



# St. Richard's RC Primary Easter Newsletter 2026



Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



### **WE BREAK UP FOR EASTER TOMORROW**

We break up at the end of the school day tomorrow for our Easter holidays. We return to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026. We wish all our pupils and their families, as well as all our dedicated and hard-working staff and governors, a very happy and holy Easter break. Thank

you for all your efforts this term everyone.

### **EASTER VIGIL MASS**

The Easter Vigil Mass (the first Mass of Easter) will be celebrated at St Richard's RC Church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 6pm. Please come along as a family if you can. **At this Mass, all children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.** Other mass times from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday in our parish are available by going to <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/religious-education/our-parish/st-richards-parish-church/> and clicking the link.

### **WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE**

During the Easter holidays, please continue to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting: <https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/lent-easter-special?pid=MTA101634&p=7&v=206.9>  
The Wednesday Word is a great resource for parents and children on the Sacramental Programme to use. The Wednesday Word is in holiday format at the moment and this lasts until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, our first Wednesday back in school after the Easter break.

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

Please continue to put any spare change or donations in your box during the final days of Lent. Please keep hold of the box until straight after the Easter holidays, when we would like boxes to be returned (the school week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026). **The last day to return St Joseph's Penny boxes is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April.** Many thanks for all your ongoing Lenten alms-giving efforts.

### **BOOK GIFTING: THE CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT**

This week every child at St Richard's chose two more books to take home and keep. This is called 'Book Gifting' and is due to our continuing involvement with the Children's Book Project. These are books that children can keep at home – they now own them. They are not school reading books and they don't have to come back into school at all. Enjoy them at home boys and girls!

### **LUNCHTIME ORGANISER VACANCY**

We are currently seeking to employ a lunchtime organisers to join our school team and start work on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Full details and an application form are available at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/vacancies/>

### **FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS OVER EASTER HOLIDAYS**

Manchester City Council has approved funding for free school meals (FSM) vouchers for children eligible for benefits-led free school meals. As in previous holidays, school will issue vouchers to parents. Even though we only have a week and a day off at Easter, two weeks' vouchers will still be issued. This means that if MCC agrees to fund vouchers going forward (i.e. May half term), eligible families at St Richard's will only receive vouchers for one week at May half-term.

### **GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK MISS BEGUM!**

Miss Begum will be leaving St Richard's tomorrow. Miss Begum is getting married and relocating. We wish Miss Begum all the very best for the future and we thank her for all her hard work and dedication during the time that she has taught at St Richard's. From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April until the end of the current academic year, Mrs Hanley will be taking over as the Class 7 teacher. We welcome Mrs Hanley and wish her all the best too.

### **END OF SPRING TERM AWARDS ASSEMBLIES**

Many thanks to all our parents, carers and friends who have joined us to celebrate a wide range of achievements at our end of Spring Term assemblies. Your presence and support are always greatly appreciated.

### **KEY EVENTS, 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:
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Pupils break up for Easter
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Vigil Mass at St Richard's RC Church at 6pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to school
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	C1 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	C6 Assembly at 9am in the Main Hall
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	C2 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	C3 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	R1 Assembly at 9am in the Main Hall

### **PRIORITISING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**

We all have a very important role to play in prioritising pedestrian safety on the streets and pavements around our school. Parents should always use authorised crossing points and ensure that they have close supervision of their children when crossing roads. Drivers should drive slowly, carefully and considerately and should park as far away from school as possible. Drivers must not block neighbours' driveways, pavements or pedestrian walkways as this makes it more dangerous for pedestrians, who may be forced to walk in the road as a result. We have invited Traffic Enforcement Officers to visit school in the near future to monitor this.

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

With many thanks for your continuing support and wishing you all the joy of Easter

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