



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2024



Thursday 21st March 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.



Holy Week

WE ARE STILL IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK!

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, this coming Sunday, 24th March. During Holy Week in school next week, we will be recalling the events leading up to

Jesus' death whilst also looking forward to His Resurrection, which we celebrate on Easter Sunday, 31st March. This is why we (and lots of other Catholic schools) are still in school next week (**we break up for Easter on Thursday 28th March**). There will be a newsletter next Thursday.

EASTER VIGIL MASS

The Easter Vigil Mass (the first mass of Easter) will be celebrated at St Richard's RC Church on Saturday 30th March 2024, starting at 6.00pm. We would be delighted if you could make every effort to attend this mass with your child(ren). All children must be accompanied at this mass by a parent or carer.

If you have a child in Key Stage 2 and would like them to do a reading at this mass (and they will definitely be attending), please email comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk with your child's first and last name, their class and year group as soon as possible. Readings will be allocated on a first come-first served basis.

Please visit <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/about-us/st-richards-parish-church/> for details of Holy Week Services taking place in the Parish of St Robert's (St Richard's Church Longsight and St Mary's Church Levenshulme) over the Easter period.

RETURNING ST JOSEPH'S PENNY BOXES

Many thanks for your continuing efforts to fill the St Joseph's Penny boxes. Please continue to fill up the boxes until Easter and bring them back to school straight after the Easter break. All your efforts are truly appreciated.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST FORGIVENESS

Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) in St Richard's Church last Friday. They were all wonderful. Please remember all these families in your prayers at this special time.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week's version of the Wednesday Word is the holiday version that you will be able to access over the Easter break. The team behind the Wednesday Word have generously produced this lovely resource for free for the past four years (please remember them in your prayers). Please share the Wednesday Word as a family over Easter by visiting [Easter Special - Magazine - Page 8 \(paperturn-view.com\)](https://www.paperturn-view.com)

MCR ACTIVE SPORTS CLUBS RUNNING OVER EASTER

Please visit <https://www.mcractive.com/activity/HAF> for information and instructions about how to book/register with MCR Active for Easter holiday activities. The activities are funded by the DfE and are free for school-aged children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

NON-UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW

Tomorrow is a non-uniform day for all children at St Richard's. The suggested voluntary contribution is £1. All money raised will go towards school funds.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS OVER EASTER

Manchester City Council has approved funding for free school meal (FSM) vouchers for children eligible for benefits-led free school meals. As in previous holidays, school will issue the vouchers to parents. Even though we only have a week and a day off at Easter, two weeks' vouchers will still be issued. This means that if MCC agrees to fund vouchers going forward (i.e. May half term), eligible families at St Richard's will only receive vouchers for one week at May half-term.

SUMMER UNIFORM RULES AFTER EASTER

From Monday 8th April 2024, when we return to school, and as an alternative to winter uniform, pupils may wear summer uniform. Summer uniform may be worn until the October half-term holidays. For girls, summer uniform consists of blue and white gingham dress. Girls may also wear white tights or black, white or grey socks as part of summer uniform. Boys' summer uniform consists of dark grey trousers or shorts, light blue polo shirt and plain navy school sweatshirt (preferably with the school logo and no other logo allowed).

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 to a different topical e-safety issue most weeks so that parents and children are better informed and able to make better choices about their internet use. This week's guide is a useful repeat and is all about **stronger passwords** and can be viewed [here](#)

END OF TERM AWARDS ASSEMBLIES

Parents are very welcome to attend their child(ren)'s end of Spring Term Awards Assembly which all take place next week. Details of these are below:

Monday 25th March	Nursery and Reception end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
Tuesday 26th March	Year 1 and Year 2 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
Wednesday 27th March	Year 3 and Year 4 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
Thursday 28th March	Year 5 and Year 6 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
Thursday 28th March	Pupils break up for Easter
Saturday 30th March	Easter Vigil Mass at St Richard's RC Church (6pm)
Monday 8th April 2024	Pupils return to school

With many thanks for your continuing support

Mr J Murray

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