



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.

02
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2025

Estyn Inspection Report

Everyone should have received a copy of our recent Estyn inspection report which was distributed by email earlier this week. As a school we are pleased with the findings. A copy of the report is available via this link [Estyn Inspection Report](#).

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. 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.

Notice of non-uniform days and suggested donations (items will be used on 5s and 0s stalls):

- Friday 6 June - gift sets or toiletries
- Friday 13 June – boxes of sweets/chocolates/biscuits
- Friday 20 June – boxes of sweets/chocolates/biscuits



Pupil Profile

The virtues we will be focusing on this half term are: **Compassionate and Loving**

We will be encouraging the pupils to be more **compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** by their actions and words.

What does this mean?

In Padre Pio, we support pupils to grow to be more compassionate and loving in the way they treat other people, especially when a pupil is in difficulty; and by opening pupils' eyes to those who suffer poverty, injustice or violence.

Congratulations to Miss Powell

Reception class teaching assistant, Miss Powell, married during the Easter holiday - our congratulations to Mr and Mrs Kettle!

Summer Uniform

We have received a few queries about summer uniform, particularly around the suitability of pupils wearing shorts during hot weather. Children can wear shorts to school, including their PE shorts. The shorts should be black and a suitable length, i.e. knee-length black shorts. I hope this provides enough clarity and thank you for your support.

Sports Day – Thursday 5 June

You're invited to attend our sports day on Thursday 5 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 on 6 June, is 12 June. Pupils can wear kit to school: PE kit for infants, and PE kit or a top in house colour for juniors (pupils will be told which house they're in).

Meeting for Parents of Pupils Starting School 2025

A meeting for parents has been arranged for Friday 6 June at 2pm in the school hall. The meeting will provide you with dates for class visits and enable you to book an appointment with the reception class teacher. We'll provide information on uniform, school meals, arrangements for September, etc.

VE Day Celebration – Thursday 8 May

We will celebrate 80 years since VE Day, the end of the Second World War in Europe, on Thursday 8 May. We will have a picnic lunch! Change to lunch menu: chicken/beef/quorn burger and chips, ice cream (no pasta bar) on Thursday; lasagne on Friday.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 05.05.25** **BANK HOLIDAY**
- 19.05.25** Yr 2 visit Pontypool Library
- 20.05.25** Class photos
- 22.05.25** Yr 6 transition event – cricket
- 04.06.25** Yr 2 assembly, 9.15 (parents invited)
- 05.06.25** Sports Day
- 06.06.25** Meeting for parents of new intake, 2pm
- 11.06.25** Yr 5 visit St. Alban's High, 11-12.40
- 22.06.25** First Holy Communion
- 02.07.25** Moving Up Day
- 21.07.25** **INSET DAY 6**

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS – SUMMER TERM 2025 - ALL CLUBS START W/C 12 May

If your child would like to participate in a new club, please email susan.lewis@torfaen.gov.uk with your child's name, class, and chosen club(s). Clubs run from 3.05pm to 4pm.

* Please note that Dance Club can't take new members and Cookery and Art Clubs are limited to 10 places.

Name	Club	Day	For Pupils in Year:
Mrs McGinty	Activities	Tuesday	1 and 2
Mr Welsh	Tennis	Tuesday	4, 5 and 6
Mrs Kettle	Cookery*	Tuesday	3 and 4
Mr Francis	Rugby	Wednesday (until 31 May)	5 and 6
Mr Francis	Cricket	Wednesday (from 1 June)	4, 5 and 6
Mrs Tennet	Art*	Wednesday	6
Mrs Williams	Dance Fusion* (FULL)	Wednesday	5 and 6
Mr Sefton	Choir	Thursday	3,4,5,6
Miss Way	Welsh and Criw Cymraeg	Thursday	3,4,5,6
Mr Francis / Mr Welsh	Athletics / Rounders	Friday	5 and 6

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