



St. Richard's RC Primary Summer Term Newsletter



Thursday 18th 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.

JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In the Catholic Church, the month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is a month dedicated to contemplating the wonderful mystery of the human heart of Jesus that contains all of God's eternal, infinite, self-giving love for each of us. St. John Paul II, a great devotee of the Sacred Heart, said, "This feast reminds us of the mystery of the love of God for the people of all times." In 2026, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday 12th June.



ECO-COUNCIL AT BIG CLIMATE ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday 9th June, the Eco Council were in the Council Chambers at Manchester Town Hall to take part in the Schools' Big Climate Assembly. Khadijah in Class 12 said, "It was really fun and I enjoyed listening to the presentations and my favourite part was the activities we did at lunchtime with different eco groups. We all got to choose new books and learned new ways to look after nature." All children were a credit to the school in their behaviour and participation.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

Next week, all classes at St Richard's will be learning more about Islam in our Religious Education lessons. All Catholic schools are required to teach about other religions as part of the Religious Education curriculum. Learning about the religion and cultures of those who do not share the Catholic faith is one of the ways in which Catholic schools embody the call to love one's neighbour. Please visit <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/curriculum/> in order to find out what your child will be learning about Islam next week.

MANCHESTER CHILDCARE SURVEYS 2026

Manchester City Council would be very grateful if you could complete one or both surveys below. The information received will be used to inform childcare sufficiency assessments for the city. This will help MCC to better understand demand for childcare, identify gaps and develop solutions. Parents/carers may complete both surveys if they have children aged 0-5 years and 5 years plus. Please note that the survey deadline for each is Wednesday 8th July 2026. Parents/carers of children aged 0-5 years: <https://surveys.manchester.gov.uk/s/Under5sParentSurvey26-27/> Parents/carers of children aged 5 years and above: <https://surveys.manchester.gov.uk/s/Over5sParentSurvey26-27/>

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

Please share the joy of the Wednesday Word as a family this week by visiting <https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/courage?pid=MTA101634&v=213.4>
The Wednesday Word this week is **COURAGE**

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2026

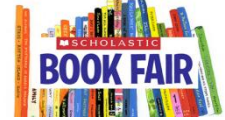
The 2026 UK Summer Reading Challenge is themed "Read to the Beat!" and celebrates the connection between books and music. Launching on July 4 in England and Wales, it will encourage children (ages 4-11) to read six library books over the holidays. Participants collect stickers, a medal, and a certificate upon completion. Sign up for free at your local library or online through the [Summer Reading Challenge Website](#).

IT'S FATHER'S DAY THIS COMING SUNDAY

We would like to wish 'Happy Father's Day' this coming Sunday (21st June) to all the dads and other adults who take on the role of being a dad to any of the children who attend our school. We hope you all enjoy this coming Sunday. The role that you play, the work that you do, your involvement with and support for your children is vital and is very much appreciated by many people.

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR COMING NEXT WEEK!

Next week 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, 'STAY & PRAY' AND KS2 SPORTS DAYS

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
Thursday 25 th June	C13 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Tuesday 30 th June	Y5 and Y6 Sports Day at National Basketball Centre from 9.20am (parents welcome to attend and spectate)
Thursday 2 nd July	Y3 and Y4 Sports Day at National Basketball Centre from 9.20am (parents welcome to attend and spectate)
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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