



St. Richard's RC Primary Summer Term Newsletter



Thursday 3rd 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.

OUR JUBILEE YEAR CAFOD PLEDGE

This week, we launched a 'Toilet Twinning' project at St Richard's. Toilet Twinning is a scheme run by the Tearfund charity. The scheme funds hygiene education via community-led workshops and by sourcing local materials for families and communities to build their own toilets in different countries around the world. Toilet twinning is our CAFOD Jubilee Pledge and part of our effort to be 'Pilgrims of Hope' in this special year for the Church. £300 raised from non-uniform days has been donated towards this very worthy cause. Some toilets at St Richard's will soon display a framed certificate to show which toilet in another part of the world our own toilets are twinned with.



YEAR 6 LEAVERS' MASS CHANGE OF TIME

With apologies for any inconvenience caused but our Year 6 Leavers' Mass will now take place at 11am on Thursday 10th July (it was originally advertised to begin at 10.30am). Year 6 parents in particular are very welcome and encouraged to attend.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

Please share the joy of the Wednesday Word as a family this week by <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>
The Wednesday Word this week is **GOD'S KINGDOM**

NON-UNIFORM DAY ON FRIDAY 11th JULY

In return for a £1 voluntary donation towards school funds, we would like all pupils to come to school in sensible non-uniform a week tomorrow (Friday 11th July). Many thanks in advance.

KEY STAGE TWO SPORTS DAYS

This week we have enjoyed our upper and lower Key Stage Two Sports Days. We are very thankful to St Peter's RC High School and Belle Vue Sports Village for providing such an amazing venue for our children to compete in. Many thanks to all the staff who planned and prepared such well-run events. Well done to all our children who took part in such a sporting and supportive manner.

SAFE4SUMMER 2025

We are pleased to share the [Safe4Summer 2025](#) campaign led by Greater Manchester Police with support from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, local councils, and other key partners. This collaborative campaign is designed to engage young people and their parents or guardians, encouraging positive behaviours while helping to reduce water-related incidents, deliberate fires, and anti-social behaviour throughout the summer. The [Safe4Summer website](#) shares key campaign messages and directs families to a variety of fun, exciting, and safe activities available in the local area.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS OVER SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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 is to be paid prior to the end of the summer term.

MRC 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>

BOOK FAIR SUCCESS

Last week's Scholastic book fair was a great success and helped to increase book ownership amongst our pupils. Many thanks to Mrs Fosbrook who coordinated the event and to everyone else who supported the event and helped ensure that our stock of books in school is also increased. As a result of the book fair, we have record rewards totalling **£551.50** (50% of total sales) which we can now use to purchase more books for classes in school.

RETURNING SCHOOL READING BOOKS

Please ensure that your child(ren) return all reading books that belong to school by **TOMORROW** Friday 4th July 2025 at the very latest. 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 complete and timely cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2025 IN MANCHESTER

The theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2025 is 'Story Garden'. It runs from 1st July to 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.

END OF YEAR EVENTS

Well done to Reception 2 who gave us such a lovely assembly this morning. Please note the dates and start times of our end of year events below.

Date:	Class Assembly:
Thursday 10 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass in St Richard's Church at the revised time of 11am
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

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School