



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

We hope that you had a happy and restful Easter holiday. Easter is not just a one day celebration but a whole season (the longest of the liturgical year) which lasts from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> June 2025). Throughout this season, we will be praising God for the blessings of His Son's resurrection whilst looking forward to the Holy Spirit inspiring us to prayer and action and giving us the grace to love all our neighbours.



## REST IN PEACE POPE FRANCIS

As we mourn his passing, Pope Francis' legacy will be remembered as one that brought the Church closer to its mission of love, mercy and justice. Pope Francis was a passionate supporter of children and young people, calling them the 'joy and hope of the Church and the world!'

Pope Francis understood that in a world that can feel scary or divided, God's love and the hope it brings is needed more than ever. In fact, he made hope the theme of this Jubilee Year. Pope Francis has inspired us all to work for a better world. In this Jubilee Year, we have already seen children and young people in England and Wales respond with great enthusiasm to Pope Francis' call to be Pilgrims of Hope. We will continue on that journey, all the while remembering what an inspirational leader he was.

## WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word remains in the Easter holiday version this week. Please share the joy of Easter contained in the Wednesday Word as a family this week by visiting: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=172.6>

## RETURNING ST JOSEPH'S PENNY BOXES

Many thanks to everyone who has been filling their St Joseph's Penny boxes over the Easter break. Children should now return their penny-filled box to school by the closing date of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Many thanks in advance for all your fund-raising efforts.

## RECEIVING THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

It is vitally important that parents receive and read the newsletter every week so that you know what's going on at St Richard's. The newsletter is only very occasionally sent out as a paper copy. The latest version of the weekly newsletter can be accessed on the school's website every Thursday afternoon. We are happy to email the newsletter to parents every week if they request this service. If you are not currently receiving the newsletter each week but wish to receive the newsletter every Thursday by email, then simply send:

1. Your full name
2. Name(s) and class(es) of your child(ren) at our school
3. Preferred email address
4. The message 'I consent to school using my email address in order to send me a copy of the newsletter each week of term'.

to [comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk) and you will be added to the mailing list.

## SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO START RECEPTION

To help every child get the best start in life, we know that they need to be ready to begin their Reception year in 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 IN SUMMER TERM

Now that we are in the summer term, 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).

## PARK AND STRIDE

'Park and Stride' is a simple idea for families who live further away to still enjoy the benefits of walking to school. If you drive your child to school, please consider parking a ten-minute walk from school and complete their journey on foot. This reduces traffic, congestion and road danger around our school gates whilst allowing children the chance to get active for the last part of their journey. Walk to School Week 2025 starts on 19<sup>th</sup> May this year and it would be great if you were already prepared for this.

## UPCOMING CLASS ASSEMBLIES

It is always lovely to have so many of our parents come along and share in the prayers, achievements and celebrations of our class assemblies. These always begin at 9am in the school hall. This term's confirmed dates are below.

Date:	Class Assembly:
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Class 7 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Reception 1 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Class 6 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Reception 2 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am

## 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](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk)

With many thanks for your continuing support

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