



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2026

Thursday 8th 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

SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Tomorrow is the feast day of Saint John Henry Newman, who was an English cardinal and theologian in the 19th century. He was renowned as a gentle, wise and courageous priest who showed great pastoral care for those living in poverty. He fulfilled his mission to love God and serve others during his lifetime. By following his example, may we become missionaries of God's love too.



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 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/invitation?pid=MTA101634&v=222.8>
This week's Wednesday Word is **INVITATION**

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**.

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.

NON-UNIFORM DAY ON FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER

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.

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. This week, you will have received 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 **Friday 16th October 2026**.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Originally observed in the USA, Black History Month was first celebrated in the United Kingdom in 1987. At school, all our pupils will be learning about the contributions made by significant black men and women from or in Britain in the week commencing Monday 19th October.



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'

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:
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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