



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025



Friday 24th October 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

WE BREAK UP FOR HALF-TERM TODAY

We hope that everyone has a safe and peaceful break next week during the autumn half-term holidays. We return to school on Monday 3rd November. Please note that school will also be closed to all pupils on Friday 21st November 2025 because it is a staff training day.

CHANGE TO CLASS 1 EXIT ARRANGEMENTS AFTER HALF-TERM

When we return after half-term – and in order that there is less crowding at any one gate on Sutcliffe Avenue – the following change is being made: Children in Class 1 will be dismissed through the main gate (KS1 entrance) on Sutcliffe Avenue at 3.25pm. All other KS1 classes will remain unaffected (C2 will still be dismissed through the wide gate on Sutcliffe Avenue at 3.25pm, children in C3 will still be dismissed through the wide gate on Sutcliffe Avenue at 3.30pm and C4 will be dismissed through the main gate (KS1 entrance) on Sutcliffe Avenue at 3.30pm).

HARVEST DONATIONS FOR CARITAS

Many thanks to all who supported Caritas Cornerstones Day Centre's Harvest Appeal so generously by donating so many of the items that were requested. Our Caritas Ambassadors delivered the harvest of donations to the Cornerstone Centre yesterday. This has been another powerful expression of our school mission to look after each other. Well done everyone!

APPLICATIONS FOR A YEAR 7 SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

The closing date for on-time applications is Friday 31st October 2025 – during the half-term break. Please follow this link to make an on-time online application: [Apply for a place | Apply for a year 7 secondary place for September 2026 / Manchester City Council](#)

PERSONNEL NEWS

This week we welcomed Mrs Wade back to school following her maternity leave. Mrs Wade will be teaching in Nursery. Today, we say thank you and goodbye to Miss Nisa who has been teaching in Nursery since the start of this academic year. Mrs Edelman starts her maternity leave when we break up for the holidays today. Miss Crawford joined us this week to work alongside Mrs Edelman before taking charge of Class 6 after half-term. We wish Mrs Edelman, Mrs Wade, Miss Nisa and Miss Crawford all the best of luck.

FSM VOUCHERS FOR AUTUMN HALF-TERM

The council has agreed to fund free school meal vouchers over the Autumn 2025 half term holidays (which start when we break up after school today, Friday 24th October) for children eligible for free school meals (FSM). This week you will have been issued with a £15 voucher per eligible child.

SEND TASTER DAY

On Friday 31st October 2025, Manchester Active are hosting a FREE activity day for individuals with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and their families. This will take place at Belle Vue Leisure Centre, M12 4TF from 11am – 2pm. There will be several sports on offer along with giant garden games and crafts. The aim of this event is to provide an opportunity for SEND individuals to try out different activities in a safe and inclusive environment. Sports to expect include rugby, basketball, athletics, cycling, cricket and more.

The events will also provide attendees with an opportunity to speak to providers and learn about the regular SEND sport provision Manchester has to offer.

This activity day is suitable for all abilities including wheelchair users. The events will mainly be indoors with a few sports being outside, weather permitting. No booking required, just turn up and get involved – all ages are welcome! All the details are available at:

<https://mcractive.com/send/>



OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC SCHOOL INSPECTION

We are delighted to announce that the final report following our Catholic School Inspection earlier this month is now available for all parents to read. It is available at <https://st-richards-manchester.sch.uk/key-information/ofsted/> Please have a read. We are delighted to announce that St Richard's was judged to be **OUTSTANDING** in all areas of the inspection!

This is a fantastic result for our pupils, staff, SLT, parents and governors. Well done and many thanks everyone!

INVITATION TO MASS ON SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER

On Sunday 9th November there will be a joint children's Mass for children from St Richard's Longsight and St Mary's Levenshulme (the two schools and churches which make up our parish of St Robert of Newminster). The Mass will take place at 11am at St. Mary of the Angels & St. Clare Church, Elbow St, Levenshulme, M19 3PY and all our children (who must be accompanied by a parent) are very welcome to attend. Children do not have to wear school uniform. All families are invited to stay for refreshments in St Mary's Parish Centre after Mass. Please come along and join us. This is also Remembrance Sunday.

ASSEMBLIES AND 'STAY & PRAY' THIS 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 13 th November	Class 4 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Thursday 20 th November	Class 5 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Thursday 27 th November	Class 7 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Friday 28 th November	Class 8 Stay & Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Friday 5 th December	Class 9 Stay & Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm

SCHOOL LUNCHES AT ST RICHARD'S

We have recently updated and improved our school lunch menus in accordance with the most recent guidance from the DfE. We believe good food helps children grow, learn, and be at their best. Please note that the meat served at St Richard's is not halal. However, all the vegetarian options that are served on the menu are Quorn products. Quorn mycoprotein is a source of meat free protein that is high in fibre and low in saturates. Our current school lunch menus are available on the school website and by clicking the links below:

Click here to view [Week 1 menu](#)

Click here to view [Week 2 menu](#)

Click here to view [Week 3 menu](#)

With many thanks for your continuing support and wishing you all a safe and happy break,

Mr J Murray

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