



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 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

Welcome back to school everyone for the second half of the Spring term 2025. We hope that you all had a great break. Many thanks for ensuring that your child(ren) returned to school in smart St Richard's uniform. The season of Lent begins next Wednesday (5<sup>th</sup> March). Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and giving. We pray that these actions may bring us all closer to God and closer to each other.



## CARITAS ST JOSEPH'S PENNY APPEAL LENT 2025

We will be supporting 'St Joseph's Penny' during Lent as part of our Alms-giving (efforts to help the poor). This year, Caritas have again given us St Joseph's Penny coin boxes for children to take home and fill. All the money raised by St Joseph's Penny is used to support Caritas in the Diocese of Salford. Caritas is a Catholic charity which responds to poverty and social injustice in our local area. Boxes will be handed out next Tuesday (4<sup>th</sup> March). Please keep hold of the boxes until straight after the Easter holidays (the school week commencing Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025). We will send out a reminder nearer the time. Many thanks in advance for all your fund-raising efforts.

## FRANCIS HOUSE CRÈME EGG UPDATE

So far, we have managed to collect **1210** chocolate eggs for Francis House. This is a fantastic effort. Well done everyone! The closing date for crème egg donations is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

## SPRING TERM PARENTS AFTERNOONS/EVENINGS 2025

All of our Spring Term 2025 Parents Afternoons/Evenings will take place on either Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March or Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Five-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 be used for booking appointments. More details are below.

Parents Afternoons/Evenings will take place from 1.15pm – 6pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in the main school hall for Mrs Looms' Nursery children, Reception 1 (Miss Dimond's), Reception 2 (Miss Smith's) and Class 8 (Mrs Varley's).

Class 1 (Mrs Harvey's), Class 2 (Mrs Taggart's) Class 3 (Miss Begum's) and Class 4 (Mrs Ormshaw's) parents evenings will take place in St Richard's Hall from 1.15pm – 6pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Parents Afternoons/Evenings will take place from 1.15pm – 6pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in the main school hall for Class 5 (Mrs Kelly's), Class 9 (Mrs Bentley's), Class 11 (Mrs Fosbrook's), Class 12 (Mrs Ward's) and Class 13 (Mrs Toal's).

Class 6 (Mrs Edelman's), Class 7 (Miss Khan's), Class 10 (Mr Sullivan's) and Mrs Fildes' Nursery children's parents evenings will take place in St Richard's Hall from 1.15pm – 6pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

**Your child will bring home a letter next Monday with a reminder of which class they are in, which teacher you must make your appointment with and what date your child's parents evening will take place on.**

Once you have received the letter, please visit <https://strichardsrc.schoolcloud.co.uk/> as soon as possible in order to book your appointments. The appointment booking window will only be open for the length of time specified in the letter. Changes to appointments or new appointment requests will not be possible after this date.

## WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week's Wednesday Word is still the holiday edition. 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.

## WORLD BOOK DAY 2025

World Book Day 2025 takes place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025. We will be marking this occasion fully at St Richard's this year. We invite children to dress as book characters on this day (although there is no obligation to do this). Full details, book tokens and details of a whole school competition have been sent out in a separate letter. Please also have a look at



<https://www.worldbookday.com/celebrate-world-book-day/dressing-up/> for ideas about homemade costumes.

## PLEASE PARK FURTHER AWAY FROM SCHOOL

We ask that parents and carers who drive their children to school park as far away from school as possible and walk the final 5 or 10 minutes to school. Parents and carers must always drive safely and considerately on the roads around school. The safety of all our children and parents is of the highest importance.

## WE ARE NOW ON X (FORMERLY TWITTER)

Our school X account is full of wonderfully positive and celebratory snapshots of life at St Richard's and it is being updated all the time. Please make sure to follow us on X @St\_Richards\_RC We have 90 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 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             |

## RAMADAN MUBARAK

We wish all our Muslim families a holy and successful Ramadan, as it commences this weekend. We respectfully suggest that no child below Year 6 fasts. Even with Year 6 pupils, we want parents to be aware that this year Ramadan falls during very important weeks of the school year and that the absence of fluids in particular could have a negative effect on your child's performance and concentration in school. If you do decide that your child at St Richard's is fasting this Ramadan, please send a letter to your child's classteacher to say so or please phone the school office as soon as possible so that staff in school are aware of this. Many thanks in advance.

With many thanks for your continuing support

Mr J Murray  
Headteacher

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