



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2026

Thursday 10th September 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 EVERYONE!

We hope that you had a great summer break. All the staff have been delighted to have the children back in school and we have seen and heard lots of great learning, lovely manners and great behaviour already. We welcome all our new pupils and new staff. I am confident that, as ever, we will all strive energetically together throughout the year to ensure that the children of St Richard's continue to receive a superb education.

PRAYER OF ST RICHARD

Our school prayer is printed below in the hope that you may occasionally wish to pray this prayer at home as a family this year:

Thanks be to You my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits that You have given me, for all the pains and insults that You have borne for me. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may I know You more clearly, love You more dearly and follow You more nearly, day by day.

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

The Wednesday Word is now back to its usual format following the summer break. Please try to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting:

<https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/forgiveness?pid=MTA101634&v=218.6>

This week's Wednesday Word is **FORGIVENESS**

DRIVING SAFELY AROUND SCHOOL

It is essential that, if you must drive your child to school, you drive and park safely - as far away from school as possible. Drivers must be extremely conscious of the need to drive safely and park considerately at all times. We will be inviting traffic enforcement officers to school on a frequent basis this year and we are thankful in advance for everyone's full cooperation in safe driving and parking, in order to keep all our children safe.

APPLICATIONS FOR A YEAR 7 SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2027

Manchester City Council's online application portal opened on 1st July 2026. Our school office staff can help parents who may be experiencing difficulties with submitting their applications online. Please phone school to make an appointment if you require this. Please follow this link to make an online application: <https://parentportal.manchester.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions> The deadline for on-time applications is **Friday 31st October 2026**.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Many thanks for your wonderful efforts in sending your child(ren) to school in such smart uniform. May I remind parents that no earrings (or any other jewellery) can be worn by pupils. No make-up or nail varnish is allowed. Smart black school shoes are the only footwear allowed - no trainers please.

SCHOOL CLEANER REQUIRED

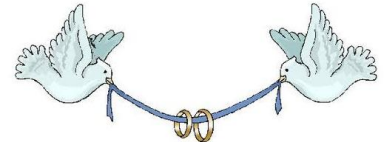
We are currently seeking to employ a school cleaner. The successful applicant will be required to take up the post from Monday 2nd November 2026. The post is 16 hours per week, all year round and is a permanent post. Full details are available at: <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/vacancies/>

OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

We are very pleased to have St Peter's RC High School as our feeder high school. St Peter's is hosting their annual open evening on Thursday 17th September from 5 - 8pm at St Peter's RC High School, Kirkmanshulme Lane, Manchester, M12 4WB. Parents and pupils (especially those in Year 5 and Year 6) are encouraged to attend and see all the wonderful things that St Peter's has to offer.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Miss Dimond who got married over the summer holidays and is now Mrs Sheldon. We wish Mr and Mrs Sheldon all the best for married life together.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS TERM

Our after-school activities will be starting back up this half-term in the week commencing Monday 14th September. Please keep a look out for further details.



GOLD AWARD FOR THE SCHOOL GAMES

We are delighted to announce that, for academic year 2025-26, we achieved the Gold Award for the School Games. This is as a result of our commitment to physical education, physical activity and our level of participation in school sport and competitions between schools in a whole range of sports.

STAYING IN TOUCH AND INFORMED BY NEWSLETTER

It is vitally important that parents receive and read the newsletter every week. The newsletter will only be printed and handed out very occasionally. Usually, the newsletter is only available electronically. It can be accessed on the school's website every Thursday afternoon. However, if you wish to receive the newsletter directly every week by email, then you simply have to 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.

RESPONDING TO THE NEWSLETTER

We are always happy to receive comments, observations or suggestions about the newsletter or any aspect of school life in general. Any such comments will be read and considered. These can be emailed to: comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk

With many thanks for your continuing support and looking forward to another very successful school year together,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School