



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2024

Thursday 19th 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

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

The Wednesday Word is a great free online resource for families which is always focused on the following Sunday's Gospel. Please try to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/serving?pid=MTA101634&v=148.2>
This week's Wednesday Word is **SERVING**

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**.

MANCHESTER ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

Manchester Adult Education are excited to announce the start of their new academic year and the introduction of their new programme of adult education courses which include health and social care, education, counselling, IT, English or Maths.

Courses are ideal for those looking to improve their career prospects, pursue a lifelong passion or simply develop their knowledge of a specific subject area. To find out more and apply, visit www.manadulthood.ac.uk/course-applications

GUIDE TO FREE CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS

We all want to help our children to stay well and stay in school. Whooping cough cases have been on the rise in Manchester, so early vaccination is very important. Parents can arrange for their child to access a range of important vaccinations from an early age right up to their teenage years.

At age 1, your child will be offered a vaccination called MMR, which is really important because it protects against Measles (easily spread infection that can cause serious breathing problems and spots on skin). Measles is about in Manchester and it can make babies and older people very ill. MMR also protects against Mumps (which makes glands on face and other areas swell) and Rubella (which affects skin and is very dangerous for pregnant women because it can damage a baby in the womb).

From the age of 2 (up to 15) children will be offered a flu (breathing, cold-like illness) vaccine every year.

From 3 years old they will be offered a second dose of MMR, as well as other boosters (a top up dose of a previous vaccination) to make sure they are ready for school. You can read more on the NHS website: www.nhs.uk/vaccinations

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK MAY 2025

The Key Stage 2 SATS tests which all our Year 6 pupils will be taking this academic year are timetabled from Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May 2025. It is vitally important that all our Year 6 pupils are in school for the whole of this week. Please make a note now in your diary or calendar.

COST OF LIVING ADVICE

If you have any concerns for your family around bills, heating or food, you can ring Manchester local authority's free Cost of Living Advice Line on 0800 023 2692, or text on 07860 022876 or you can visit: www.manchester.gov.uk/coladvice

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

At St Richard's we provide a link most weeks to a different e-safety issue so that parents and children are better informed and able to make better choices about their computer and internet use. This information is provided by National Online Safety (NOS) and the campaign is called '#WakeUp Wednesday'. This week's edition of Wake Up Wednesday profiles live streaming – a hugely popular activity among young people that is certainly not without hazards. Please read more [here](#)

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,

Mr J Murray

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