



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 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.

Thursday 26th September 2024

HARVEST DONATIONS

This year we are again supporting Caritas Cornerstone Day Centre's Harvest Donations appeal by collecting the following items:

Breakfast cereal	Long-life milk
Porridge oats	Individually wrapped biscuits/cakes
Coffee and sugar	Tinned fruit/custard/rice pudding
Squash/cordial	Deodorant
Tinned chickpeas	Shower gel
Tinned meats	New men's and women's socks
Tinned vegetables	Tinned potatoes
Cook-in pasta sauce	Cook-in curry sauce
Rice and spaghetti	Condiments
Vegetable stock cubes	Tinned baked beans

Any donations that you are able to make to help homeless people in our local area would be very gratefully received. Donations should be taken by your child to their class from Monday 30th September until the closing date of Wednesday 16th October. Our Caritas Ambassadors will be coordinating the appeal and helping to deliver the harvest of donations to Cornerstone before we break up for Autumn half-term on Friday 18th October.

YEAR 5's ANCIENT EGYPTIAN DAYS

Tony North delivered all-day immersive History Workshops this week, on both Tuesday and Wednesday, to all our Year 5 pupils. Rohan in Class 9 said, *'We had an excellent day with Tony North on Tuesday. He chose a boy and a girl to dress up as Ancient Egyptians with kilts and make-up. He helped us to make jewellery collars from pasta, which we then painted with acrylics so that they looked like authentic artefacts. It was a great day!'*

APPLICATIONS FOR A YEAR 7 SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Manchester City Council's online application portal is now open. **The deadline for on-time applications is 5pm on Tuesday 31st October 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](#)

APPLICATIONS FOR A RECEPTION CLASS PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Manchester City Council's online application portal is now open. **The deadline for submitting an on-time application is Wednesday 15th January 2025.** 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 Reception class place for September 2025](#)

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

As well as keeping in touch with events in school via the newsletter, please remember that lots of useful information about school is also available on our school website at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/>

The term dates for this academic year are available. Also of interest to parents will be our curriculum pages (found under 'Key Information' on the home page). Here you will find up to date and in-depth information about what your child(ren) will be learning in their class throughout the year. Please also visit your child(ren)'s class page(s).

CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

Below are details of class assemblies coming up between now and Christmas. Parents are very welcome to attend their child(ren)'s class assembly.

Date	Class assembly for:
9am on Thursday 3 rd October	Class 4
9am on Thursday 10 th October	Class 10
9am on Thursday 14 th November	Class 5
9am on Thursday 21 st November	Class 8

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

Please try to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/goodness?pid=MTA101634&v=149.2>
This Wednesday's Word is **GOODNESS**

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 link most weeks to a different topical e-safety issue so that parents and children are better informed and able to make better choices about their computer and internet use. This week's edition of Wake Up Wednesday is about what parents and carers need to know about **WHATSAPP**. WhatsApp has recently reduced its age restriction from 16 to 13 years of age. It is worth noting that this is still older than any pupils who attend St Richard's. Please read more [here](#)

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

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 – approximately once every half-term. 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

Headteacher
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