



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2026

Thursday 1st 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

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is much more than a list of prayers. It is a rich spiritual exercise designed to bring us closer to Jesus through his mother, Mary. This month is a wonderful time to pray the Rosary at home as a family. The GIFT Team will be leading Rosary Prayer sessions every Monday and Tuesday throughout the month of October at 12.30pm in the Prayer Room



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 from Monday 28th September until 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/messenger?pid=MTA101634&v=221.8>

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

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/parent/admissions> The deadline for on-time applications is **Saturday 31st October 2026**.

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.

UPDATING YOUR CHILD'S DETAILS

It is vitally important that we always have the most up to date information on record about every child at our school. It is parents' responsibility to update this information whenever necessary. Next week, you will receive a data form in your child's bookbag for each of your children at St Richard's. Please make sure to fill this in fully and accurately and return it to school by **16th October 2026**.

PROMPT PICK-UP FROM AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We expect parents to ensure their child is picked up promptly from after school clubs. All clubs end at 4.15pm and parents should be at school by this time, ready to receive their child. If a parent is late more than once then the after-school club offer for your child may be withdrawn and they will not be able to attend any more sessions.

PUPILS MUST NOT WEAR EARRINGS IN SCHOOL

This is a reminder that the wearing of jewellery (including earrings) is not permitted at St Richard's. Thank you for your complete cooperation.

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.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our Parish Christmas Fair will take place on Sunday 6th December after the 11am Mass at St Mary's Parish Centre, Elbow Street, Levenshulme. There will be lots of fun and lots of games for adults and children. Kindly make a note in your diaries and please try to come along, meet old friends, make new ones and support our parish.

ASSEMBLIES AND 'STAY & PRAY'

We had a lovely C10 assembly this morning and it was lovely to see so many parents here for it. 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 2 nd October	C5 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Friday 9 th October	C6 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Thursday 15 th October	C8 Assembly at 9am in the Main Hall
Thursday 15 th October	C7 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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