



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025

Thursday 15th May 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.

OUR NEW POPE, LEO XIV



News of the election of our new pope – and leader of the Catholic Church - Pope Leo XIV, came too late for last week's newsletter. We wish our new pontiff all the very best and we ask that everyone prays for him in his new role:

Let us pray for Pope Leo XIV. May God preserve him, give him a long life, bless him and guide him to carry on the work of Pope Francis to care for the Earth and to stand up for the least, the last and the lost. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

Please share the joy contained in the Wednesday Word as a family this week by visiting:

<https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/love?pid=MTA101634&v=174.6>

This week's Wednesday Word is **LOVE**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME MEETINGS

The next meeting for children and parents on the sacramental programme will be in St Richard's Church this evening, Thursday 15th May, from 5pm – 6.30pm. This will be a Holy Communion Retreat and will prepare all the children and their parents for the celebration of First Holy Communion. It is vitally important that parents and children attend. The children will make their First Holy Communion at 6.30pm on Thursday 22nd May. Please remember all our families on the sacramental programme in your prayers.

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 and you will be added to the mailing list.

YEAR 6 SATS

Year 6 KS2 SATs have been taking place every day this week, with the final test taking place today. We want to say a big 'Thank you and well done!' to all the Year 6 children and all the Year 6 staff who have worked incredibly hard in preparation for and completion of the KS2 SATs.

NON-UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW

There will be non-uniform day for all children and staff tomorrow, Friday 16th May, in return for a suggested £1 donation towards school funds.

PROTECTING YOUR CHILD FROM THE SUN

This week is Sun Awareness Week, which coincides with a forecast for hot and sunny weather in Manchester until well into next week. Please provide your child with effective protection from the sun (wide brimmed or peaked cap, sunglasses, sun screen). You should apply sunscreen to your child before you bring them to school. On a particularly hot day if you feel they may need a top up, this will not be applied by staff in school although they will assist your child if necessary.

UPCOMING CLASS ASSEMBLIES

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

Date:	Class Assembly:
Thursday 22 nd May	Reception 1 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Thursday 26 th June	Class 6 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Thursday 3 rd July	Reception 2 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
ADVANCE NOTICE:	Our Year 6 Leavers' Mass will take place in St Richard's Church at 10.30am on Thursday 10 th July 2025
ADVANCE NOTICE:	Our Year 6 Leavers' Awards Assembly will take place at 9.15am on Friday 18 th July 2025

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

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