



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2026

Thursday 7th 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.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2026

This month, Pope Leo asks us to pray so that everyone might have food. Pope Leo says, 'Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food'. Let us pray:



*Lord of creation,
You gave us the fertile earth and, with it, our daily bread,
as a sign of Your love and providence.
Today we recognise with sorrow that millions of brothers and sisters continue to suffer from hunger, while so many goods are wasted at our tables. Awaken in us a new awareness: that we learn to thank for*

every food, to consume simply, to share with joy, and to care for the fruits of the earth as a gift from You, destined for all, not just a few. Amen.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME MEETINGS

The next meeting for children and parents on the sacramental programme will take place **TONIGHT**, Thursday 7th May, in the main school hall of St Richard's RC Primary School, starting at 6pm. The C5 children will then make their First Holy Communion at Mass at 6.30pm on Thursday 14th May and the C6 children will make their First Holy Communion at Mass at 6.30pm on Thursday 21st May. Please continue to remember our families on the sacramental programme in your prayers.

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/helper?pid=MTA101634&v=209.1>

This Wednesday's Word is **HELPER**

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.

YEAR 6 SATS DATES 2026

Year 6 KS2 SATs will take place next week, between Monday 11th May 2026 and Thursday 14th May 2026. During KS2 SATs week, pupils will sit 6 different tests, and it is vitally important that they are in school for all these tests and are ready to do their very best. The children and all the Year 6 staff have worked incredibly hard in preparation for the SATs and we wish all of Year 6 the very best for next week.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

On 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.

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](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/starting-reception) website as it contains lots of helpful advice on getting your child ready for Reception in September 2026.

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 14 th May	C3 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
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

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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