



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025

Thursday 11th September 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

EDUCATION SUNDAY IS THIS COMING SUNDAY

This coming Sunday (Sunday 14th September) is Education Sunday. At 9.30am Mass at St Richard's Church this Sunday, our GIFT Team will be doing the readings, as we give thanks for the many thousands of teachers, support staff, governors, advisers and others who have found their vocation in Catholic education, and without whom this would be impossible. Please feel free to join us at Mass this Sunday morning (all children must be accompanied by a parent/adult carer).

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

The Wednesday Word is a great free online resource for families which is always focused on the following Sunday's Gospel. Please try to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting: <https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/self-giving?pid=MTA101634&v=182.6>
This week's Wednesday Word is **SELF-GIVING**.

APPLICATIONS FOR A YEAR 7 SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Manchester City Council's online application portal opened on the 1st July 2025. **The closing date for on-time applications is Friday 31st October 2025.** Our school office staff can help parents who may be experiencing difficulties with submitting their applications online. Please phone school to make an appointment if you require this. Please follow this link to make an online application: [Apply for a place | Apply for a year 7 secondary place for September 2026 / Manchester City Council](#)

APPLICATIONS FOR A RECEPTION CLASS PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 and they are due to start primary school in September 2026 and you live in Manchester then please follow this link to make an online application: https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2026 If you live outside Manchester and want a place at a Manchester school, you need to apply through your current home council. The application round for Reception 2026 school places is currently open and the deadline for submitting an on time application is **Wednesday 14th January 2026**. Our school office staff can help parents who may be experiencing difficulties with submitting their applications online.

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

In the newsletter we occasionally provide a link to different e-safety issues so that parents and children are better informed and able to make better choices about their computer and internet use. This information is provided by National Online Safety (NOS) and the campaign is called '#WakeUp Wednesday'. This week's edition of Wake Up Wednesday profiles live streaming – a hugely popular activity among young people that is certainly not without hazards. Please read more [here](#)

RESPONDING TO THE NEWSLETTER

We are always happy to receive comments, observations or suggestions about the newsletter or any aspect of school life in general. Any such comments will be read and considered. These can be emailed to: comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor at St Richard's. Parent governors are elected by other parents and are vital for the effective leadership that our governing body provides. Parent governors share responsibility for carrying out the governing body's wide range of functions. You do not have to be an expert in education to be a school governor; training will be given (and you will be required to attend this training). You would be required to give your time for 3 full governing body meetings in every academic year, 3 curriculum links meetings every year and to serve on at least one committee, which would meet once a term. If you are interested, please email comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk with your full name, the full names and year group/class of children that you have at St Richard's and a telephone number on which someone from school could contact you to discuss the vacancy and answer any questions that you may have.

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK MAY 2026

The Key Stage 2 SATS tests which all our Year 6 pupils will be taking this academic year are timetabled from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026. It is vitally important that all our Year 6 pupils are in school for the whole of this week. Please make a note now in your diary or calendar.

GREEN FLAG AWARD WITH DISTINCTION

Congratulations to everyone at St Richard's on achieving the 2025 Eco-Schools Green Flag! We continue to inspire a generation of young environmental leaders and make a lasting impact. Special thanks and congratulations go to Mrs Varley and our amazing Eco-Councillors and everyone who assists them.



STAYING IN TOUCH AND INFORMED BY NEWSLETTER

It is vitally important that parents receive and read the newsletter every week. The newsletter will only be printed and handed out very occasionally. Usually, the newsletter is only available electronically. It can be accessed on the school's website every Thursday afternoon. However, if you wish to receive the newsletter directly every week by email, then you simply have to 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 and you will be added to the mailing list.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
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