



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2024



Thursday 7th 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.

ECO-COUNCIL VISIT TO THE LAUDATO SI CENTRE

'Last Tuesday, the Eco Council members from each class switched up their daily routine and took a trip to the Laudato Si Centre in Worsley. We had an impeccable time, everything about it was phenomenal, from the tour to the activities. The biodiversity was so interesting to look at and seeing all the things that we can do to help the natural world was equally intriguing. From birdfeeders to pots that water the plants – everything was simply beautiful.' (Gabriella and Anu, C11 Eco Councillors)



WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The link below is to the more usual (non-holiday) version 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/gift?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=153.3> This Wednesday's Word is **GIFT**.

SEND LOCAL OFFER VIDEO

The Manchester SEND local offer provides a wealth of information to families about services and activities to support them. This 60 second video produced with parents, young people and services provides an overview of the SEND local offer including the popular SEND Community offer. Please take a look at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6G91t1JXPGM>

PHOTOS ON CLASS WEBPAGES FROM AUTUMN ONE

Please have a look at last half-term's collection of photos for your child's class. These are available under the written information on your child's class page on the school website (click on the 'classes' tab at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/>). More photos will be added at the end of each half-term.

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 – 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>

APPLICATIONS FOR A RECEPTION CLASS PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Manchester City Council's online application portal is currently 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

NATIONAL NURSERY RHYME WEEK

Next week is National Nursery Rhyme Week and our Early Years department will be taking part this year. Learning nursery rhymes helps to boost children's vocabulary, helps children develop literacy skills and boosts their emotional and physical development. This year the rhymes we are learning are 'Twinkle Twinkle', 'Old McDonald', 'The Big Ship Sales', 'Incey Wincey Spider' and 'Five Current Buns'.

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

This is a reminder 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 last week), 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 all parents on Monday 11th November.

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 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

With many thanks for your continuing support

Mr J Murray

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