



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025



Thursday 13th November 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.



ARMISTICE DAY OBSERVANCE

November is the month of remembrance. On Tuesday this week, at 11am, the whole school stopped for an impeccably observed two-minute silence, as we remembered all those who sacrificed so much in both world wars and in conflicts between as well as since then. We also prayed this prayer together at assembly on Friday 7th November:

God of Peace, we pray for all victims of war. We remember them and – in remembrance – we pray that each new generation will know their sacrifice and work even harder for peace.

MASS ON SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER

It was lovely to see so many of our children and staff and families at St Mary's RC Church Levenshulme for the St Robert's Parish children's Mass on Sunday 9th November. The children sang and read brilliantly, and it was great that we were able to come together as a parish community on Remembrance Sunday. Many thanks everyone.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

This week is National Inter-Faith Week 2025. The aims of inter-faith week are to:

- Strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels
- Increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, in particular celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society
- Increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs

At Saint Richard's we will be following similar aims in the week commencing Monday 17th November, when we have our whole-school Judaism Week. Full details of what each year group will be studying are available by clicking on the link in the Autumn term box of the Religion section of the relevant long-term plan. All these plans are available on the school website at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/curriculum/>



APPLICATIONS FOR A RECEPTION 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.

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER

This is a reminder that St Richard's RC Primary School will be closed to all pupils all day on Friday 21st November as this is a staff training day.

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 (usually a 3pm start but see below). Many thanks to Class 4 for this morning's lovely assembly.

Date:	Class Assembly:
Thursday 20th November	Class 5 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Thursday 27th November	Class 7 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
Friday 28th November	Class 8 Stay & Pray in the Prayer Room at 11.15am
Friday 5th December	Class 9 Stay & Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm

CHRISTMAS DATES 2025

Date, time and location:	Event:
Tuesday 9th December at 9.30am in the main school hall	Nursery Nativity
Wednesday 10th December at 9.30am in the main school hall	Reception Nativity
Wednesday 10th December at 2pm in St Richard's Church	Year One Carol Concert
Thursday 11th December at 2pm in St Richard's Church	Year Two Carol Concert
Thursday 11th December at 6pm in Mary's RC Church Levenshulme	St Robert of Newminster Parish Carol Concert
Monday 15th December at 9am in the main school hall	Nursery and Reception end of term awards assembly
Tuesday 16th December at 9am in the main school hall	Year One and Year Two end of term awards assembly
Tuesday 16th December	Pupils' Christmas lunch (non-uniform/Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children)
Thursday 18th December at 9am in the main school hall	Year Three and Year Four end of term awards assembly
Thursday 18th December at 2pm in St Richard's Church	Choir performance of Hosanna Rock for KS2
Friday 19th December at 9am in the main school hall	Year Five and Year Six end of term awards assembly
Wednesday 24th December	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St Richard's Church (time to be confirmed)

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School