



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2024



Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 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.

## **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS TOMORROW**

This is a reminder that St Richard's RC Primary School will be closed to all pupils all day tomorrow - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - as this is a staff INSET day.

## **NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA**

Many thanks for all the donations of chocolate which children brought to school today in return for wearing non-uniform. The chocolate will help raise vital funds for our parish and will contribute towards a lovely social occasion for everyone who can make it to the Parish Christmas Fair. This will take place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 at St Mary's Parish Centre, Elbow St, Manchester M19 3PY, starting at 12 noon. Please make a note in your diary and please do come along and support the parish - both socially and in its fund-raising efforts. Staff and older GIFT Team and Caritas Ambassador pupils from St Richard's RC Primary School will be running the Chocolate Tombola at the fair.

## **WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE**

The link below is to this week's edition of the Wednesday Word. This contains the Good News of the Gospel for this coming Sunday. Please continue to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/leader?pid=MTA101634&v=155.3>  
This Wednesday's Word is **LEADER**

## **OPEN DAY AT BELLE VUE SPORTS VILLAGE**

Belle Vue Sports Village is holding an Open Day on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November. It promises to be filled with free, fun activities for all ages. Some of the activities do not require you to book in advance. These include:

- Female Basketball Association 10am-12pm (female only basketball sessions ages 7-14)
- Mixed Basketball Session 12pm-1pm (ages 7-14)
- Karate session 11am-12pm (ages 7-15)
- Football session with Longsight Eagles 12pm-1pm (ages 7-11)

For more information, please email [bellevuesportsvillage@gll.org](mailto:bellevuesportsvillage@gll.org) or call 0161 231 0754

## **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](https://www.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>

## **HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING THIS WINTER**

If you are looking for somewhere dry and warm this winter, there are a series of venues across the city which have signed up to the Warm Welcome Spaces scheme, where visitors can stay as long as they like and meet other people too. The venues include Manchester libraries. Facilities include free internet, WiFi and some also offer hot drinks. For more details on this and many other forms of help with the cost of living, please go to [www.manchester.gov.uk/helpinghands](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/helpinghands)

You can also find your nearest Warm Welcome Space by searching the online map at <https://www.warmwelcome.uk/find-a-space#map> or call 0800 023 2692 or text 07860 022 876 for further information.

## **YEAR 6 PULLEYS AND GEARS**

Amanda Morrow has visited all our Year 6 classes recently to help the children learn more about pulleys and gears. Alishbah in Class 12 writes, *'On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November Class 12 learned how pulleys worked by making electrically powered vehicles. We learned a lot whilst also having fun. Everyone was very creative with their designs. At the end of the day our cars were a huge success and everybody loved how their cars turned out.'*

## **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](#)

## **PARENTS' EVENING THANKS**

Many thanks to all our fantastic school staff and to everyone who attended Parents' Evening earlier this week. We hope that you had a very positive and informative experience. Thank you also for completing the Parents' Survey as this provides us with very useful feedback.

## **CHRISTMAS DATES 2024**

Please make a note of the following dates for Christmas 2024. More details (with ticket information etc) will be sent out in separate letters soon. Whilst we are not charging for admission, we will be collecting for Francis House Children's' Hospice at all our Christmas concerts.

Date:	Event:
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	St Robert's Parish Christmas Fair (at St Mary's Parish Centre, Levenshulme) starting at 12 noon.
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nursery Nativity in the main school hall at 9.30am (parents welcome to attend)
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception Nativity in the main school hall at 9.30am (parents welcome to attend)
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year One Carol Concert in St Richard's Church at 2pm (parents welcome to attend)
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year Two Carol Concert in St Richard's Church at 2pm (parents welcome to attend)
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nursery and Reception end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 1 and Year 2 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Children's Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper/non-uniform Day (suggested £1 donation to Save the Children)
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 3 and Year 4 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 5 and Year 6 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Pupils break up for Christmas
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St Richard's RC Church (time to be confirmed as soon as possible)
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	<b>Pupils return to school</b>

## **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

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