# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2026

**Thursday 26th February 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.**

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL**

Welcome back to school everyone for the second half of the Spring term 2026. We hope that you all had a great break. Many thanks for ensuring that your child(ren) returned to school in smart St Richard's uniform. The season of Lent began last Wednesday (18th February). Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and giving. We pray that these actions may bring us all closer to God and closer to each other.

**FRANCIS HOUSE CRÈME EGG UPDATE**

So far, we have managed to collect a total of **932** eggs for Francis House in a week! This is a fantastic effort. Well done everyone! The closing date for crème egg donations is tomorrow, Friday 27th February. From tomorrow, our CARITAS Ambassadors will be selling Easter Chicks in knitted outfits for £2 each. All the money raised from this sale also goes to Francis House. We have only been able to secure 400 of these and, unfortunately, when they are gone, they're gone.

**SPRING TERM PARENTS AFTERNOONS/EVENINGS 2026**

All of our Spring Term 2026 Parents Afternoons/Evenings will take place on either Monday 9th March or Tuesday 10th March 2026. Five-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 be used for booking appointments. More details are below.

Parents Afternoons/Evenings will take place from 1.15pm – 6pm on Monday 9th March 2026 in the main school hall for Mrs Wades' Nursery children, Reception 1 (Miss Dimond's) and Reception 2 (Miss Smith's).

Class 1 (Miss Coldrick's), Class 2 (Mrs Taggart's) Class 3 (Miss McKnight's) and Class 4 (Mrs Ormshaw's) parents evenings will take place in St Richard's Hall from 1.15pm – 6pm on Monday 9th March.

Parents Afternoons/Evenings will take place from 1.15pm – 6pm on Tuesday 10th March 2026 in the main school hall for Class 5 (Mrs Kelly's), Class 6 (Miss Crawford's), Class 9 (Mrs Bentley's), Class 11 (Mrs Fosbrook's), Class 12 (Mrs Ward's) and Class 13 (Mrs Toal's).

Class 7 (Miss Begum's), Class 8 (Miss Blankley's), Class 10 (Mr Sullivan's) and Mrs Looms' Nursery children's parents evenings will take place in St Richard's Hall from 1.15pm – 6pm on Tuesday 11th March.

Parents Afternoons/Evening for children who attend SEND provision will take place with Mrs Ormshaw in a room off the main school hall (M06) from 1.15pm – 6pm on Tuesday 11th March.

**Your child will bring home a letter next Monday with a reminder of which class they are in, which teacher you must make your appointment with and what date your child's parents evening will take place on.**

Once you have received the letter, please visit https://strichardsrc.schoolcloud.co.uk/ as soon as possible in order to book your appointments. The appointment booking window will only be open for the length of time specified in the letter. Changes to appointments or new appointment requests will not be possible after this date.

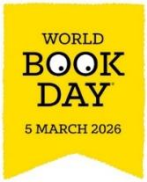
**CARITAS ST JOSEPH'S PENNY APPEAL LENT 2026**

We will be supporting 'St Joseph's Penny' during Lent as part of our Alms-giving (efforts to help the poor). This year, Caritas have again given us St Joseph's Penny coin boxes for children to take home and fill. All the money raised by St Joseph's Penny is used to support Caritas in the Diocese of Salford. Caritas is a Catholic charity which responds to poverty and social injustice in our local area. Boxes will be handed out by the end of this week. Please keep hold of the boxes until straight after the Easter holidays (the school week commencing Monday 13th April 2026). We will send out a reminder nearer the time. Many thanks in advance for all your fund-raising efforts.

**WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE**

This week's Wednesday Word is still the holiday edition. Please continue to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting: https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&p=7&v=202.6
The Wednesday Word is a wonderful resource for parents and children on the Sacramental Programme to use.

**WORLD BOOK DAY 2026**




World Book Day 2026 takes place on Thursday 5th March 2026. We will be marking this occasion fully at St Richard's this year. We invite children to dress as book characters on this day (although there is no obligation to do this). Full details, book tokens and details of a whole school competition have been sent out in a separate letter. Please also have a look at https://www.worldbookday.com/celebrate-world-book-day/dressing-up/ for ideas about homemade costumes.

**YEAR ONE PHONICS INFORMATION MEETING**

On Tuesday 3rd March we will be holding a phonics information meeting for parents of children in Year One (Class 1 and Class 2). During this meeting Mrs Taggart will explain what your child is expected to do and how you can support your child at home. The meeting will start at 2:45pm in the St Richard's Hall. Please come to the main gate on Wilpshire Avenue by 2.40pm and you will be escorted to St Richard's Hall.

**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. Please note that C1's Stay and Pray has been rescheduled to Friday 17th April 2026

| Date: | Event: |
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| Friday 20th March | R1 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm |
| Thursday 26th March | C9 Assembly in main school hall at 9am |
| Friday 27th March | R2 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm |
| Friday 17th April | C1 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm |

**RAMADAN MUBARAK**

We wish all our Muslim families a holy and successful Ramadan, as it commenced during the half-term holidays. We respectfully suggest that no child below Year 6 fasts. Even with Year 6 pupils, we want parents to be aware that this year Ramadan falls during very important weeks of the school year and that the absence of fluids in particular could have a negative effect on your child's performance and concentration in school. If you do decide that your child at St Richard's is fasting this Ramadan, please send a letter to your child's classteacher to say so or please phone the school office as soon as possible so that staff in school are aware of this. Many thanks in advance.

With many thanks for your continuing support

*Mr J Murray*

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