



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025

Thursday 3<sup>rd</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.

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

We are getting closer to Holy Week, when we focused on the Passion and Death of Jesus. In the Gospel of the fifth Sunday of Lent (this coming Sunday), some men catch a woman doing something wrong. They decide they want to punish her by killing her. They ask Jesus what to do, trying to trick Him. Jesus tells them whoever hasn't sinned can be the first one to hurt her. They all leave without hurting the woman, and Jesus forgives her. The reassuring message is that Jesus forgives. It also reminds us that, no matter how difficult or painful our lives may be at times, there is always hope for new life and transformation through Jesus.



## 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.

## RECONCILIATION IN LENT

Children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 who have already made their First Holy Communion had the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) after Mass yesterday morning. The children received the sacrament in a joyful and reverential manner and were all excellent. Many thanks to Father Kris for making himself available for so many of our pupils to receive this important sacrament of forgiveness as part of their Lenten preparations.

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025). We will send out a reminder nearer the time. Many thanks for all your ongoing Lenten alms-giving efforts.

## 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 124 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.

## 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.

## NON-UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW

Tomorrow is a non-uniform day for all children at St Richard's. A reminder text has been sent via the school gateway app. Please ensure that you have your notifications switched on. The suggested voluntary contribution is £1. All money raised will go towards school funds. Many thanks for your support.



## SUMMER UNIFORM AFTER EASTER

From Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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).

## 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 completing 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.

## END OF SPRING TERM AWARDS ASSEMBLIES

Parents are very welcome to attend their child(ren)'s upcoming end of Spring Term Awards Assembly. These will all take place next week. Details are below:

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Nursery and Reception end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 and Year 2 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 and Year 4 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 and Year 6 end of term awards assembly in main school hall at 9am (parents welcome to attend)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils break up for Easter
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Vigil Mass at St Richard's RC Church (time TBC)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk)

With many thanks for your continuing support

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