



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025

Thursday 1st 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.

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

The feast day of St. Joseph the Worker, which we celebrate today, Thursday 1st May, reminds us of the importance of work in the lives of individuals and society. It also encourages us to strive for excellence in our work and to use our talents and abilities to serve others. Let us Pray:

God our Father, Creator and Ruler of the universe, in every age you call us to use and develop our gifts for the good of others. With St. Joseph as our guide, help us to do the work you have asked and come to the rewards you have promised. Please grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Please St. Joseph The Worker, Pray for us.



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>

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME MEETINGS

The next meeting for children and parents on the sacramental programme will take place a week today, on Thursday 8th May. This was due to take place in St Richard's Church but will now take place in the main school hall, starting at 6pm. The next meeting after that will be in St Richard's Church on Thursday 15th May from 5pm – 6.30pm. Both meetings will prepare all the children for the celebration of First Holy Communion. It is vitally important that both parents and children attend both meetings. The children will make their First Holy Communion at 6.30pm on Thursday 22nd May. Please remember our families on the sacramental programme in your prayers.

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 - **tomorrow**, Friday 2nd 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 and you will be added to the mailing list.

NEXT MONDAY IS A BANK HOLIDAY

School will be closed to all pupils on Monday 5th May 2025 as this is a public holiday. School will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 6th May. We wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable extended weekend.

VE (VICTORY IN EUROPE) DAY ON THURSDAY 8TH MAY

We will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day on Thursday 8th May in school by inviting pupils to dress in sensible red, white and blue non-uniform on that day. There is no charge for this.

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 19th 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 th May	Class 7 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
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

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
St Richard's RC Primary School