



# 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**  
**February**  
**2025**

## Estyn Inspection 17-19 February

School will be inspected by Estyn during the week beginning 17 February. A guide for parents and carers to help you understand school inspections has been emailed to you. A very important part of the inspection process is seeking the views of parents and carers. This is done in 2 ways:

### Online parent/carer questionnaire

Please use the following link or QR code to complete a questionnaire before the deadline of 11pm on 9 February:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WY23GP/>



### Parents' meeting

An opportunity for parents to meet with the inspection team has been arranged for 3.15pm on Monday 17 February in the school hall. Please make every effort to attend as your views are important. If your children are with you, arrangements will be made for school staff to supervise them while you attend the meeting.

### Consultations with Class Teacher

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

This term, to allow parents to see their child's work, consultations with teachers will be held face-to-face, in school. Appointments must be booked using our online booking system; an easy way for you to book a convenient time to speak with your child's teacher. You should have received an email with a link to the online booking system. Click on the link and type in your full name and then your child's first name (if you have more than one child, any of their first names will work). Click 'Please Choose' to be shown a list of available times that you can click to book. Then click 'Book this Slot' to complete your booking. When the button has turned green you know your booking has been made. Please note: the booking system will close on Tuesday 4 March – if you need to change your booking after this time, 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 have any trouble making a booking or if you are unable to meet with your child's teacher on these dates.

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

### Class 3 Assembly

Parents of pupils in year 3 are invited to attend their pupil-led assembly on Wednesday 19 February at 9.05am.

## Opportunity for Pupils to share their work with Parents / Carers

Last academic year, we trialled an initiative with 2 classes where parents had the opportunity, during the school day, to look at their children's books with their child present. Feedback was very positive from both parents and pupils, so this term we are providing this opportunity for all classes. The sessions are listed below and will take place before the upcoming parent / teacher consultations. For families with more than one child in school we will try to accommodate a time when you can see your children's work in one visit, if this would be helpful for you.

Date	Time	Class
Tues. 4 March	9.05	Class 1
Tues. 4 March	2.15	Class 2
Wed. 5 March	2.15	Class 6
Thurs. 6 March	9.05	Class 5
Thurs. 6 March	2.15	Class 3
Fri. 7 March	2.15	Rec
Mon. 10 March	2.15	Class 4

### Class 4 Mass

Parents are invited to join us for Mass at St. Alban's Church on Tuesday 11 February, 9.30am.

### Class 5 to watch Godspell

Year 5 pupils have been invited to watch a production of Godspell at St. Alban's High School during the morning of Monday 17 February. Pupils will walk to and from the high school. Pupils may bring £1-£2 to buy something from the tuck shop.

### Meeting re. Abernant Trip (Year 6)

You're invited to a meeting regarding the year 6 trip on Wednesday 5 March at 3.15pm in school (class 6). Staff who have been on the trip in previous years will be available to answer any questions that you may have.

### 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.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

21.02.25	INSET 5
21.07.25	INSET 6

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