



# St. Richard's RC Primary

## Summer Term Newsletter



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.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026**

### WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

Please share the joy of the Wednesday Word as a family this week by visiting <https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/companion?pid=MTA101634&v=215.5>  
The Wednesday Word this week is **COMPANION**

### 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<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

### IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

The process for claiming free school meals is changing. Last week you will have received information and a form through the post about applying for free school meals. **It is vitally important that you complete and return this form as the school is dependent on the funding that comes from completed forms.**

### NON-UNIFORM DAY ON FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY

In return for a £1 voluntary donation towards school funds, we would like all pupils to come to school in sensible non-uniform a **week tomorrow** (Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July). Many thanks in advance.

### KEY STAGE TWO SPORTS DAYS

This week we have enjoyed our upper and lower Key Stage Two Sports Days. We are very thankful to St Peter's RC High School and Belle Vue Sports Village for providing such an amazing venue for our children to compete in. Many thanks to all the staff who planned and prepared such well-run events. Well done to all our children who took part in such a sporting and supportive manner.

### SAFE4SUMMER 2026

We are pleased to share the [Safe4Summer](#) campaign led by Greater Manchester Police with support from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, local councils, and other key partners. This collaborative campaign is designed to engage young people and their parents or guardians, encouraging positive behaviours while helping to reduce water-related incidents, deliberate fires, and anti-social behaviour throughout the summer. The [Safe4Summer website](#) shares key campaign messages and directs families to a variety of fun, exciting, and safe activities available in the local area.

### FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS OVER SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Manchester City Council have agreed to make a one-off payment of £50 per child eligible for free school meals (FSM) to help with the financial pressures that many of our families are currently facing. This one-off payment to eligible FSM pupils is to be paid prior to the end of the summer term.

### HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUND

Manchester City Council is offering thousands of free places for children's activities over the school holidays. Plus, each booked session will include a free meal. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 to get involved:

1. **Register for FREE benefits-related school meals**
2. Create a family 'MCRactive Go' account
3. Find and book your sessions.

To find out whether your child is eligible to take part or book activities, visit [mcractive.com/haf](http://mcractive.com/haf)

### BOOK FAIR SUCCESS

Last week's Scholastic book fair was a great success and helped to increase book ownership amongst our pupils. Many thanks to Mrs Fosbrook who coordinated the event and to everyone else who supported the event and helped ensure that our stock of books in school is also increased. As a result of the book fair, we have commission totalling **£577.82** (50% of total sales of **£1155.63**) which we can now use to purchase more books for classes in school.

### RETURNING SCHOOL READING BOOKS

Please ensure that your child(ren) return all reading books that belong to school by **TOMORROW** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 at the very latest. This includes colour band books, accelerated reader books and Bug Club Phonics books. It takes a lot of time and effort to sort out our stock of reading books and make them ready for the start of the new academic year so your complete and timely cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

### 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:
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	C4 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Mass at 11am in St Richard's Church
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Assembly for R & N in Main Hall at 9am
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Assembly for Y1 & Y2 in Main Hall at 9am
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Assembly for Class 5, 6 and 7 in Main Hall at 9am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Assembly for Class 8, 9 and 10 in Main Hall at 9am
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk)

With many thanks for your continuing support

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