



# St. Richard's RC Primary Summer Term Newsletter



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 RICHARD'S CONNECTION TO OUR NEW POPE

Here's an interesting fact to start the newsletter this week: Mr Keyworth went to Villanova University in Philadelphia, USA, on a sports scholarship, in 1982. This is the same university that Pope Leo XIV attended as an undergraduate. Mr Keyworth remembers Father Prevost (as he was then) returning to give a talk to the students in 1986, all about his vocation and mission in Peru.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TONIGHT AT 6.30PM



The children from Class 5 and Class 6 who have been on the Sacramental Programme this year will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time this evening, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, at 6.30pm in St Richard's Church. Please remember to pray for all these children and their families who are about to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

## WE BREAK UP FOR TWO WEEKS HOLIDAY TOMORROW

We break up at the end of the school day tomorrow, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, for the two-week half-term holidays. We wish all our pupils, parents and staff a safe, happy and restful break. We return to school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

This year, the Feast of Pentecost takes place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Whitsuntide is another name for Pentecost. Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Church and is the start of the Church's mission to the world. Pentecost is a happy festival. The first Pentecost came when people from many different nations were in Jerusalem, celebrating the Jewish festival of Shavuot. The Holy Spirit descended on the apostles. It arrived as a strong wind and it settled as tongues of fire. The apostles soon found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit.



## FSM VOUCHERS OVER SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

The council has agreed to fund free school meals vouchers over the May 2025 half term holidays, for children eligible for free school meals (FSM). This week you will be issued with a £15 voucher per eligible child. As we previously advised, the other £15 was issued to eligible parents in April prior to the Easter break, when £30.00 was issued.

## WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

From time to time we signpost parents to National Online Safety's free online safety guides for parents and carers. This campaign is called '#WakeUp Wednesday'. At St Richard's this means that we occasionally provide links to different e-safety issues so that parents and children are better informed and able to make better choices about their internet use. This week's guide is a really useful read all about **healthy sleeping habits** and it can be viewed by clicking [here](#)

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

## WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

Please share the joy of the Gospel as a family this week and over the two weeks of the Whitsuntide break by visiting the half-term holiday version of the Wednesday Word at: <https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=175.6> This week's Wednesday Word is **PEACE**

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Class photographs will be taken on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (our first Thursday back after the holidays). Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform (summer or winter) on this day.

## UNIVERSALLY MANCHESTER FESTIVAL 2025

The University of Manchester organises this free, family-friendly and fun-filled community day for all. It will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025 from 11am – 4.30pm and promises to be a great day of fun for all ages. The festival is free and open to all. Discover more about it at: <https://universallymanchester.com/>

## UPCOMING CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Well done to Reception 1 who gave us a wonderful class assembly this morning. It is always lovely to have so many of our parents come along and share in the prayers, achievements and celebrations of our children at our class assemblies. These always begin at 9am in the school hall. This term's confirmed dates are below.

Date:	Class Assembly:
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
ADVANCE NOTICE:	Our Year 6 Leavers' Mass will take place in St Richard's Church at 10.30am on Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
ADVANCE NOTICE:	Our Year 6 Leavers' Awards Assembly will take place at 9.15am on Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk)

Wishing you all the best for a restful break and with many thanks for your continuing support

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