St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2026

Thursday 12th November 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

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/talent?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=225.9
This week's Wednesday Word is **TALENT**

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER
Please remember that school will also be closed to all pupils on Friday 20th November 2026 because it is a staff INSET Day.

THANK YOU FROM CORNERSTONES
We had a lovely thank-you letter from Iona Baxter at Cornerstones last week, thanking everyone for our amazing Harvest charitable donations:

On behalf of everyone at Caritas Cornerstone, I would like to thank the students, families and staff at St Richard's RC Primary School for your generous donation of much-needed items. We were deeply touched to know that your school community choose to support the local adults of Manchester. Your much-needed donation helps us keep the doors of Cornerstone open throughout the year. We could not continue providing this vital support without the generosity of people like you.
We hope the children and their families will be pleased to know that their gifts will directly benefit people in their local community who are facing difficult circumstances. Through your kindness, you are helping to ensure that people who visit Cornerstone receive practical support, a warm welcome, and the dignity and respect they deserve. God bless you and your whole school community.

AUTUMN TERM PARENTS EVENING DATES
Autumn Term 2026 Parents Evenings will take place in school next week. 5-minute appointment times will be available between 1.15pm and 6pm. Parents Evening will take place on **Monday 16th November** from 1.15pm – 6pm for Mrs Wade's Nursery, Reception 1, Reception 2, Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 4, Class 7 and Class 8.

Parents Evening will take place on **Tuesday 17th November** from 1.15pm – 6pm for Mrs Looms' Nursery, Class 5, Class 6, Class 9, Class 10, Class 11, Class 12 and Class 13 and Mr Keyworth's Maths group. Parents evening for children who attend our SEND Provision will also take place with Miss Whitehead between 1.15pm – 6pm on Tuesday 17th November.

No children should attend the evening appointments, as we will not have a crèche facility in operation.

Full details were provided in a separate letter to all parents last Friday.

The Parent Cloud booking system closes at 12 noon tomorrow, Friday 13th November.

ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS SUPERVISED BEFORE SCHOOL
The school gates open at St Richard's at 8.30am every school day and children are welcomed on to the school site from this time and are supervised. Before 8.30am, it is parents and carers who have responsibility to ensure that their child is supervised whilst waiting outside school for the gates to open. We cannot open up any sooner than 8.30am and children should not be left outside school on their own.

APPLICATIONS FOR A RECEPTION CLASS PLACE FOR 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 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 **Friday 15th January 2027.** Our school office staff can help parents who may be experiencing difficulties with submitting their applications online.

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 look at the updated draft Relationships Education Policy as well as our current plans and proposed updated plans – all 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.

FOODBANKS IN THE LOCAL AREA
Over the next few weeks, we will be providing information about food banks in the locality (a different one each week):

The Oasis Centre
929 Hyde Road, Gorton, Manchester, M18 7FB
Monday - Friday 9.30am -2pm
Emergency food provision and free café
Breakfast, tea/coffee - 9.30am to 10.30am
Lunch - 12.00pm to 12.30pm
Anyone who is need of a food parcel would have to see someone from their crisis support team, who will assess their need
email - hello@oasisgorton.org
Website: http://oasisgorton.org/needhelp/

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:
Thursday 19th November	C5 Assembly at 9am in the Main Hall
Thursday 26th November	C7 Assembly at 9am in the Main Hall
Thursday 3rd December	C8 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm
Friday 4th December	C9 Stay and Pray in the Prayer Room at 3pm

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.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School