



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 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

SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Today is the feast day of Saint John Henry Newman, who was an English cardinal and theologian in the 19th century. He was renowned as a gentle, wise and courageous priest who showed great pastoral care for those living in poverty. He fulfilled his mission to love God and serve others during his lifetime. By following his example, may we become missionaries of God's love too.



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 will be 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/thankfulness?pid=MTA101634&v=186.9>
This week's Wednesday Word is **THANKFULNESS**

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 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.

Thursday 9th October 2025

PLEASE TREAT OUR CHURCH GROUNDS WITH RESPECT

Parents, carers and pupils must stay out of the staff car park. Staff arrive and leave by car at different times. This is certainly not a safe place to play. There are signs which clearly state that no pedestrian access is allowed. Thank you for your complete cooperation, in order to keep everyone safe. Our church garden and grounds are an extension of our school, and they are a holy place. Please make sure that no litter is ever left in St Richard's church grounds and that the whole area is treated with reverence and respect.

NON-UNIFORM DAY ON FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER

On Friday 17th October we are having a non-uniform day in school in order to raise money for school funds – all of which will then be spent on the children of St Richard's. Children may wear sensible and appropriate non-uniform on Friday 17th October in return for a £1 donation to school funds.

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). We have had to rearrange C4's class assembly date so please see the updated schedule below:

Date:	Class Assembly:
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
Thursday 13 th November	Class 4 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am

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 – approximately once every half-term. 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.

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

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

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