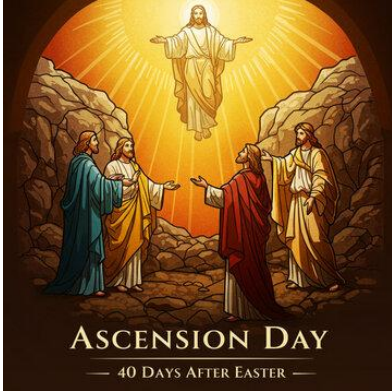




St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2026

Thursday 14th May 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 ASCENSION DAY!

We celebrate the Feast of the Ascension today. Ascension Day is a major Christian festival celebrated 40 days after Easter to commemorate Jesus Christ ascending into heaven, body and soul. It marks the conclusion of Jesus's earthly ministry and his exaltation to the right hand of God.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TONIGHT AT 6.30PM



Children from Class 5 who have been on the Sacramental Programme this year will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time this evening, Thursday 14th May, at 6.30pm in St Richard's Church. The Class 6 children will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on Thursday 21st May, at 6.30pm in St Richard's Church. Please remember to

pray for all these children who are about to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time and for their families who have been so supportive.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Tomorrow (Friday 15th May) we will be having a whole school non-uniform day. Pupils may come to school in sensible non-uniform in return for a suggested donation of £1. All donations will go towards school funds. This is money which is then used to fund activities for our pupils at St Richard's.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

Please share the joy of the Gospel, as contained in the Wednesday Word, as a family this week by visiting:

<https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/friendship?pid=MTA101634&v=210.1>

This Wednesday's Word is **FRIENDSHIP**

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

From time to time we signpost parents to National Online Safety's free online safety guides for parents and carers. This campaign is called '#Wakeup Wednesday'. At St Richard's this means that we occasionally provide links to different e-safety issues so that parents and children are better informed and able to make better choices about their internet use. This week's guide is a really useful read all about **healthy sleeping habits** and it can be viewed by clicking [here](#)

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

YEAR 6 SATS

Year 6 KS2 SATs have been taking place every day this week, with the final test taking place today. We want to say a big 'Thank you and well done!' to all the Year 6 children and all the Year 6 staff who have worked incredibly hard in preparation for and completion of the KS2 SATS.

PLEASE DON'T LET STRANGERS INTO SCHOOL

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. At St Richard's we kindly request that, when leaving school via the gate on Wilpshire Avenue, parents do not hold the gate open for anyone else that they do not know or recognise. Instead, they should make sure that the gate is locked behind them and point them to the intercom so that staff can be notified. Many thanks in advance.

A SNUG TRIP FOR THE ECO COUNCIL



On Thursday 30th April, the Eco Council paid a visit to the Sustainable Neighbourhood Urban Garden (SNUG) in Crowcroft Park. Sophia in Class 10 writes, 'We got to pick up some plants and tried to remember the names. We tried an

edible plant (it was yummy). We all got to take a strawberry plant home. I really loved SNUG, it was an excellent place. Anybody can visit and I would recommend it.'

THE BIG FUTURE SURVEY

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, has written to all schools to ask that all children complete a new survey. Dame Rachel writes, 'I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today'.

The survey can be completed by clicking on the following link: [The Big Future](#).

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.

Date:	Event:
Thursday 21 st May	R1 Assembly at 9am in the Main Hall
ADVANCE NOTICE:	Thursday 9 th July – Y6 Leavers' Mass at 11am in St Richard's Church
ADVANCE NOTICE:	Friday 17 th July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.15am in the Main Hall

With many thanks for your continuing support

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School