



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2024



Thursday 12th September 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

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

We hope that you had a great summer break. All the staff have been delighted to have the children back in school and we have seen and heard lots of lovely manners and great behaviour already. We welcome all our new pupils and new staff. I am confident that, as ever, we will all strive energetically together throughout the year to ensure that the children of St Richard's continue to receive a superb education.

PRAYER OF ST RICHARD

All of our KS2 children enjoyed a lovely start of the year Mass in St Richard's Church yesterday. Our school prayer is printed below in the hope that you may occasionally wish to pray this prayer at home as a family this year:

Thanks be to You my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits that You have given me, for all the pains and insults that You have borne for me. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may I know You more clearly, love You more dearly and follow You more nearly, day by day.

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

The Wednesday Word is now back to its usual format following the summer break. Please try to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/jesus?pid=MTA101634&v=147.2>

This week's Wednesday Word is **JESUS**

APPLICATIONS FOR A YEAR 7 SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Manchester City Council's online application portal opened on the 19th August 2024. Our school office staff can help parents who may be experiencing difficulties with submitting their applications online. Please phone school to make an appointment if you require this. Please follow this link to make an online application: [Apply for a place | Apply for a year 7 secondary place for September 2025 | Manchester City Council](#)

The deadline for on-time applications is **5pm Thursday 31st October 2024**.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Many thanks for your wonderful efforts in sending your child(ren) to school in such smart uniform. May I remind parents that no earrings (or any other jewellery) can be worn by pupils. No make-up or nail varnish is allowed. Smart black school shoes are the only footwear allowed – no trainers please.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PUNCTUALITY

At the start of each school day, it is vitally important that all our pupils arrive on time. There is a very generous window of opportunity for this at St Richard's - between 8.30am and 8.58am. Punctuality is essential as it sets the tone for the whole day, reduces pupil anxiety and maximises learning opportunities. At the end of the day, we always expect **parental punctuality** – picking your child(ren) up on time. Many thanks in advance for your full support and cooperation.

CONGRATULATIONS MRS HARVEY!

Over the summer holidays Miss Carr got married. We pass on our warm congratulations to the new Mrs Harvey and to her family and wish them all the very best for the future.

ECO-COUNCIL GREEN FLAG AWARD

We are delighted to let you know that our Eco-Committee has yet again been successful in meeting the requirements for the prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag Award. In making the decision, the Eco-Schools organisation sent us a lovely letter which, amongst many other great things, stated,

'We love your collaborative approach to creating an Eco-Code, this approach has allowed young people to take ownership and create a final code that will be treasured by everyone at your school! Thank you so much for submitting such a terrific application. We have loved reading about your journey and are incredibly impressed by all you have achieved. We have no hesitation in awarding you an Eco-Schools Green Flag, congratulations!'



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS TERM

Our after-school activities will be starting back up this half-term in the week commencing Monday 16th September. Please keep a look out for further details.

STAYING IN TOUCH AND INFORMED BY NEWSLETTER

It is vitally important that parents receive and read the newsletter every week. The newsletter will only be printed and handed out very occasionally. Usually, the newsletter is only available electronically. It can be accessed on the school's website every Thursday afternoon. However, if you wish to receive the newsletter directly every week by email, then you simply have to 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 aspect of school life in general. Any such comments will be read and considered. These can be emailed to: comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk

With many thanks for your continuing support and looking forward to another very successful school year together,

Mr J Murray

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