



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023



Thursday 14th September 2023

The mission of St Richard's is that we know,
love and follow Christ by looking after each
other and trying our best every day

EDUCATION SUNDAY 2023

Last Sunday, 10th September, was Education Sunday. This special occasion helps us to reflect upon how fortunate we have been to receive help and support throughout our own and our children's education. On behalf of the whole community of St Richard's, and at the start of a new school year, I would like to thank all our staff for the tremendous dedication and energy that they continue to show to the children whom they teach and support.



YEAR 6 SATS WEEK MAY 2024

The Key Stage 2 SATS tests which all our Year 6 pupils will be taking this academic year are timetabled from Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May 2024. It is vitally important that all our Year 6 pupils are in school for the whole of this week. Please make a note now in your diary or calendar.

STAYING IN TOUCH AND INFORMED BY NEWSLETTER

It is vitally important that parents receive and read the newsletter every week. The newsletter will only be printed and handed out very occasionally – approximately once every half-term. Usually, the newsletter is only available electronically. It can be accessed on the school's website every Thursday afternoon. However, if you wish to receive the newsletter directly every week by email, then you simply have to send:

1. Your full name
2. Name(s) and class(es) of your child(ren) at our school
3. Preferred email address
4. The message *'I consent to school using my email address in order to send me a copy of the newsletter each week of term'*.

to comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk and you will be added to the mailing list.

RESPONDING TO THE NEWSLETTER

We are always happy to receive comments, observations or suggestions about the newsletter or any aspect of school life in general. Any such comments will be read and considered. These can be emailed to: comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS TERM

Our after-school activities will be starting back up this half-term in the week commencing Monday 18th September. Please keep a look out for further details.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word is now back to its usual format and, for the time being, remains an online only publication (no paper copies have been available since the pandemic). Please try to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/forgiveness?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=102.6>



WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

National Online Safety (NOS) have created free online safety guides for schools to share with parents and carers. This campaign is called '#Wakeup Wednesday'. At St Richard's we provide a link most weeks to a different topical e-safety issue so that parents and children are better informed and able to make better choices about their computer and internet use. This week's edition of Wake Up Wednesday profiles 'live streaming' – a hugely popular activity among young people that is certainly not without hazards. Please read more [here](#)

REINFORCED AUTOCLAVED AERATED CONCRETE (RAAC)

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in schools as well as other settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete and, because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. The Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and, as a result, some schools have had to temporarily close and make other arrangements for their pupils.

We wanted to inform you that, at St Richard's, we are not affected by this situation because **we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings** and therefore we will continue to function as normal. I hope that this offers reassurance.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School