



# 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.

**09**  
**January**  
**2025**

### Welcome Back to School

Welcome Back! We hope that all families have had a wonderful Christmas and that this is going to be a very happy new year for everyone.  
The children have arrived back keen and ready to learn. It is great to see them well-rested and ready for the new term.

### Class 4 Mass

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

### Our Virtues and Values

The pair of virtues we are focusing on this half-term is:

#### Grateful and Generous

We will be encouraging the pupils to be:  
**Grateful** for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day;

#### And

**Generous** with their gifts, becoming a person who thinks about and helps others.



### 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

### Spring Term After School Clubs

Pupils can continue with clubs they joined last term, except for: Cookery Club, which is now open to pupils in year 3 – 4; and I.T. for year 3 and 4 which will not run this term.

**Dewch i Clwb Cymraeg/Come to Welsh club! A chance to learn some Welsh songs, play language games, watch some Welsh television and have fun! Members of Criw Cymraeg are strongly encouraged to attend this club to help the school in the journey towards earning our Gold Award/Gwobr Aur.**

Please email [susan.lewis@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:susan.lewis@torfaen.gov.uk) if your child would like to join a club (no need to email if your child is continuing to attend a club they joined last term).

### Class Music Project

Gwent Music will deliver a music project in class 1, class 3, and class 5 this term. After the 10-week projects, pupils will perform in an assembly (parents will be invited). We hope that all pupils enjoy the opportunity to play a musical instrument. School will pay for all projects.

### Class 3 Assembly

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

### Unauthorised Absences and Fixed Penalty Notices

As part of the Local Authority's drive to improve school attendance they use fixed penalty notices (FPNs). The LA will only issue a FPN as a last resort and usually issues are resolved with clear home-school communication. However, should the school and LA feel that there are no underlying reasons for absence from school then the FPN process may be followed. For your information, Fixed Penalty Notices may be considered appropriate when:

- At least 10 sessions (5 school days) are lost due to unauthorised absence during the current academic year - these do not need to be consecutive days; or
- Unauthorised absences of at least 10 sessions (5 school days) due to holidays in term time or delayed return from extended holidays; or
- Persistent late arrival at school, i.e. after the register has closed, in the current term. Persistent means at least 10 sessions of late arrival; or
- Truancy, where the child has come to the attention of the Police or public during school hours for being absent from school, without an acceptable reason.

With the above in mind, please can we remind you to take note of school term dates and avoid booking holidays during term time. If you need to inform school of holiday dates, please complete a request for authorised leave form (contact school for form). Based on your child's attendance rate, school will decide if the holiday can be marked as authorised in the attendance register. School may refer to the Local Authority's Education Welfare Service regarding unauthorised absences and parents may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) for an unauthorised holiday in term time.

To view our school Attendance Policy, please visit the policies section of our school website.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SPRING TERM 2025 - ALL CLUBS START W/C 20 JANUARY

\*Art and Cookery, limited to 10 places. Clubs run from 3.05pm to 4pm.

Name	Club	Day	For Pupils in Year:
Mrs McGinty	Activities	Tuesday	1 and 2
Mr Welsh	I.T.	Tuesday	5 and 6
Miss Powell	Cookery*	Tuesday	<b>3 and 4</b>
Mr Francis	Rugby	Wednesday	5 and 6
Mrs Tennet	<b>FULL Art*</b>	Wednesday	5
Mrs Williams	Dance Fusion	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	Football	Friday	5 and 6

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