



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2024



Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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.

## WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week's edition of the Wednesday Word is back to its usual weekly format and it is available by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/new-start?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=115.2>

This week's Wednesday Words are **NEW START**

## APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN RECEPTION FOR 2024

The closing date for applying for a Reception place for your child for a September 2024 start is **NEXT MONDAY, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. Manchester City Council will send offers of places to those who applied on time on National Offer Day, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Please remember a place in our Nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception. Applying late means you have less chance of getting your preferred school. Please ensure that your application is on time by completing the form at: [https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary\\_school\\_admissions/7264/apply\\_for\\_a\\_reception\\_class\\_place\\_for\\_september\\_2023/4](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2023/4)



## DO NOT GO THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK

Parents must not cut through the staff car park next to St Richard's Church and should never attempt to squeeze past or go under the car park barriers because this is potentially very dangerous. Parents must not attempt to open the green pedestrian gate that leads onto this car park. Many thanks in advance for your complete cooperation.

## WAKE UP WEDNESDAY: MANAGING SCREEN TIME

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 is about what parents and carers need to know about managing their child(ren)'s screen time. Please read more [here](#)

## ST RICHARD'S HOLIDAY DATES

The school calendar (both for the current as well as next academic year) provides the dates when all pupils must be in school, as well as when our holidays are. This is available at:

<https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/calendar/>

Please ensure that your child is on time and in school every day that school is open to them. We break up for February half-term holidays on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024** and we return to school on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**.

## LEARNING JOURNEYS

The most up to date version of what your child will learn throughout the whole of this year - and in every subject - is available on the school's website at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/curriculum-2023-24/>

. By clicking on the blue hyperlinked long-term plan for the relevant year group, you will be able to see your child's long-term plan - all the topics that they will cover in each subject this year. Many of these topics are also hyperlinked. If you click on these hyperlinks, you will find lesson-by-lesson plans called 'Learning Journeys' which provide even finer detail about what your child has already learned in Autumn term 2023 - and will be learning in Spring and Summer Term 2024. Please take a look.

## RECEIVING THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

It is vitally important that parents receive and read the newsletter every week so that you know what's going on at St Richard's. The newsletter is only very occasionally sent out as a paper copy. The latest version of the weekly newsletter can be accessed on the school's website every Thursday afternoon. We are happy to email the newsletter to parents every week if they request this service. If you are not currently receiving the newsletter each week but wish to receive the newsletter every Thursday by email, then simply 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](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk) and you will be added to the mailing list.

## RESPONDING TO THE NEWSLETTER

As we start 2024, it's worth remembering that we are always happy to receive comments, observations or suggestions about the newsletter or any other aspect of school life. Any comments that we receive will be read and considered.

These should be emailed to: [comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk)

With many thanks for your continuing support,

*Mr J Murray*

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