



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025

Thursday 13th March 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.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

As we continue on the early part of our journey through Lent to the joy of Easter, last Sunday's Gospel gives us hope and strength by calling us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone is enough and God's promise of protection can be trusted.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

Next Sunday's Gospel teaches us that we all need encouraging and that we can be inspired with courage and have our hope renewed – just like Peter, John and James did at the Transfiguration. Please continue to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/encouragement?pid=MTA101634&v=169.5>.

The Wednesday Word is a particularly useful resource for parents and children on the Sacramental Programme. This week's Wednesday Word is **ENCOURAGEMENT**

SPRING TERM PARENTS EVENINGS

Many thanks to everyone who attended parents afternoons/evenings this week. We hope that you found your meeting to be a very positive and useful experience. It was lovely to see everyone. We thank parents and carers for the ongoing support that you provide to your child(ren) in all aspects of their learning. We also thank all our teachers and all the staff at St Richard's for the amazing job that they continue to do.

CARITAS ST JOSEPH'S PENNY APPEAL LENT 2025

Please put any spare change or donations in your box during Lent. Please keep hold of the box until straight after the Easter holidays (the school week commencing Tuesday 22nd April 2025). We will send out a reminder nearer the time. Many thanks for all your Lenten fund-raising efforts.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME REMINDERS

The next Sacramental Programme meeting will take place on Thursday 20th March, in St Richard's Church at 6pm. This meeting is the final preparation for the children before they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Forgiveness). The children will receive the Sacrament of Forgiveness for the first time after 9.15am Mass on Friday 21st March. There is also a sacramental programme mass at St Richard's at 5pm on Saturday 22nd March. Please remember all the children and their families in your prayers at this special time.

FRANCIS HOUSE CRÈME EGG UPDATE

The total number of crème eggs that the children, parents and staff of St Richard's managed to collect was a barn-stormingly brilliant **1919**. Well done everyone! The closing date has been reached and these eggs were whisked away to Francis House by our Caritas Ambassadors this afternoon.

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

National Online Safety (NOS) produce free online safety guides for schools to share with parents and carers. This campaign is called '#WakeUp Wednesday'. At St Richard's we occasionally provide links to different topical e-safety issues so that parents and children are better informed and able to make better choices about their computer and internet use. This week's edition of Wake Up Wednesday is all about what children, young people, parents and carers need to know about **how to combat online bullying**. Please read more [here](#)

PLEASE FOLLOW US ON X (FORMERLY TWITTER)

Our school X account continues to be 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 I am delighted to report that we now have 110 followers! If you are not currently following us on X, please consider it, as it is a lovely way to find out more about what is happening in school.

DONATIONS TO NCA

Northmoor Community Association are currently collecting clothes, shoes and trainers, toiletries, football kits, bicycles, scooters, prams and buggies for vulnerable people in need. If you have any of these things to donate, please drop them off at the Northmoor Hub, which is located at 103 Northmoor Road (please do not bring donations into school). Many thanks.

DONATIONS
We are collecting donations for vulnerable families in need

- Backpacks
- Toiletries
- Football Kits
- Bicycles
- Scooters
- Newborn Pram
- Prams/Buggies
- Children/Women/Men Clothes

DROP-OFF LOCATION
NCA Northmoor Community Association is collecting on behalf of Care UK Charity (Refugee and Children). Bring the donations to **Northmoor HUB** in our opening times (northmoorcommunity.co.uk)

NORTHMOOR HUB - 103 Northmoor Road, Longsight, M12 5RT
cathy@northmoorcommunity.org



CLASS ASSEMBLIES THIS TERM

Our class assemblies are fantastic occasions where we invite parents to share in the prayer life of our school by attending an assembly produced by their child's class. Well done to Class 3 for their lovely assembly this morning. 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 26th March, not Thursday 27th March (as was originally advertised).

| Date | Class assembly for: |
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| Thursday 20 th March | Class 9 |
| Wednesday 26 th March | Class 2 |

END OF SPRING TERM AWARDS ASSEMBLIES

Parents are also very welcome to attend their child(ren)'s end of Spring Term Awards Assembly. Details of these are below:

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| Monday 7 th April | Nursery and Reception end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend) |
| Tuesday 8 th April | Year 1 and Year 2 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend) |
| Thursday 10 th April | Year 3 and Year 4 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend) |
| Friday 11 th April | Year 5 and Year 6 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend) |
| Friday 11 th April | Pupils break up for Easter |
| Saturday 19 th April | Easter Vigil Mass at St Richard's RC Church (time TBC) |
| Tuesday 22 nd April | Pupils return to school |

With many thanks for your continuing support

Mr J Murray

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