



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2024



Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> September until the closing date of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> October.

## IF YOUR CHILD HAS DIARRHOEA OR VOMITS

We acknowledge children are likely to attend school with common colds but if they do have a fever, they must stay home from school until they feel better, and the fever has resolved. If they have diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they must stay at home for at least 48 hours after the last episode.

UKSHA have written a blog "A parent's guide to keeping kids healthy this school year". The blog provides steps that parents can take now and throughout the coming term to help protect their family, including from cold weather. There is information on vaccinations, how to recognise symptoms of common illnesses, and how to make informed decisions on whether your child is well enough to attend school.

[A parent's guide to keeping kids healthy this school year – UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

## TODAY IS NATIONAL POETRY DAY

Today we had a whole school celebration of National Poetry Day. This year the theme was counting. We explored structures of different poems including their syllable and rhyming patterns. Some classes even performed and recited poems. It was a great day!

## 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 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 10
9am on Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 5
9am on Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Class 8

## WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

Please read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/openness?pid=MTA101634&v=150.3>

This Wednesday's Word is **OPENESS**

## YEAR 6 SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

Izzy in C13 writes, 'Our Adaptations Workshop with Mr North was delightful. We played games, we tried to spot butterflies and so much more! Lastly, we made our own animals with adaptive traits that would be on an alien planet and we shared our animals with each other. It was the best!'

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk)

With many thanks for your continuing support,

*Mr J Murray*

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