



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2026

Thursday 15th October 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

BISHOP JOHN'S VISIT TO ST RICHARD'S

St Richard's enjoyed a visit from our Bishop, John Arnold, on Thursday 8th October. Bishop John came to congratulate the school on gaining CAFOD's Live Simply Award and he presented the award to us before spending time with members of staff as well as representatives from our Eco-Council, GIFT Team and Caritas Ambassadors. Bishop John spent some time in the eco-garden too. It was a lovely morning.



WE BREAK UP FOR HALF-TERM ON FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER

Please make a note of the date above and please note that school will also be closed to all pupils on Friday 20th November 2026 because it is a staff INSET Day.

NON-UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW

On Friday 16th October we are having a non-uniform day in school in order to raise money for school funds – all of which will then be spent on the children of St Richard's. Children may wear sensible and appropriate non-uniform on Friday 16th October in return for a £1 donation to school funds.

HARVEST DONATIONS

This year we are again supporting Caritas Cornerstone Day Centre's Harvest Donations appeal by collecting the following items:

Breakfast cereal	Long-life milk
Porridge oats	Individually wrapped biscuits/cakes
Coffee and sugar	Tinned fruit/custard/rice pudding
Squash/cordial	Condiments
Tinned chickpeas	Shower gel
Tinned meats/tuna	New men's and women's socks
Tinned vegetables	Tinned potatoes
Cook-in pasta sauce	Cook-in curry sauce
Rice and pasta	Dishwasher tablets/washing powder
Meat or veg stock cubes	Tinned baked beans

Any donations that you are able to make to help homeless people in our local area would be very gratefully received. Donations should be taken by your child to their class by the closing date of **Thursday 22nd October**. Our Caritas Ambassadors will be coordinating the appeal and will be helping to deliver the harvest of donations to Cornerstone before we break up for Autumn half-term on Friday 23rd October.

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Please try to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting: <https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/gratitude?pid=MTA101634&v=223.8>

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

APPLICATIONS FOR A RECEPTION CLASS PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2027

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 and they are due to start primary school in September 2027 and you live in Manchester, then please follow this link to make an online application:

<https://www.manchester.gov.uk/schools-education-and-childcare/school-admissions/primary-school-admissions/how-to-apply>

If you live outside Manchester and want a place at a Manchester school, you need to apply through your current local council. The online portal for Reception 2027 school place applications is currently open and the deadline for submitting an on-time application is **Thursday 15th January 2027**. Our school office staff can help parents who may be experiencing difficulties with submitting their applications online.

APPLICATIONS FOR A YEAR 7 SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR SEPTEMBER 2027

Manchester City Council's online application portal is now open. 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 **Saturday 31st October 2026**.

GETSET4PE FAMILY RESOURCES

At St Richard's, we subscribe to GetSet4PE, a high-quality PE platform that supports our physical education curriculum. This year, GetSet4PE has expanded its offer beyond the classroom and has created a fantastic bank of resources for families. These resources are designed to help children and their families have fun together while staying active and healthy. The family resources are completely free to access and include a range of enjoyable activities suitable for all ages and abilities. They offer some wonderful ideas to encourage physical activity, promote wellbeing, and create opportunities for quality family time. We encourage all families to take a look at <https://pe.getset4education.co.uk/ResourceBank/ResourceCategory/1002> and enjoy the activities together.

RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION CONSULTATION

In line with new DfE statutory guidance, we are consulting with parents about proposed updated content in our Relationships Education programme, to be delivered from January 2027 onwards at St Richard's.

Please take a look at the updated draft Relationships Education Policy as well as our current plans and proposed updated plans available at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/curriculum/> Once you have taken a look, please respond with any thoughts, comments or questions to comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk before the closing date of **Friday 4th December 2026**. Many thanks in advance.

ASSEMBLIES AND 'STAY & PRAY'

We had a lovely assembly from Class 8 today. 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. It is always lovely to see so many parents here for these occasions.

Date:	Event:
Thursday 19 th November	C5 Assembly at 9am in the Main Hall
Thursday 26 th November	C7 Assembly at 9am in the Main Hall
Thursday 3 rd December (revised from original date)	C8 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Friday 4 th December	C9 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm

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,

Mr J Murray

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