



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025

Thursday 10th April 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.



a very happy and holy Easter break. Thank you for all your efforts this term everyone.

NEXT WEEK IS HOLY WEEK

Holy Week begins on Sunday 13th April 2025, with Palm Sunday.

Throughout this special week (and even though we are on holiday from school during Holy Week this year) we are still called to reflect upon the events leading up to Jesus' death whilst also looking forward to His Resurrection, which we celebrate on Sunday 20th April. We wish all our families the peace, holiness, hope and joy of the Easter season.



Holy Week

EASTER VIGIL MASS 2025

The Easter Vigil Mass (the first Mass of Easter) will be celebrated at St Richard's RC Church on Saturday 19th April, starting at 6pm. Even though children from school will not be reading or forming a choir at this mass this year, we would still encourage parents to attend this mass with their child(ren). All children must be accompanied at this mass by a parent or carer.

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Please continue to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=172.6>

The Wednesday Word is a particularly useful resource for parents and children on the Sacramental Programme. This week's Wednesday Word is the holiday edition which will last until we come back to school after the Easter holidays.

CARITAS ST JOSEPH'S PENNY APPEAL LENT 2025

Please continue to put any spare change or donations in your box during the final days of Lent. Please keep hold of the box until straight after the Easter holidays (the school week commencing Tuesday 22nd April 2025). Many thanks for all your ongoing Lenten alms-giving efforts.

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 the two week May half-term.

ST GEORGE'S DAY

Soon after our return to school after Easter, on Wednesday 23rd April, it is the feast day of St George, Patron Saint of England. Here's a little prayer which can be prayed to commemorate St George's Day – or can be prayed anytime:



Heavenly Father,

Please give us the bravery of St George to stand up for what we believe. Give us the strength to overcome the 'dragons' in our lives and in the world. Give us the compassion to always help people who we see in distress. Amen.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO START SCHOOL

National Primary Offer Day is on Wednesday 16th April 2025. This is the day when parents will find out whether they have a place for their child in our Reception class next academic year. To help every child get the best start in life, we know children need to be ready to begin school. This involves a range of basic skills. We encourage parents to look at the DfE [Starting Reception](#) website as it contains lots of helpful advice on getting your child ready for Reception in September 2025.

SUMMER UNIFORM AFTER EASTER

From Tuesday 22nd April 2025, when we return to school after the Easter holidays, and as an alternative to winter uniform, pupils may wear summer uniform. Summer uniform may be worn until the October half-term holidays. For girls, summer uniform consists of a blue and white gingham dress. Girls may also wear white tights or black, white or grey socks as part of summer uniform. Boys' summer uniform consists of dark grey trousers or shorts, light blue polo shirt and plain navy school sweatshirt (preferably with the school logo and no other logo allowed).

END OF SPRING TERM AWARDS ASSEMBLIES

Many thanks to those parents, relatives and friends who were able to make it this week to our end of term awards assemblies. It was lovely to have so many of you come along and share the celebrations. Y5 and Y6 parents are very welcome to attend their child(ren)'s assembly tomorrow morning.

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 at 6pm
Tuesday 22 nd April	Pupils return to school

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

Mr J Murray

Headteacher

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