



# St. Richard's RC Primary Advent 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.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On the second Sunday of Advent (which is this coming Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> December) we hear about the prophet John the Baptist, who was completely focused on his mission to help prepare a way for Jesus. John tells us to repent and to make a straight path for the Lord.



As we continue on our Advent journey, let us think about how we can straighten out the crooked paths in our lives. Which aspects do we know to be not quite right? What do we need to say sorry for? What habits and behaviours do we need to

improve? How can we best serve our neighbours ... rather than just ourselves?

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2026-27

Please find attached the approved holiday pattern for next academic year (2026-2027). Please keep this somewhere safe and refer to it before booking any holidays. Please remember that holidays and requests for extended leave in term time will not be authorised and are likely to lead to a penalty notice (fine).

## THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Especially during Advent, please try to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting:

<https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/preparations?pid=MTA101634&v=192.3>

This Wednesday's Word is **PREPARATIONS**

## APPLYING FOR A RECEPTION PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

If your child's date of birth is between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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](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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. Our school office staff can help parents who may be experiencing difficulties with submitting their applications online.

## 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.

## CHRISTMAS DATES 2025

Date, time and location:	Event:
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 9 Stay & Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am in the main school hall	Nursery Nativity
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am in the main school hall	Reception Nativity
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in St Richard's Church	Year One Carol Concert
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in St Richard's Church	Year Two Carol Concert
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December at 6pm in Mary's RC Church Levenshulme	St Robert of Newminster Parish Carol Concert
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December at 9am in the main school hall	Nursery and Reception end of term awards assembly
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December at 9am in the main school hall	Year One and Year Two end of term awards assembly
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupils' Christmas lunch (non-uniform/Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children)  Lunchbox decorating competition today for children on packed lunches
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December at 9am in the main school hall	Year Three and Year Four end of term awards assembly
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in St Richard's Church	Choir performance of Hosanna Rock for KS2
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December at 9am in the main school hall	Year Five and Year Six end of term awards assembly
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St Richard's Church (time to be confirmed)

## ST ROBERT OF NEWMINSTER PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Parish Christmas Fair will take place this coming Sunday (7<sup>th</sup> December 2025) at St Mary's Parish Centre, Elbow St, Manchester M19 3PY, starting at around 12 noon (straight after 11am Mass). Please do come along and support the parish - both socially and in its fund-raising efforts. Whilst children from St Richard's will not be running any stalls at the fair this year, it would be great to have as much support from our school's families as possible.

## 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](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk)

With many thanks for your continuing support,

*Mr J Murray*

Headteacher  
St Richard's RC Primary School



**ST RICHARD'S R C PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**HOLIDAY LIST FOR 2026/2027**



<b>Autumn Term 2026</b>			
Staff In-Service Day	Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> September	9am – 4pm
Staff In-Service Day	Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> September	9am – 4pm
Pupils start	Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	8.58 am
Nursery pupils phased intake days		7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> September	8.50 am
Mid-Term School closes	Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> October	3.30 pm
Pupils re-start	Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> November	8.58 am
Staff In-Service Day	Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> November	9am – 4pm
Term Ends	Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> December	3.30pm

<b>Spring Term 2027</b>			
Staff In-Service Day	Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> January	9am – 4pm
Pupils start	Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> January	8.58 am
Mid-Term School closes	Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30 pm
Pupils re-start	Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	8.58am
Term Ends for Easter	Maundy Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30pm
Easter Vigil Mass	Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> March	Time tbc

<b>Summer Term 2027</b>			
Pupils re-start	Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> April	8.58am
Bank Holiday	Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	School closed
SATs (Year 6)	<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2027</b>		
Mid-Term School closes	Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> May	3.30 pm
Pupils re-start	Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> June	8.58 am
Term Ends	Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> July	3.30pm
Staff In-Service Day	Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> July	9 am – 4 pm

**HOLIDAYS & REQUESTS FOR EXTENDED LEAVE IN TERM TIME WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED**