



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY



May is a special month of devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. This May, we could try to set some extra time aside in order to look up to Mary as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist us whenever we are in need. In the Catholic tradition, we ask Mary to intercede for us with her Son, we do not worship Mary. This month, we could ask Jesus to grant us a small amount of the heroic patience, angelic kindness and heavenly wisdom which Our Mother Mary demonstrates in such gracious abundance. Our GIFT Team will be

leading a daily prayer group for KS2 children throughout the month of May in school.

## WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word is now back to its regular format, following the Easter holiday. Please share the joy contained in the Wednesday Word as a family this week by visiting:

<https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/life?pid=MTA101634&v=173.6>

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

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME MEETINGS

The next meeting for children and parents on the sacramental programme will take place **TONIGHT**, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. This was due to take place in St Richard's Church but **this 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 15<sup>th</sup> May from 5pm – 6.30pm. Both meetings will prepare all the children for the celebration of First Holy Communion. It is vitally important that parents and children attend both meetings. The children will make their First Holy Communion at 6.30pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Please remember our families on the sacramental programme in your prayers.

## THANKS FOR RETURNING ST JOSEPH'S PENNY BOXES

Many thanks to everyone who has brought their St Joseph's Penny box back to school. We really appreciate everyone's kindness and generosity. We will let you know the final total of our Lenten fund-raising efforts as soon as we can.

## 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.

## YEAR 6 SATS DATES 2025

Year 6 KS2 SATs will take place next week, between Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May. During KS2 SATs week, pupils will sit 6 different tests, and it is vitally important that they are in school for all these tests and are ready to do their very best. The children and all the Year 6 staff have worked incredibly hard in preparation for the SATs and we wish all of Year 6 the very best for next week.



## WE CELEBRATED VE (VICTORY IN EUROPE) DAY TODAY

We celebrated the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day in school today. The children looked fantastic in their red, white and blue non-uniform and we all had an ice lolly to celebrate too!

There will also be a regular non-uniform day for all children and staff the week after, on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May, in return for a suggested £1 donation towards school funds.

## PROTECTING YOUR CHILD FROM THE SUN

This is a reminder for when the weather is hot and sunny: Please provide your child with effective protection from the sun. You should apply sun cream 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 of our class assemblies. Well done to Class 7 for their assembly this morning. These always begin at 9am in the school hall. This term's confirmed dates are below.

Date:	Class Assembly:
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
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

With many thanks for your continuing support

Mr J Murray

Headteacher  
St Richard's RC Primary School