



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025



Thursday 18th 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

OUR JUBILEE PLEDGE

We continue to celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025 by being Pilgrims of Hope on a daily basis. At assembly last Friday, our pupils were reminded that last academic year, the CARITAS Team agreed to the suggestion of using £300 from non-uniform day funds to set up a toilet-twinning project at St Richard's. The money we donated will be used to give access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene to those who need it. We are proud to now have a toilet twinned in every building at St Richard's.



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=183.6>
This week's Wednesday Word is **TRUSTWORTHY**

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_2018 If you live outside Manchester and want a place at a Manchester school, you need to apply through your current local 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN SCHOOL

Next week's newsletter will have a more comprehensive list but, for now, two events that you may like to make a note of are:

- Class 10 assembly at 9am on Thursday 2nd October in the school hall
- Class 5 Stay and Pray at 3pm on Friday 3rd October in the Prayer Room.

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

LUNCHTIME ORGANISER VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime organiser at St Richard's. Full details and the application forms are available at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/vacancies/>
The closing date for applications is noon on Friday 3rd October.

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. **Please do this by Friday 19th September.**

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.

COST OF LIVING ADVICE

If you have any concerns for your family around bills, heating or food, you can ring Manchester Local Authority's free Cost of Living Advice Line on 0800 023 2692, or text on 07860 022876 or you can visit: www.manchester.gov.uk/coladvice

MMR REMINDER

The NHS is urging parents and carers across the UK to check whether their child has had one or both doses of the MMR vaccine. It protects against measles, mumps and rubella, three serious illnesses that are spreading again. The vaccine is free and available anytime, so if your child has missed one or both doses or is now older, it's never too late to catch up. You can read more on the NHS website: www.nhs.uk/vaccinations

BUS OPERATOR INDUSTRIAL ACTION NEXT WEEK

You may be aware of the bus operator industrial action expected to start tomorrow and last into early next week (from Friday 19th to Monday 22nd September inclusive) by some operator staff in Greater Manchester. You can find out more information and read the full press release [HERE](#).

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School