



St. Richard's RC Primary Summer Term Newsletter



**Thursday 12th
June 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.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL EVERYONE

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable break and we wish everyone all the very best for the final half-term of this academic year.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARISH MASS THIS COMING SUNDAY

Our First Holy Communion mass, which was celebrated on Thursday 22nd May (just before we broke up for the Whitsuntide holidays) was a joyous celebration and the children conducted themselves wonderfully – thanks very much everyone. On Sunday 15th June (this coming Sunday) there will be a celebration mass followed by Communion Breakfast in St Richard's school hall. **This Mass starts at 9.30am** so children will need to be on time. This is a lovely chance for the parishioners of St Richard's to see the first communicants in their wonderful First Holy Communion outfits.

THE FEAST DAY OF ST RICHARD

Next Monday, 16th June, is the date when we will celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, St Richard of Chichester. Here is our patron's prayer – it would be lovely if we all prayed it at some time ahead of or on the big day next Monday:

*Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ
For all the benefits you have given me,
For the pains and insults
Which you have borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
May I know you more clearly,
Love you more dearly,
Follow you more nearly
Day by Day.*



IT'S FATHER'S DAY THIS SUNDAY, 15th JUNE

We would like to wish 'Happy Father's Day' this coming Sunday to all the dads and other adults who take on the role of being a dad to the children who attend our school. We hope you all enjoy this coming Sunday. The role that you play, the work that you do, your involvement with and support for your children is vital and is very much appreciated by many people.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word is back to its usual format this week, following the half-term holiday edition. Please share the joy of the Wednesday Word as a family this week by visiting <https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/holy-trinity?pid=MTA101634&v=176>.

UNIVERSALLY MANCHESTER FESTIVAL 2025

The University of Manchester organises this free, family-friendly and fun-filled community day for all. It will take place this coming Saturday 14th 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/>

ST JOSEPH'S PENNY FINAL TOTAL

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Lenten fund-raising efforts for Caritas by filling a St Joseph's Penny box. The final amount raised was **£578.80** which is a terrific effort – well done everyone!

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

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2025 IN MANCHESTER

The theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2025 is 'Story Garden'. It runs 1st July – 13th September 2025. Children need to go along to the public library to pick up their joining card and sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge. There is no charge to join in. If children are not already library members, they can join on the day. There are no charges for library membership and borrowing, and no fines for books returned late. Children complete the challenge when they have borrowed (and returned) 6 library books. They can read any library book they choose (fact, fiction, poetry etc). They will receive their medal and a special bookmark in the library when they have finished the challenge. Certificates will be sent to primary schools in the autumn term for children who completed the challenge. Year 6 pupils (and any child not returning to a Manchester primary school) can ask for their certificate and medal in the library.



SCHOOL BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

Please save the dates: our Scholastics School Book Fair will take place in St Richard's Hall straight after school from Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th June (4 days). Please do come along. There will be more details in next week's newsletter.

ASSEMBLIES THIS HALF-TERM

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 begin at 9am in the school hall. Please also note the dates and start times of our end of year assemblies below.

Date:	Class Assembly:
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
Thursday 10 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass in St Richard's Church at 10.30am
Friday 11 th July	EYFS (R & N) End of Year Awards Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Monday 14 th July	Y1 & Y2 End of Year Awards Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Tuesday 15 th July	C5, C6 and C7 End of Year Awards Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Thursday 17 th July	C8, C9 and C10 End of Year Awards Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Friday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Awards Assembly at 9.15am in the main school hall

With many thanks for your continuing support

Mr J Murray

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