



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

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.

### WE BREAK UP FOR HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS TOMORROW

We break up for February half-term holidays after school tomorrow and we return to school on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**. We wish you all a safe, happy and peaceful half-term break.

### ENROLMENT MASS FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February was the date of the Sacramental Programme Enrolment Mass at St Richard's Church. Eleven of our children were welcomed onto the programme at what was a lovely mass. Many thanks to the parents, parishioners, staff and Father Dever – and to our wonderful children who will make great candidates for the sacramental programme this year. Please remember to pray for them on their journey.

### FUND-RAISING THANKS

We raised **£333.54** by holding a non-uniform day last Friday. We will be sending a cheque to the Children's Mental Health charity 'Place2be' for £166.77. The remainder will be added to school funds and spend for the benefit of our pupils.

### WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week's edition of the Wednesday Word is the holiday edition. This will guide us through the Good News of the Gospel until we return from our half-term break. Please continue to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/holiday-booklet?pid=MTA101634&v=167.5>. The Wednesday Word is a wonderful resource for parents and children on the Sacramental Programme to use.

### YEAR ONE PLAYGROUND STRUCTURES

Eire and Aseda in Class 2, Year One, write: *"Amanda came into Class Two last Tuesday. We made structures of things in the park. We had to make a swing, a slide or a seesaw. We used card, straws and pipe cleaners to make our structures. We had a good time!"*

### FRANCIS HOUSE CREME EGG APPEAL

We are supporting Francis House Crème Egg appeal again this year by running a competition to see which class can collect the most Crème Eggs (or other chocolate eggs similar in size to a Cadbury's crème egg). The eggs that the children bring into school will be donated to Francis House to then be sold across the city. There will be a small prize for the class in our school that collects the most eggs. The competition will run until **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. Any contributions of chocolate eggs from any manufacturer (crème egg sized) would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support so far. More information about this year's appeal can be found at <https://www.francishouse.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/our-annual-fundraisers/easter-chick-knit/>

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Manchester – through MCR Active - is offering thousands of **FREE** places for children's activities over the school holidays. In addition to the activities, each place booked will include a **FREE** meal during the day. For full details please visit <https://mcractive.com/haf/>

### GOODBYE MISS TAYLOR

We say goodbye and good luck to Miss Taylor when we break up for the February half-term holidays tomorrow. We thank Miss Taylor for her many contributions to the life of St Richard's over the nine years that she has been with us, and we wish her the very best of luck for the future.

### HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD TO START NURSERY?

If you have a child who was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 and you would like them to attend full time in the Nursery at St Richard's RC Primary School from September 2025, then please contact the school office as soon as possible for an admission form. Your child will be added to the waiting list for admission to our Nursery class in September 2025. Places are in high demand and offers are starting to be sent out soon.

### A MESSAGE FROM MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

'Do you need help now to keep warm, but you didn't get a Winter fuel payment? The changes to the winter fuel allowance have caused a lot of discussion and some worry. So, we wanted to make parents, carers, employees and their families aware of some help that is available on the Manchester City Council website - please see below:

Manchester City Council is making payments up to the end of March of £150-£200 to people who are aged 66 and over who live in Manchester and who also do not receive housing benefit or council tax support. The form is quick and easy to fill in and you won't be asked anything about any savings. This is the link: <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/winterfuelfund> Payments will be made as promptly as possible to bank accounts or through post office vouchers. You will need to give contact details and your National Insurance number. Family members can make an application on your behalf. Or, if you need help filling in the form, please call for free on our cost-of-living advice line on 0800 023 2692.'

### WE ARE NOW ON X (FORMERLY TWITTER)

Our school X account is already full of wonderfully positive and celebratory snapshots of life at St Richard's. Please make sure to follow us on X **@St\_Richards\_RC** We have 84 followers at the moment – can you help us reach 100?

### CLASS ASSEMBLIES THIS TERM

Our class assemblies are fantastic occasions. We invite parents to share in the prayer life of our school by attending an assembly produced by their child's class. Below are details of which class assemblies are coming up this term. They all begin at 9am in the main school hall. Please note that Class 2's assembly will now take place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, **not** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March (as was originally advertised).

Date	Class assembly for:
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 3
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 9
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 2

### WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ILL

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 other aspect of school life. Any comments that we receive will be read and considered. These should 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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