



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2024



Thursday 31st October 2024

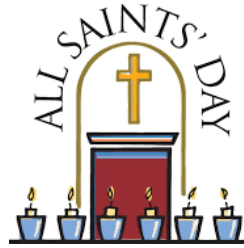
The mission of St Richard's is that we know, love and follow Christ by looking after each other and trying our best every day.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to school after what I hope was a happy and restful break. Halloween takes place tonight and this coming weekend is possibly Bonfire/Guy Fawkes weekend. Please take extra care to prevent any accidents occurring during the Halloween and bonfire/fireworks period.

REMEMBRANCE IN NOVEMBER

November is traditionally a month for remembering. Tomorrow, Friday 1st November, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, when we remember all the triumphant saints in heaven. The day after, Saturday 2nd November, is the Feast of All Souls. On this day we are asked to remember and pray for all who have died. November is also the month of Remembrance Sunday, when we remember all those who sacrificed so much in the two world wars, as well as in conflicts between and since then.



WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The link below is still to the holiday version of the Wednesday Word. This contains the Good News of the Gospels for one more Sunday. 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

Our Prayer Room was flooded with harvest food donations and the staff at Cornerstones were extremely grateful when our Caritas Ambassadors delivered all the donations to them just before we broke up for the half-term holidays. Many thanks again for your generosity.



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 (St Richard's) 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 – and 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>

Through your kind efforts, as a school, we have already raised over **£180** for school funds - so please keep going!

IMPORTANT IF YOU HAVE A CHILD IN YEAR 6 - APPLICATIONS FOR A YEAR 7 SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

The deadline for on-time applications is 5pm on Thursday 31st October 2024 (**THAT'S TODAY**). 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](#)

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

WAKE UP 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 **dealing with upsetting content**. Please read more [here](#)

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

This is a reminder and advance notice that St Richard's RC Primary School will be closed to all pupils all day on Friday 22nd November as this is a staff INSET day.

AUTUMN TERM PARENTS EVENING DATES

Apart from Class 3 (whose Parents Evening took place yesterday) 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 Looms' 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 to parents on Monday 11th November.

With many thanks for your continuing support

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School