



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2026

Thursday 16th April 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.

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

We hope that you had a happy and restful Easter holiday. Easter is not just a one day celebration but a whole season (the longest of the liturgical year) which lasts from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday (24th May 2026). Throughout this season, we will be praising God for the blessings of His Son's resurrection whilst looking forward to the Holy Spirit inspiring us to prayer and action and giving us the grace to love all our neighbours.



WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word remains in the Easter holiday version this week. Please share the joy of Easter contained in the Wednesday Word as a family this week by visiting: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=172.6>

RETURNING ST JOSEPH'S PENNY BOXES

Many thanks to everyone who has been filling their St Joseph's Penny boxes over the Easter break. Children should now return their penny-filled box to school by the closing date of **tomorrow**, Friday 17th April. Many thanks in advance for all your fund-raising efforts.

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 most recent 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.

NO EARRINGS IN SCHOOL

Earrings are not part of school uniform at St Richard's and pupils are not allowed to wear them in school for health and safety reasons. **This includes earrings covered by plasters.** Please ensure that your child does not come to school wearing earrings. Many thanks in advance for your full cooperation.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO START RECEPTION

To help every child get the best start in life, we know that they need to be ready to begin their Reception year in school. This involves a range of basic skills. We encourage parents to look at the DfE's [Starting Reception](#) website as it contains lots of helpful advice on getting your child ready for Reception in September 2026.

SUMMER UNIFORM IN SUMMER TERM

Now that we are in the summer term, pupils may wear summer uniform. Summer uniform may be worn until the October half-term holidays. For girls, summer uniform consists of a blue and white gingham dress. Girls may also wear white tights or black, white or grey socks as part of summer uniform. Boys' summer uniform consists of dark grey trousers or shorts, light blue polo shirt and plain navy school sweatshirt (preferably with the school logo and no other logo allowed). Earrings are not permitted.

PARK AND STRIDE

'Park and Stride' is a simple idea for families who live further away to still enjoy the benefits of walking to school. If you drive your child to school, please consider parking a ten-minute walk from school and complete their journey on foot. This reduces traffic, congestion and road danger around our school gates whilst allowing children the chance to get active for the last part of their journey. Walk to School Week 2026 starts on 18th May this year and it would be great if you were already prepared for this.

ASSEMBLIES AND 'STAY & PRAY'

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. Below are also some key dates:

Date:	Event:
Friday 17 th April	C1 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Thursday 30 th April	C6 Assembly at 9am in the Main Hall
Friday 1 st May	C2 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Friday 8 th May	C3 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Thursday 21 st May	R1 Assembly at 9am in the Main Hall

RESPONDING TO THE NEWSLETTER

We are always happy to receive comments, observations or suggestions about the newsletter or any other aspect of school life. Any comments that we receive will be read and considered. These should be emailed to: comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk

With many thanks for your continuing support

Mr J Murray

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