



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.

23
January
2025

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 will receive 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.

If for any reason you are unable to meet with your child's teacher on these dates, please contact school.

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

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.

Supporting your Child's Reading – Reception Class

On Tuesday, 4 Feb at 9.00am, Mrs McGinty will be running a session for parents of Reception Class on how we teach reading. All parents of Reception children are welcome to attend.

Class 3 Assembly

Parents of pupils in year 3 are invited to attend their pupil-led assembly on Wednesday 19 February at 9.15am.

Year 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.

First Holy Communion

Preparation for First Holy Communion will begin on Friday 14 February at 4.30pm in the Sacristy, St. Alban's Church. First Holy Communion will be on Sunday 22 of June at the 11am Mass at St. Alban's. There are lists of the dates of the lessons at the back of the Church which can be picked up after any of the Masses during the week. It is also necessary to complete a form before the first lesson (forms are also available at the back of the Church).

Environmental Grant

Our thanks go to Pontypool Community Council for the £1,000 grant school received – the grant is being used to enhance our school and local environment. Last week, pupils in class 4 enjoyed making bird boxes (1 per child, to be taken home) and, in February, pupils in class 6 will make bird boxes and insect hotels (for home and school).

DATES FOR THE DIARY

21.02.25 INSET 5
21.07.25 INSET 6

2024/2025 School Term and Holiday Dates

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Spring	Monday 06.01.25	Monday 24.02.25	Friday 28.02.25	Friday 11.04.25
Summer	Monday 28.04.25	Monday 26.05.25	Friday 30.05.25	Monday 21.07.25

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