



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025

Thursday 6th 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.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Last Sunday the Church celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days after Christmas, Mary and Joseph brought their son Jesus to the temple where they encountered Simeon and Anna, who realised that Jesus is the Light of the World.



THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME STARTS TONIGHT

There is a meeting in school at 6pm tonight (Thursday 6th February) for parents and children who are taking part in the Sacramental Programme this year. There is also a Sacramental Programme Mass at 5pm this coming Saturday (8th February) at St Richard's RC Church. Parents and children who are taking part in the Sacramental Programme this year must attend both events. Parents were given full details last Thursday. Please remember all these families in your prayers.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Pope Francis' prayer intention for February is for vocations to priestly and religious life: *'Let us pray that the ecclesial community may welcome the desires and doubts of young people who feel called to serve Christ's mission in priestly and religious life.'*

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The link below is to this week's edition of the Wednesday Word. Please continue to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/follow?pid=MTA101634&v=166.5>

The Wednesday Word is a wonderful resource for parents and children on the Sacramental Programme to use.

This Wednesday's Word is **FOLLOW**.

NON-UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW

This week we have been taking part in Children's Mental Health Week at St Richard's. As part of this week's events, pupils will be able to wear non-uniform tomorrow (Friday 7th February) in return for a £1 donation, which will be split evenly between school funds and the children's mental health charity Place2Be.



FRANCIS HOUSE CREME EGG APPEAL

We will be 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 starts on **Monday 10th February 2025** and will run until **Friday 7th March 2025**. Any contributions of chocolate eggs from any manufacturer (crème egg sized) would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support. 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/>

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD TO START NURSERY IN SEPTEMBER 2025?

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st 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**

CLASS ASSEMBLIES THIS TERM

Well done to C1 children and staff – they gave us a wonderful assembly this morning. 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 26th March, **not** Thursday 27th March (as was originally advertised).

Date	Class assembly for:
Thursday 13 th March	Class 3
Thursday 20 th March	Class 9
Wednesday 26 th 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

With many thanks for your continuing support

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