



St. Richard's RC Primary Summer Term Newsletter



Thursday 17th July 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.

KS2 SATS SUCCESS

We have had an **AMAZING** set of Year 6 SATs results this year which are well above the national average in Reading, Writing, Maths and SPAG. Please be sure to take a good look at the separate letter from Mr Keyworth, which has full details of our end-of-year outcomes.

BREAKING UP FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

At St Richard's, we break up for the summer holidays at the end of the day tomorrow, **Friday 18th July 2025**. We wish you all a very safe and a very happy summer break. We wish all our Year 6 pupils a wonderful transition to high school, and we thank them for their many contributions to the life of St Richard's in the time that they have been with us.

As this is the final newsletter of the current academic year, I would like to thank all pupils, staff, parents and governors at St Richard's for all your hard work and dedication this year. We look forward to our return to school on **Wednesday 3rd September 2025**. For Reception to Year 6 pupils, school gates will be open from 8.30am

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

Please try to find time to read the bumper version of the Wednesday Word as a family over the summer holidays. Please visit <https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/summer-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=181.6>

TRAVELLING TO HIGH SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

A message from Transport for Greater Manchester: Is your child moving to secondary school in September? Check out our School Travel Checklist. Apply for an iGo card in plenty of time to keep on paying child fares on buses & trams. Get everything you need, including your schools travel page: beenetwork.com/schools

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS OVER SUMMER

Manchester City Council have agreed to make a one-off payment of £50 per child eligible for free school meals (FSM) to help with the financial pressures that many of our families are currently facing. This one-off payment to eligible FSM pupils will be paid prior to the end of the summer term.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2025

The theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2025 is 'Story Garden'. It started on 1st July and runs until 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.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ECO-CHALLENGES

Our Eco-Council have been working very hard this year on several projects in school including supporting biodiversity, recycling, saving energy, growing vegetables in our school garden and tackling littering. Over the summer holidays, see if you can challenge yourself to help the environment by trying some of these eco-friendly actions:

- Walk, cycle, or scoot instead of using the car when you can
- Turn off lights and unplug devices when you're not using them
- Reuse and recycle as much as possible
- Spend time in nature and learn about local wildlife
- Pick up litter in your local area (with an adult's help!)
- Try Meat-Free Mondays with seasonal foods
- Make a bug hotel using natural and recycled materials to give insects a safe place to live
- Try growing a plant or vegetable—in your garden, in a pot, or even on a windowsill!

MCR ACTIVE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

MCR Active have asked us to let parents know that there are thousands of free places for children's activities over the school holidays. Each session booked will include a free meal. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 to get involved:

1. Register for free benefits-related school meals
 2. Create a family MCRactive Go account
 3. Find and book your sessions on the Activity Finder.
- To find out whether your child is eligible to take part, or to book activities, visit <https://www.mcractive.com/haf>

RETURNING SCHOOL READING BOOKS

Please ensure that your child(ren) return all reading books that belong to school by tomorrow – our last day in school. This includes colour band books, accelerated reader books and Bug Club Phonics books. It takes a lot of time and effort to sort out our stock of reading books and make them ready for the start of the new academic year so your help with this is greatly appreciated.

END OF YEAR EVENTS

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make our end of year mass and awards assemblies such wonderful occasions. The Year 6 Leavers' Mass last Thursday was a wonderfully joyous occasion and the Leavers' Assembly tomorrow is another important milestone in the lives of our oldest pupils, to whom we wish a very fond farewell, along with our thoughts and prayers for the very best for the future. The Year 6 Leavers' Awards Assembly will take place in the main school hall at 9.15am tomorrow.

With many thanks for all your support
this academic year and wishing you all a happy
and restful break,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School