



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2024



Thursday 10th October 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.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is much more than a list of prayers. It is a rich spiritual exercise designed to bring us closer to Jesus through his mother, Mary. This month is a wonderful time to pray the Rosary at home as a family. Thanks to Class 10 who led all of Key Stage 2 pupils, staff and many parents in a joyful contemplation of the Rosary at this morning's assembly.



NON UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW

On Friday 11th October (tomorrow) we are having a non-uniform day in school in order to raise money for school funds – all of which will then be spent on the children of St Richard's. Children should wear sensible and appropriate non-uniform tomorrow in return for a £1 donation to school funds. Many thanks.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

Please read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/happiness?pid=MTA101634&v=151.3>
This Wednesday's Word is **HAPPINESS**

HARVEST DONATIONS

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

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| 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.

SCHOOL READINESS WORKSHOP TOMORROW

All EYFS (Nursery and Reception) parents are invited to attend a school readiness workshop. This will cover: support with toilet training, independence, managing your child's emotions and self-care skills as well as lots of other areas you may need help with. You will be given lots of useful tips and support to help make sure your child is ready for school!
This will take place in St Richard's Hall on Friday 11th October at 9am. We hope to see you there!

DO NOT LET YOUR CHILD PLAY IN THE STAFF CAR PARK

Parents, carers and pupils must stay out of the staff car park. Staff arrive and leave by car at different times. This is certainly not a safe place to play. There are signs which clearly state that No pedestrian access is allowed. Thank you for your complete cooperation, in order to keep everyone safe.

IMPORTANT IF YOU HAVE A CHILD IN YEAR 6 - 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](#)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024

Originally observed in the USA, Black History Month was first celebrated in the United Kingdom in 1987. At school, all our pupils will be learning about the contributions made by significant black men and women from or in Britain in the week commencing Monday 14th October.

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](#)

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 14 th November	Class 5
9am on Thursday 21 st November	Class 8

Y2 DESIGN TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 1st October, Amanda Morrow came to work with Class 4 for our Design Technology topic, Vehicles. We made moving axles and wheels. Nathan says 'It was really good fun! I enjoyed making a rocket car. We designed and made our vehicles, mine was a rainbow rocket.'

ARRIVING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

It is vitally important that all pupils arrive in school before the gates shut at 9am. Starting school on time reduces anxiety (for pupils and their parents) and ensures that all pupils are able to take full advantage of all the great teaching and learning that goes on at St Richard's. We open the school gates at 8.30am so there is very little excuse to be late in all but exceptional circumstances.

FSM VOUCHERS FOR AUTUMN HALF-TERM

The council has agreed to fund free school meals vouchers over the Autumn 2024 half term holidays (which start when we break up after school on Friday 18th October) for children eligible for free school meals (FSM). Next week you will be issued with a £15 voucher per eligible child.

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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