



St. Richard's RC Primary Summer Term Newsletter



Thursday 11th June 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 EVERYONE

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable break and we wish everyone all the very best for the final half-term of this academic year.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARISH MASS THIS COMING SUNDAY

The second of our First Holy Communion masses, which was celebrated on Thursday 21st May (just before we broke up for the Whitsuntide holidays) was a joyous celebration and the children conducted

themselves wonderfully – thanks very much everyone. On Sunday 14th June (this coming Sunday) there will be a celebration mass followed by Communion Breakfast in St Richard's school hall. **This Mass starts at 9.30am** so children will need to be on time. This is a lovely chance for the parishioners of St Richard's to see the first communicants receiving Communion in their wonderful outfits.

THE FEAST DAY OF ST RICHARD

Next Tuesday, 16th June, is the date when we will celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, St Richard of Chichester. Here is our patron's prayer – it would be lovely if we all prayed it at some time ahead of or on the big day next Tuesday:



*Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ
For all the benefits you have given me,
For the pains and insults
Which you have borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
May I know you more clearly,
Love you more dearly,
Follow you more nearly
Day by Day.*

ST JOSEPH'S PENNY FINAL TOTAL

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Lenten fund-raising efforts for Caritas by filling a St Joseph's Penny box. The final amount raised was **£428.80** which is a terrific effort – well done everyone!

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 on the streets around school and around our school gates, whilst allowing children the chance to get active for the last part of their journey.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

Please share the joy of the Wednesday Word as a family this week by visiting <https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/god-s-kingdom?pid=MTA101634&v=212.3>
The Wednesday Words this week are **God's Kingdom**

UNIVERSALLY MANCHESTER FESTIVAL 2026

The University of Manchester organises this free, family-friendly and fun-filled community day for all. It will take place this coming Saturday 13th June 2026 from 11am – 4.30pm and promises to be a great day of fun for all ages. The festival is free and open to all. Discover more about it at: <https://universallymanchester.com/>

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Class photographs will be taken tomorrow, Friday 12th June 2026. Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform (summer or winter) on this day.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2026

The 2026 UK Summer Reading Challenge is themed "Read to the Beat!" and celebrates the connection between books and music. Launching on July 4 in England and Wales, it encourages children (ages 4–11) to read six library books over the holidays. Participants collect stickers, a medal, and a certificate upon completion. Sign up for free at your local library (eg - Manchester Central Library) or online through the [Summer Reading Challenge Website](#). **What to Read:** The challenge includes 55 specially selected titles that span picture books, early readers, and graphic novels—all tied to music, sound, and rhythm. **Rewards:** Track up to six reading goals to earn rewards, complete activities, and pick up your finisher's certificate and medal

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

Please save the dates: our Scholastics School Book Fair will take place in St Richard's Hall from 3.15pm to 4.15pm from Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th June (4 days). Please do come along.

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 25 th June	R2 Assembly in the Main Hall at 9am
Friday 26 th June	C13 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Friday 3 rd July	C4 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Thursday 9 th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass at 11am in St Richard's Church
Friday 10 th July	End of Year Assembly for R & N in Main Hall at 9am
Monday 13 th July	End of Year Assembly for Y1 & Y2 in Main Hall at 9am
Tuesday 14 th July	End of Year Assembly for Class 5, 6 and 7 in Main Hall at 9am
Thursday 16 th July	End of Year Assembly for Class 8, 9 and 10 in Main Hall at 9am
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

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