



St. Richard's RC Primary Holy Week Newsletter 2024



Thursday 28th 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.



WE BREAK UP FOR EASTER TODAY

We break up today, Thursday 28th March, for our Easter holidays. We return to school on Monday 8th April. We wish all our pupils and their families, as well as all our dedicated and hard-working staff and

governors a very happy and holy Easter break. Thank you for all your efforts this term everyone!

THIS WEEK IS HOLY WEEK

Holy Week began last Sunday, with Palm Sunday. During Holy Week in school, we have been recalling and reflecting on the events leading up to Jesus' death whilst also looking forward to His Resurrection, which we celebrate this coming Sunday: Easter Sunday. Tomorrow is Good Friday, when Christians commemorate Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. It is traditionally a day of sorrow, penance, and fasting. We wish all our families the peace, holiness, hope and joy of the Easter season. Please visit <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/about-us/st-richards-parish-church/> for details of the remaining 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.

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.

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.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week's version of the Wednesday Word is still 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/> 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TIES

First Holy Communion Ties are available to purchase from school (via the School Gateway app). The ties are £5 each. They are red and feature a chalice. The ties are traditionally worn by the Year 3 boys who will make their First Holy Communion in May this year.

PARK AND STRIDE

'Park and Stride' is a simple idea for families who live further away to still enjoy the benefits of walking to school. If you drive your child to school, please consider parking a ten-minute walk from school and complete their journey on foot. This reduces traffic, congestion and road danger around our school gates whilst allowing children the chance to get active for the last part of their journey. Walk to School Week 2024 starts on 20th May this year and it would be great if you were already prepared for this.

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 weekly link to a different topical e-safety issue 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 **Managing Device Stress and Anxiety** and can be viewed [here](#)

HOW CAN YOU FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS LEARNING?

All our parents play a crucial role in supporting their children's learning and children at St Richard's do better at school because of this. Please have a good look at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/curriculum-2023-24/> over the Easter break. This page of our school website lets parents see what their child(ren) will be learning in school this year.

PHOTOS ON CLASS WEBPAGES FROM SPRING TWO

Please have a look at this half-term's collection of photos for your child's class. These are available under the written information on your child's class page on the school website by clicking 'Click here to see a sample of our work.' More photos will be added at the end of each half-term.

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).

With many thanks for your continuing support

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