



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2024



Thursday 17th 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.

WE BREAK UP FOR HALF-TERM TOMORROW

We break up for our half-term holidays after school tomorrow, Friday 18th October 2024. We wish you all a safe and restful half-term break. School reopens at 8.30am on Monday 28th October 2024.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The link below is to the holiday version of the Wednesday Word. This contains the Good News of the Gospels for the next three Sundays (due to variation in Autumn half-term holidays up and down the country). Please continue to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&p=8&v=152.3>

HARVEST DONATIONS FOR CARITAS

Many thanks to all who supported Caritas Cornerstones Day Centre's Harvest Appeal so generously by donating so many of the items that Cornerstones suggested. Our Caritas Ambassadors will be helping to deliver the harvest of donations to the Cornerstone centre this afternoon. This has been a powerful expression of our school mission to look after each other. Well done everyone!

2024 KS2 SATS RESULTS

Please take a look at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/sats-results/> to see our amazing 2024 KS2 SATs results. Very well done to all involved!

ASDA REWARDS CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs – have teamed up with Asda, who are making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between now and 30th November 2024. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to St Richard's. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. As a school we are registered for the ASDA Rewards scheme. Please have a look at <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools> and many thanks in advance for your support with this.

SCHOOL READINESS WORKSHOP LAST WEEK

Many thanks to all our Nursery and Reception parents who attended the school readiness workshop which we hosted last Friday morning. The feedback from the event was very positive and we are very hopeful that the advice given will help support you in assisting your child to be even more ready for school!

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](#)

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](#)

AUTUMN TERM PARENTS EVENING DATES

Apart from Class 3 (whose Parents Evening will take place from 1.15pm – 6pm on Wednesday 30th October), all our Autumn Term 2024 Parents Evenings will take place in the week commencing Monday 18th November 2024. 5-minute appointment times will be available between 1.15pm and 6pm. These will be face-to-face meetings in school with your child's class teacher. School Cloud will again be used – but only for booking the appointments. Mrs Fildes' Nursery Parents Evening will take place on Monday 18th November from 1.15pm – 6pm. So will Reception 1, Reception 2, Class 1, Class 2, Class 4, Class 7 and Class 8.

Mrs Loom's Nursery Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 19th November from 1.15pm – 6pm. So will Class 5, Class 6, Class 9, Class 10, Class 11, Class 12 and Class 13 Parents Evenings.

No children should attend the evening sessions, as we will not have a crèche facility in operation. Full details will follow in a separate letter soon after the half-term break (and, for Class 3, before we break up this coming Friday).

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

FRESH WATER THEATRE VISIT TO YEAR 2

It was as if our Year 2 children travelled back in time to 1666 and the Great Fire of London last week when Fresh Water Theatre visited Class 3 and Class 4. Ethan thought that the workshop was really interesting because he found out lots of new facts. Nevaeh commented that it was fantastic to learn in different ways. Lilah-Rose enjoyed the drama and liked that they were pretending to be there in a busy street in 1666.

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 tomorrow, Friday 18th October) for children eligible for free school meals (FSM). You will be issued with a £15 voucher per eligible child.

CLOCKS GO BACK DURING THE HALF-TERM BREAK

In the United Kingdom, the clocks go back 1 hour at 2am on the last Sunday in October (this year, that is Sunday 27th October 2024). Please make sure that you adjust the time at home (most mobile phones do this automatically) so that your child arrives at the correct time for school the next day, Monday 28th October – our first day back after the half-term break.



With many thanks for your continuing support and hoping that you all have a safe and happy half-term break,

Mr J Murray

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St Richard's RC Primary School