



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2025



Thursday 6th 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

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to school after what I hope was a happy and restful break. This half term we look forward to Advent, the great season of preparation. We hope that everyone within our school community enjoys a safe, successful and rewarding second Autumn half-term.

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

The Wednesday Word is now back to its usual format following the bumper holiday edition of the past few weeks. Please try to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting:

<https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/entusiasmas/?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=188.10>

This Wednesday's Word is **ENTHUSIASM!**

PLEASE COME 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's RC Church, Elbow St, Levenshulme, M19 3PY** and all our children (who must be accompanied by a parent) are very welcome to attend. Children should not 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.

AUTUMN TERM PARENTS EVENING DATES

Autumn Term 2025 Parents Evenings will take place in the week commencing Monday 24th November 2025. 5-minute appointment times will be available between 1.15pm and 6pm. These will be face-to-face meetings in school with your child's class teacher. School Cloud will again be used – but only for booking the appointments. Parents Evening will take place on **Monday 24th November** from 1.15pm – 6pm for Mrs Wade's Nursery, Reception 1, Reception 2, Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 4, Class 7 and Class 8.

Parents Evening will take place on **Tuesday 25th November** from 1.15pm – 6pm for Mrs Looms' Nursery, Class 5, Class 6, Class 9, Class 10, Class 11, Class 12 and Class 13. Parents evening for children who attend our SEND Provision will also take place with Mrs Ormshaw between 1.15pm – 6pm on **Tuesday 25th November**.

No children should attend the evening sessions, as we will not have a crèche facility in operation. Full details will follow in a separate letter to all parents next week.

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 13th November	Class 4 Assembly in the main school hall at 9am
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 3pm
Friday 5th December	Class 9 Stay & Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm

OUTSTANDING CATHOLIC SCHOOL INSPECTION

As we broke up for the half-term holidays, we were delighted to announce that the final report following our Catholic School Inspection of early October was available at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/ofsted/>. We now have the pleasure of providing all our families with a paper copy of the report. Please have a read. We are delighted that St Richard's was judged to be **OUTSTANDING** in all areas of the inspection!

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION OUTCOME

Congratulations and good luck to Mr Godwin Ojo who won the election to become our new Parent Governor. The election was a close-run thing with 153 votes cast in total. Many thanks to all the candidates who stood for election and to everyone who voted.

PLEASE PARK AND STRIDE

There must be no 'drive-by' drop-offs or pick-ups at St Richard's. Instead, parents who drive to school must park safely and considerately and present themselves on foot to drop off and pick up their child. The plastic figures outside school and the yellow zigzag lines should be a reminder to all drivers that extreme caution must be exercised when driving anywhere near our school. We invite traffic enforcement officers to school on a regular basis to help keep all our pupils safe.

PLEASE TREAT OUR CHURCH GROUNDS WITH RESPECT

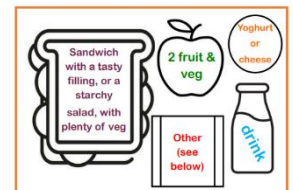
Our church garden and grounds are an extension of our school and they are a holy place. Please make sure that no litter is ever left in St Richard's church grounds and that the whole area is treated with reverence and respect. Very soon there will be a new litter bin provided, please ensure that this is always used to dispose of your litter.

WE DO NOT ALLOW BIRTHDAY SWEETS

This is a reminder that we do not allow children to hand out sweets, chocolate or cakes to their classmates on the occasion of their birthday. This is due to health and safety reasons (health being dental health and safety relating to allergies, striving to ensure that no child in school eats anything that could cause an allergic reaction). Please do not ask your child's class teacher or teaching assistant to receive or hand out birthday sweets, chocolate or cakes as they will have to politely decline.

REVISED MEAL POLICIES

If you provide your child with a packed lunch, please ensure that the contents are healthy. Increasingly, we are seeing unhealthy items appearing in children's lunchboxes (eg - chocolate bars, bags of crisps, etc). We would much prefer to see at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables every day. For more details and guidance, please see the Packed Lunch Poster October 2025 and our updated Packed Lunch Policy at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/policies/>. Parents of children who have school lunches may be interested to read our new [School Food and Nutrition Policy September 2025](#).



NO JEWELLERY IN SCHOOL

Many thanks for your wonderful efforts in sending your child(ren) to school in such smart uniform every day. May I remind parents that no earrings (or any other jewellery) can be worn by pupils. No make-up or nail varnish is allowed. Smart black school shoes are the only footwear allowed – no trainers please.

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.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School