

Fundraiser for St. Alban's Church

Non-uniform on Friday 11 July – please donate a minimum of £1 per child (and school will match fund) to support St. Alban's Church's fundraiser to pay for the repair of the beautiful crucifix you will all know and see most days (at the start of Conway Road). Unfortunately, the crucifix needs extensive repairs or it will be removed for safety reasons. I hope you all feel as we do, that the crucifix is a landmark and an asset to our church and community.

Emailed End of Year Reports

This year's report format is the same as last year. As well as commenting on your child's progress in the different areas of learning, there is a table that indicates how well your child has engaged in their learning. Engagement is a measure of the effort which pupils put in and the attitude they demonstrate towards their learning. This is expressed as one of the following three colours: Gold (G), Silver (S) and Bronze (B). The criteria for each colour is clearly explained and hopefully you will find this information useful. Your child's school report will be emailed to you during the week beginning 7 July. Please contact school by phone or email if you would like to discuss the contents of the report with your child's teacher.

Country Dancing

We wish Mrs Jones and the children taking part in the Country Dancing competition the best of luck, enjoy yourselves and do your best. If you'd like to watch the dancing, the competition is in Cwmbran town centre (weather permitting) on Saturday, 10-12.

Moving Up Day

On Wednesday 2 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. Pupils in year 6 will spend the day at their chosen High School – details have been emailed to parents.

Classroom teachers for September 2025 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' Mass and Concert

On Wednesday 9 July at 6pm Class 6 will perform their end of year concerts for their families. On Tuesday 15 July, class 6 will be celebrating their time in Padre Pio School with a Leavers' Mass (at 9.30am at St. Alban's Church). We hope that you can join us for both the Mass and the Concert – it will be an opportunity to celebrate with them, as they prepare to move on to the next stage of their education.

Music Assembly

Parents of pupils in reception class and class 4 are invited to a music assembly, the finale to their class music projects, on Tuesday 8 July, 2pm in the school hall.

Annual Parent / Carer Questionnaire - Results

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the online survey. In general, 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 55 responses.

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

53 parents (96%) told us that their child enjoys school, and many, when asked for 1 word their child would use to describe school, answered 'fun'.

54 (98%) feel their child is making good progress.

52 (95%) responded that the behaviour of pupils is managed well and 55 (100%) agree that the school's values and attitudes have a good effect on their child.

54 (98%) agree the school is well-led and managed.

55 (100%) agree they receive timely and clear information from school. 55 (100%) agree that requested donations/contributions to school and charity are affordable.

We received 4 suggestions as to how school can improve the physical environment to aid parents and pupils who have a disability – 3 out of 4 suggestions refer to the car park – suggestions will be considered by governors and possibly included in our Access Plan.

5 (9%) 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.

7 (13%) 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.padrepiorprimary.co.uk/policies/>

7 (13%) do not think sufficient and appropriate homework is provided and 6 (11%) do not feel they're kept well informed about their child's progress. In response, please know that staff and governors will discuss your concern. Our Homework Policy can be found on our website: <https://www.padrepiorprimary.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 are on our school website - click on this link:

<https://www.padrepiorprimary.co.uk/parentcarer-questionnaire/>

Welcome Governors, Emma Davies and Gregory Dean

Sincere thanks to Emma Davies and Gregory Dean, both parents at school, for kindly agreeing to join our school governing body from September 2025. Our school could not run without our governing body and we still have vacancies – please contact school if you're interested in joining the team.

Thanks to Governors Rupert Perkins and Alida Smith

Sincere thanks to Rupert and Alida for their outstanding commitment to our school; both leave our governing body

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this term after having served on our school governing body for several years.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

22.06.25	First Holy Communion
23.06.25	Animals Interactive (meet yr 4)
24.06.25	Reception Trip
01.07.25	Yr 5 and 5 Trip
02.07.25	Moving Up Day (for all classes, inc. Yr 6 to spend day at High School)
03.07.25	Yr 3 and 4 Trip
08.07.25	Tennis (selected pupils yr 3 / 4)
08.07.25	Music Assembly 2pm (Reception and yr 4) – parents invited
10.07.25	Tennis (selected pupils yr 5)
10.07.25	Yr 6 to St. David's for Transition Mass with other cluster schools
21.07.25	INSET DAY 6
01.09.25	INSET 1
02.09.25	INSET 2