



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



### LENT 2025

The season of Lent began yesterday with Ash Wednesday. We wish everyone all the best with their Lenten efforts this year. Our Y5 and Y6 pupils and staff attended our parish Mass on Wednesday

this week and were invited to receive ashes as a symbol of their commitment to the next 40 days of preparing for the celebration of Easter. Father Kris also very kindly visited our EYFS children and spoke to them about Ash Wednesday. 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

St Joseph's Penny coin boxes came home on Tuesday this week.



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. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025). We will send out a reminder

nearer the time. Many thanks for all your Lenten alms-giving efforts.

### 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. Full details are in the letter that your child brought home last Monday. 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.

Please visit <https://strichardsrc.schoolcloud.co.uk/> as soon as possible in order to book your appointments. The appointment booking window closes at noon tomorrow (Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March). Changes to appointments or new appointment requests will not be possible after this date.

### PRIORITISING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

We all have a very important role to play in prioritizing pedestrian safety on the streets and pavements around our school. Parents should always use authorised crossing points and ensure that they have close supervision of their children when crossing roads. Drivers should drive considerately and park as far away from school as possible. Drivers must not block pavements or pedestrian walkways as this makes it more dangerous for pedestrians, who may be forced to walk in the road as a result. We have invited Traffic Enforcement Officers to visit school in the near future to monitor this.

### 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 97 followers at the moment – can you help us reach 100?

### NURSERY PARENTS WORKSHOP

Nursery parents are invited to join us for our next nursery parents workshop. This is being held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 1.45pm. This workshop will focus on literacy skills and is designed to help Nursery parents support their child's development in a fun and engaging way. The workshop will be divided into two parts: Part 1 is the Learning Session where we will focus on literacy development and how to support at home. Parents will be able to ask questions and share ideas in a supportive environment. Part 2 is Hands on Activities: Children will be invited into the workshop, to work with their parents on some fun literacy-based activities, putting their learning into action. This session will last approximately 1 hour and will be held in St Richard's Hall.

### FRANCIS HOUSE CRÈME EGG UPDATE

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



### WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word is now back to its usual format following the holiday edition over the last three weeks. 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 particularly wonderful resource for parents and children on the Sacramental Programme to use. This week's Wednesday Word is **LENT**

### WORLD BOOK DAY 2025

We had a fantastic World Book Day 2025 in school today. Many thanks for all your efforts in helping prepare such wonderful book-related costumes. Please have a look on X (formerly Twitter) soon in order to see photos and descriptions of some of the activities that our pupils and staff undertook today.

### 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

With many thanks for your continuing support

Mr J Murray

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