



St. Richard's RC Primary Summer Term Newsletter 2023



Thursday 25th April 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.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

The month of May begins next week. May is a special month of devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. This May, we could try to set some extra time aside in order to look up to Mary as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist us whenever we are in need. In the Catholic tradition, we ask Mary to intercede for us with her Son, we do not worship Mary. Throughout May we could ask Jesus to grant us a small amount of the heroic patience, angelic kindness and heavenly wisdom which Our Mother Mary demonstrates in such gracious abundance.



WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

Please share the joy of the Wednesday Word as a family this week by visiting [Growing - Magazine - Page 1 \(paperturn-view.com\)](http://growing-magazine-page1.paperturn-view.com). This week's Wednesday Word is **GROWING**

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

We continue to signpost parents to National Online Safety's free online safety guides for parents and carers. This campaign is called '#WakeUp Wednesday'. At St Richard's this means that we provide an almost 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 not just about computers and the internet – it is a really useful read all about **encouraging open conversations at home** and can be viewed by clicking [here](#)

PENALTY NOTICE FINES ARE CHANGING

From 19th August 2024, Penalty Notice Fines will increase from the current **£120** to be paid within 28 days (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days) to **£160** to be paid within 28 days (which will be reduced to £80 if paid within the first 21 days). A letter was sent to every family last Friday regarding the increase.

The DfE states *'Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school'*

BIG TENNIS WEEKEND

Anyone for tennis? Manchester Tennis Centre is hosting a FREE fun open day for families and children this coming Saturday, 27th April, from 10am-12pm. This is a chance to try out the newly resurfaced indoor courts. The centre's address is:

Manchester Tennis & Football Centre
Gate 2, Etihad Campus,
Manchester, M11 3DU

You can book a place by emailing: mark.cowley@gll.org

CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

Below are details of class assemblies which are coming up this term. They begin at 9am in the main school hall. Parents are very welcome to attend their child(ren)'s class assembly.

Date	Class assembly for:
Thursday 9 th May	Reception 2
Thursday 27 th June	Reception 1

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. We have a new banner outside school on Wilpshire Avenue to highlight this upcoming initiative.

Whenever parents do drive their children to school it is essential that there is consideration for the surrounding community. Please do not obstruct the driveways of the school's neighbours on Sutcliffe Avenue as this causes significant inconvenience for those who live nearest to us. Please be courteous and neighbourly at all times. Many thanks in advance.

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 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 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

With many thanks for your continuing support

Mr J Murray

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