



# 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.

**07**  
**March**  
**2025**

### Consultations with Class Teacher

**Monday 10, Tuesday 11, Wednesday 12 March**

The booking system has closed. If you need to make or change your booking, please call the school office.

For the evenings to run smoothly, and to ensure parents aren't kept waiting, the meetings will last no longer than 10 minutes.

Please contact the school office if you are unable to meet with your child's teacher on these dates – we will do our best to arrange a mutually convenient time for you to speak with your child's class teacher.

**Please note that there will no after school activities/clubs during this week.**



### Pupil Profile

The virtues we will be focusing on this half term are: **Attentive and Discerning**

We will be encouraging the pupils to be more **attentive** to their experience and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

### Why do we focus on these virtues?

It is important that we are **attentive** to the big and the small things, to the responses of other people, to the stirrings in our hearts, and to the many concerns that thread their way through our lives. Being **attentive** takes practice; it is much easier to rush from one thing to the next, taking little time to notice anything. Once we develop the habit of being attentive, we can begin to **discern** what is good for us and what is not; and what God calls us to be, and to do.

### Class Music Concert – Tuesday 18 March

As the finale to the class 1, 3 and 5 music projects, you're invited to attend their end of project performance on Tuesday 18 March at 2pm.

### Class 6 Assembly – Wednesday 19 March

Parents of pupils in year 6 are invited to attend their pupil-led assembly on Wednesday 19 March at 9.15am.

### Class 4 Assembly – Wednesday 26 March

Parents of pupils in year 4 are invited to attend their pupil-led assembly on Wednesday 26 March at 9.15am.

### Book Day Celebration – Thursday 3 April

Due to the Eisteddfod this week, we will be celebrating Book Day on Thursday 3 April. The focus will be on the enjoyment of reading and the pleasure and benefits it brings. Instead of dressing as their favourite book character, children can wear comfortable non-uniform - this will mark the day, but spare parents the expense and work involved in providing a costume.

### Family Quiz Night – Thursday 3 April

Please join us for family quiz night on Thursday 3 April, 6pm in the school hall. Please support this fundraising event.

### Easter Assemblies – 7-10 April

To prepare for the events of Holy Week, pupils in Classes 3-6 will be leading an assembly each day. The timetable is below, and parents and the school community are very welcome to attend. All assemblies will be held in the school hall.

Monday 7 April at 2.30pm Class 3 (Palm Sunday)

Tuesday 8 April at 9.15am Class 4 (The Last Supper)

Wednesday 9 April at 9.15am Class 5 (Good Friday)

Thursday 10 April at 9.15am Class 6 (Easter Sunday)

### Whole School Mass – Friday 11 April

Please join us for Mass on Friday 11 April, 9.30am, at St. Alban's Church.

### Easter Bonnet Parade – Thursday 10 April

Pupils in Reception class – Class 2 are invited to make an Easter bonnet for 10 April – please bring bonnets into school on the morning for judging (and for the parade in the afternoon).

Parents are invited to join us for the parade at 1.45pm. We will be holding a raffle before the parade to raise funds to cover the cost of the prizes that pupils will receive (and to help pay for transport for summer trips) – we thank you in anticipation of your support.

### Easter Craft Competition – Thursday 10 April

There will be an Easter theme craft competition for pupils in classes 3, 4, 5 and 6. Please bring art/craft in on the morning of Thursday 10 April for judging.

### EASTER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED

School will be closed after Friday 11 April (for 2 weeks) for Easter. School will re-open on Monday 28 April.

### INSET DAY AND BANK HOLIDAY

05.05.25 – BANK HOLIDAY

21.07.25 – INSET 6

### Fruit Snack and Water

We remind you that the only drink your child should bring to school is water (ideally in a refillable water bottle) and, if your child wants a break-time snack, they're only to have a piece of fruit – they will be told to take any other snacks home. For parents providing lunch for their child, we politely request that you do not include sweets and fizzy drinks in lunchboxes.

### Uniform

We remind you that children should attend school smartly dressed in school uniform (this includes black footwear). Clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name.

### Attendance and Punctuality

We remind you that good attendance and punctuality are very important to your child's education. To avoid disruption to the class, please ensure your child is in school ready for the 8.55am start. If your child is unwell, please leave a message on the school's voicemail telling us the reason your child will be absent from school.