



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025



Thursday 20th 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.

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW

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

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Please try to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting: <https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/mercy?pid=MTA101634&v=190.3>

This Wednesday's Word is **MERCY**

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 (See times below). Many thanks to Class 5 for this morning's lovely assembly.

Date:	Class Assembly:
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 11.15am
Friday 5 th December	Class 9 Stay & Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm

APPLYING 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 **Thursday 15th January 2026**. Our school office staff can help parents who may be experiencing difficulties with submitting their applications online.

IF YOUR CHILD BECOMES ILL WHILST IN SCHOOL

Occasionally, pupils become ill whilst at school and need to go home immediately. Parents should always have an alternative arrangement in place if they will be unable to collect their child from school.

DON'T TAKE CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL IN TERM TIME

If you take your child out of school during term time for 5 days in a row then you are very likely to receive a penalty notice and a fine. The current fine is £80 per parent per child (rising to £160 per parent per child if not paid within 21 days). It is vitally important that children are in school every day that we are open and that all holiday and travel arrangements are made during school holiday times only.

CHRISTMAS DATES 2025

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

HELP FOR OUR FAMILIES



As well as the poster (left) informing parents of the help available in our local area, Manchester City Council have produced a booklet which pulls together lots of advice and information on lots of support that's available to families.

A digital copy of the Family Friend Booklet is available

at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Family-Friend-Booklet-Manchester-LA.pdf>

It is packed with useful advice to parent's on a range of issues.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

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