



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025



Thursday 9th January 2025

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 AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On behalf of all the staff at St Richard's I would like to wish you all a warm welcome back to school. Many thanks for everyone's kind words and gifts just before the holidays – they were all greatly appreciated. We wish all our pupils, families and the whole school community a very happy and successful 2025.



THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



The Feast of the Epiphany was celebrated in church on Sunday 5th January 2025 (last Sunday). Below is a prayer for us all, to help mark the Feast of the Epiphany:

Loving Father, in the Epiphany your love was revealed to us in the form of a child. As we kneel before

the holy infant with the wise men and adore, we offer the gold of our hearts – what is best in us. We offer the frankincense of our prayers – for ourselves and each other. We offer the oil of myrrh – a sign of our commitment to you. Bless all those in our school community who came from near and from afar in order to join our community. Bless their families. May we all be at home in the presence of the child Jesus. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The link below is to this week's edition of the Wednesday Word (which is now back to its usual weekly format, following the Christmas holiday edition). The Wednesday Word contains the Good News of the Gospel for Sunday 12th January 2025. Please continue to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/baptism?pid=MTA101634&v=159.3>. This Wednesday's Word is **BAPTISM**

SCHOOL CHOIR THANKS

Many thanks to all the children from the school choir who led the carol singing at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass so beautifully. Well done and thank you to the readers who were all so clear and confident. Many thanks to all the parents and to staff from school for helping to prepare and for supporting the children on such a lovely occasion.

WHEN YOUR CHILD IS POORLY

At St Richard's, we fully support current NHS advice that it is fine to send your child to school with minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). However, if they have a high temperature, please keep them off school until it goes down. Children with [diarrhoea](#) or [vomiting](#) must stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

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

KEY STAGE TWO LEAGUE TABLE SUCCESS

Just before Christmas, the government published Key Stage 2 performance tables for all schools for last academic year. We are delighted to announce that, of the 166 schools who make up the table for Manchester local authority, St Richard's was:

FIRST for the average score in Maths.

SECOND for the average score in Reading.

SEVENTH for the percentage of pupils attaining the higher standard in Reading, Writing and Maths.

EIGHTH for the percentage of pupils attaining the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths.

This is a **FANTASTIC** achievement and one which we are all very proud of. This has all been made possible by our hard-working and dedicated teachers and TAs. Mr Keyworth, Mrs Toal and our Year 6 teachers are especially pleased with the achievements of our pupils last year, and we also thank our parents for their continued support in their children's success.

APPLICATIONS FOR A RECEPTION CLASS PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

The deadline for submitting an on-time application is rapidly approaching. **The deadline is next week, 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 as soon as possible if you require this. Please follow this link to make an online application: [Apply for a Reception class place for September 2025](#)

FUNDRAISING THANKS

We had two fundraising drives just before Christmas. As a result of non-uniform/Christmas Jumper day, we raised **£299.76** for Save the Children. As a result of generous contributions from parents and friends who attended school nativity plays and carol concerts, we raised a further **£162.24** for Francis House. Many thanks and well done to everyone who contributed.

WE WILL BE ON X (FORMERLY TWITTER) IN 2025

As you will have seen from the letter which came home in the week that we broke up for Christmas, St Richard's will be launching an X (formerly Twitter) account in January 2025. Parents are encouraged to follow the whole school X account in order to receive the news and information the school will be posting to X. Please remember to follow us and keep in touch with us on X [@St_Richards_RC](#)

ST RICHARD'S HOLIDAY DATES

The school holiday dates (both for the current as well as next academic year) are available at:

<https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/calendar/>

Please ensure that your child is on time and in school every day that school is open to them. We break up for February half-term holidays on **Friday 14th February 2025** and we return to school on **Monday 24th February 2025**.

Wishing you all a happy and successful 2025 and with many thanks for your continuing support

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
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