



St. Richard's RC Primary Summer Term Newsletter



Thursday 16th May 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.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TONIGHT 6.30PM

The children from Class 5 who have been on the Sacramental Programme this year will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time this evening, Thursday 16th May, at 6.30pm in St Richard's Church. On Thursday 23rd May at 6.30pm, it will be the turn of the children from Class 6. At both masses

there will also be very welcome guests from other schools who will be making their First Holy Communion. Please remember to pray for all these children and their families who are about to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

THIS SUNDAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Feast of Pentecost takes place on Sunday 19th May.

Whitsuntide is another name for Pentecost. Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Church and is the start of the Church's mission to the world. Pentecost is a happy festival. The first Pentecost came when people from many different nations were in Jerusalem, celebrating the Jewish festival of Shavuot. The Holy Spirit descended on the apostles. It arrived as a strong wind and it settled as tongues of fire. The apostles soon found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit.



YEAR 6 SATS

Year 6 KS2 SATs have been taking place every day this week, with the final test taking place today. I just wanted to say a big 'Thank you and well done!' to all the Year 6 children and all the Year 6 staff who have worked incredibly hard in preparation for and completion of the KS2 SATS.

PROTECTING YOUR CHILD FROM THE SUN

This is a reminder for when the weather is hot and sunny: Please provide your child with effective protection from the sun. You should apply sun cream to your child before you bring them to school. On a particularly hot and sunny day if you feel they may need a top up, this will not be applied by staff in school although they will assist your child if necessary.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

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

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 '#WakeUpWednesday'. At St Richard's this means that we provide an almost weekly link to a different 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 really useful read all about **healthy sleeping habits** and it can be viewed by clicking [here](#)

SUMMER UNIFORM THIS TERM

Now that we are well into the Summer term, 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).

Many thanks in advance for always sending your child to school in smart and full school uniform. Please remember that jewellery (including earrings) is not allowed in school under any circumstances and that all pupils should wear sensible black shoes.

FSM VOUCHERS OVER SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

The council has agreed to fund free school meals vouchers over the May 2024 half term holidays, for children eligible for free school meals (FSM). Next week you will be issued with a £15 voucher per eligible child. As we previously advised, the other £15 was issued to eligible parents in April prior to the Easter one break, when £30.00 was issued.

NON-UNIFORM FOR UN DAY OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

This is advance notice that on **Tuesday 21st May** (next Tuesday) we will be celebrating UN Day of Cultural Diversity at St Richard's. We will be marking the occasion – and acknowledging our school's amazing diversity – by encouraging all our pupils (and staff) to come to school on that day in either their national costume/dress, or in national colours. All clothing and shoes must be sensible and appropriate for a day at school. There is no cost for this non-uniform celebration.



CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

Below are details of our next class assembly. This will 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 27 th June	Reception 1

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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