



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025



Thursday 25th 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

GREG FINN WAS WITH US THIS WEEK

Greg Finn from the Mark 10 Mission paid us a visit on Tuesday this week. The Mark 10 Mission exists to help guide children into a living relationship with Jesus. Greg helped to make it easier for our children (from Nursery to Year 6) to share the Catholic faith in a way the children really understood. It was a lovely day.



HARVEST DONATIONS

This year we are again supporting Caritas Cornerstone Day Centre's Harvest Donations appeal by collecting the following items:

Breakfast cereal	Long-life milk
Porridge oats	Individually wrapped biscuits/cakes
Coffee and sugar	Tinned fruit/custard/rice pudding
Squash/cordial	Condiments
Tinned chickpeas	Shower gel
Tinned meats/tuna	New men's and women's socks
Tinned vegetables	Tinned potatoes
Cook-in pasta sauce	Cook-in curry sauce
Rice and pasta	Dishwasher tablets
Meat or veg stock cubes	Tinned baked beans

Any donations that you are able to make to help homeless people in our local area would be very gratefully received. Donations should be taken by your child to their class from Monday 29th September until the closing date of Tuesday 21st October. Our Caritas Ambassadors will be coordinating the appeal and helping to deliver the harvest of donations to Cornerstone before we break up for Autumn half-term on Friday 24th October.

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=184.7>

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: https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2026

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 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.

OUR LONGSIGHT FESTIVAL



FREE WEBINAR DELIVERED BY CONSULTANT CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, DR DANIEL WEISBERG

Parents are welcome to sign up for a free webinar which will explore the link between sleep, technology, and stress/anxiety in children and young people. These webinars are delivered by Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Dr Daniel Weisberg of CAYP Psychology (a national psychological healthcare service for children and young people).

The webinar is called 'Sleep, Screens and Stressed-Out Kids' and it will take place on Tuesday 30th September 8-9pm (UK time). The sign-up link is: <https://ro.am/events/cayp>

ASSEMBLIES AND 'STAY & PRAY' 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 in the hall (9am start) and Stay and Pray sessions in our Prayer Room (3pm start).

Date:	Class Assembly:
Thursday 2 nd October	Class 10 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Friday 3 rd October	Class 5 Stay & Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Thursday 9 th October	Class 4 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Friday 10 th October	Class 6 Stay & Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Thursday 16 th October	Class 8 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Friday 17 th October	Class 7 Stay & Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School