



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2026



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 22nd January 2026

ASSEMBLIES AND 'STAY & PRAY' THIS HALF-TERM

Please come along and share in the prayers, achievements and celebrations of our children at our class assemblies in the hall and Stay and Pray sessions in our Prayer Room.

Date:	Event:
Friday 23 rd January	C10 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Thursday 29 th January	C1 Assembly in main school hall at 9am
Friday 30 th January	C11 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Thursday 5 th February	C3 Assembly in main school hall at 9am
Friday 6 th February	C12 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm

ST RICHARD'S HOLIDAY DATES

The school holiday dates (both for the current as well as next academic year) are available at:

<https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/calender/>

Please ensure that your child is on time and in school every day that school is open to them. We break up for February half-term holidays on **Friday 13th February 2026** and we return to school on **Monday 23rd February 2026**.

RECEIVING THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

It is vitally important that parents receive and read the newsletter every week so that you know what's going on at St Richard's. The newsletter is only very occasionally sent out as a paper copy. The latest version of the weekly newsletter can be accessed on the school's website every Thursday afternoon. We are happy to email the newsletter to parents every week if they request this service. If you are not currently receiving the newsletter each week but wish to receive the newsletter every Thursday by email, then simply 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

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The link below is to this week's edition of the Wednesday Word. Please continue to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting:

<https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/community?pid=MTA101634&v=199.5>

This Wednesday's Word is **COMMUNITY**

FUNDRAISING DAY FOR CAFOD IS TOMORROW

Tomorrow, Friday 23rd January, the whole school will be taking part in a special fundraising day to raise money for CAFOD World Gifts. CAFOD World Gifts is a range of virtual charity gifts that help transform the lives of families and communities living in poverty around the world. Each class at St Richard's will be holding their own fundraising activities, and a letter and/or sponsorship form should have come home with more details about how each class will be involved. We thank you in advance of tomorrow for your support. This meaningful cause lies at the heart of our Catholic values and helps our children live out the spirit of compassion, generosity and care for others.



READING INFORMATION MEETING FOR NURSERY PARENTS

Our Nursery children will be receiving their bookbags and reading books next week. We will be holding a Nursery reading meeting on Tuesday 27th of January at 2.15pm in St Richard's Hall. At this meeting staff will provide Nursery parents with important information on how they can support their child with their reading at home as well as school's expectations in regard to reading at home. Please attend this meeting if you possibly can. More details to follow separately.

CONSULTATION: SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICY CHANGE

We are currently consulting with a wide range of stakeholders about proposed changes to our Admissions Policy for the 2027-2028 academic year. Full details of the consultation are available at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/admissions/>

The closing date for comments to be received is midnight on Friday 30th January 2026.

ONLINE SAFETY & MANAGING CHILDRENS' DIGITAL LIVES

The Children's Commissioner for England and Wales, Dame Rachel De Souza, has published a new guide, [What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives). Dame Rachel writes, 'Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play'. Please click on the hyperlink above to read the guide.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD TO START NURSERY IN SEPTEMBER 2026?

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 and you would like them to attend full time in the Nursery at St Richard's RC Primary School from September 2026, then please contact the school office as soon as possible for an admission form. Your child will be added to the waiting list for admission to our Nursery class in September 2026. Places are in high demand and offers are starting to be sent out soon.