



St. Richard's RC Primary Advent Newsletter 2024



Thursday 5th December 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.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On the second Sunday of Advent (which is this coming Sunday, 8th December) we hear about the prophet John the Baptist, who was completely focused on his mission to help prepare a way for Jesus. John tells us to repent and to make a straight path for the Lord.



As we continue on our Advent journey, let us think about how we can straighten out the crooked paths in our lives. Which aspects do we know to be not quite right? What do we need to say sorry for? What habits and behaviours do we need to improve? How can we best serve our neighbours ... rather than just ourselves?

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR



On Sunday 1st December, members of our CARITAS and GIFT teams helped staff from school to run the Chocolate Tombola at the Parish Christmas Fair. This was a wonderful way for the ten pupil volunteers to show what amazing young people they are as they lived out the Catholic life and mission of our school. Well done and thank you everyone!

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/preparation?pid=MTA101634&v=157.3>
This Wednesday's Word is **PREPARATION**

AMANDA MORROW'S YEAR 5 SCIENCE VISITS

Last week, Amanda Morrow ran day-long Science workshops with both of our Year 5 classes. Carter in Class 10 writes, *'We punctured holes in boards, put split pins in and wired it all up. After that, we put a battery on the back and decorated the front with themed questions. I thought to myself, "I never want this day to end!" Next thing you know, all you could hear was buzz here, buzz there!'*

ASDA REWARDS CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Many thanks for all your support with this promotion. As a result of your nominating our school, you have managed to raise a fantastic £267.04 for school funds.

CLASS NINE'S SHAKESPEARE PERFORMANCE

On the evening of Thursday 28th November, Class 9 performed an amazing version of 'Coriolanus' at the Contact Theatre in Manchester to a mesmerised crowd, as part of the Corum Shakespeare Schools Festival. Ethan from Class 9 said, *"It was an amazing experience for the cast and the audience after so much hard work and practice from the whole class and our teachers. After all that hard work and our performance, it was a marvelous feeling that we all shared."*

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](#)

CHRISTMAS DATES 2024

Please make a note of the following dates for Christmas 2024. Nursery and Reception Nativity's will be ticket only. You should have received a letter with a form to apply for free tickets. Don't forget to get yours before the day. Whilst we are not charging for admission, we will be collecting for Francis House Children's Hospice at all our Christmas concerts.

Date:	Event:
Tuesday 10 th December	Nursery Nativity in the main school hall at 9.30am (parents welcome to attend)
Wednesday 11 th December	Reception Nativity in the main school hall at 9.30am (parents welcome to attend)
Wednesday 11 th December	Year One Carol Concert in St Richard's Church at 2pm (parents welcome to attend)
Thursday 12 th December	Year Two Carol Concert in St Richard's Church at 2pm (parents welcome to attend)
Monday 16 th December	Nursery and Reception end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
Tuesday 17 th December	Children's Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper/non-uniform Day (suggested £1 donation to Save the Children)
Thursday 19 th December	Year 3 and Year 4 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
Friday 20 th December	Year 5 and Year 6 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
Friday 20 th December	Pupils break up for Christmas
Tuesday 24 th December	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St Richard's RC Church at 5.00pm
Monday 6 th January 2025	Pupils return to school

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Recently, your child brought home a Data Collection Sheet which shows a lot of the information we hold for your child in school. It is vital that this information is kept up to date, especially contact details, addresses and medical information. Please read the sheet carefully, make any changes that are needed, then sign and return it to school as soon as possible. If no changes are required, please also sign and send it back to school. Many thanks to all parents who have already done this.

With many thanks for your continuing support

Mr J Murray

Headteacher

St Richard's RC Primary School