



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025

Thursday 20th 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.

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!

On Monday this week it was the feast day of St Patrick. St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and is credited with bringing Christianity to the Irish people in the 5th century. St Patrick used the three-leaf clover (shamrock) to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). Please pray for us St Patrick.



WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

Next Sunday's Gospel teaches us that we are all called to change and to grow. This is an especially encouraging thought during the season of Lent. Please continue to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/change?pid=MTA101634&v=170.5>

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

CARITAS ST JOSEPH'S PENNY APPEAL LENT 2025

Please continue to 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 ongoing Lenten alms-giving efforts.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME DATES REMINDER

The next sacramental programme meeting will take place **THIS EVENING** (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 **TOMORROW** (Friday 21st March) in St Richard's Church. There will then be a Certificate Mass at St Richard's at 5pm on Saturday 22nd March. Please continue to remember all the children and families currently on the sacramental programme in your prayers at this special time.

RECEPTION PARENTS WORKSHOP

Reception parents are invited to a literacy workshop which is taking place in school tomorrow, Friday 21st March, starting at 1.45pm. This workshop will focus on literacy skills and is designed to help Reception parents support their child's development in a fun and engaging way. This session will last approximately 1 hour and will take place in St Richard's Hall.

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 **112** followers! If you are not currently following us on X, please consider it because it is a great way to find out more about what is happening in school.

YEAR 6 SATS DATES 2024

This year the Year 6 KS2 SATs will take place between **Monday 12th May 2025 and Thursday 15th May 2025**. During KS2 SATs week, pupils will sit 6 different tests and it is vitally important that they are in school for all of these tests and are ready to do their very best.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS OVER EASTER HOLIDAYS

Manchester City Council has approved funding for free school meal (FSM) vouchers for children eligible for benefits-led free school meals. As in previous holidays, school will issue the vouchers to parents. Even though we only have a week and a day off at Easter, two weeks' vouchers will still be issued. This means that if MCC agrees to fund vouchers going forward (i.e. May half term), eligible families at St Richard's will only receive vouchers for one week at May half-term.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES THIS TERM

Our class assemblies continue to be fantastic occasions. Well done to Class 9 for their lovely assembly this morning. Below are details of the one remaining class assembly coming up before Easter. Class assemblies begin at 9am in the main school hall.

Date	Class assembly for:
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:

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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