St Richard's VC Academy

Christmas Newsletter

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ST RICHARD'S VC ACADEMY

Our Mission Statement:

Our school is a place where all learn and grow knowing that Christ's love surrounds them and all are valued for their uniqueness.

Aspire • Learn • Serve and Grow in Christ

Welcome back

We hope you had a peaceful and refreshing half-term break! We would like to extend an extra special welcome to our adorable new 2 year olds who have settled beautifully into our brand new provision.

Stepping into the second half of the autumn term brings a wonderful sense of anticipation and many exciting events lie ahead. Consistent daily attendance during this energetic term ensures pupils remain engaged in key learning activities and enjoy every event planned.



The season of Advent will soon be upon us. During this season, we are called to open our hearts in preparation for the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. In the coming weeks, our school community will gather for special stories, prayers, and festive gatherings designed to deepen the children's appreciation of the love, hope, and joy that Christmas brings. With festive fun and meaningful moments ahead, we pray this term will be filled with blessings for every child and their family. May your homes be touched by the light of Christ and the magic of this holy season.

🎄 What's on the horizon?

- 🕊️ Interfaith Week – Discovering and learning about different faiths and cultures.
- 🟡 Children in Need Day – Spotty-themed non-uniform day and fundraising fun.
- 🤝 Anti-Bullying Week – Promoting kindness, inclusion, and safety.
- 🎨 Christmas Performances – Nativity rehearsals and performances, musical concert.
- Advent Liturgies and Prayer Stations – an opportunity to explore the real meaning of Christmas.
- KS2 Carol service at Sacred Heart. A special celebration with the Parish community
- 🎁 Breakfast with Santa (EYFS and KS1)– the highlight of the year!
- Christmas Movie afternoon (KS2)
- 🥼 Christmas Jumper Day – Put on your jolliest jumper, sparkliest sweater, festive fleece or yuletide knit!



Date for your diary



November 13th Children in Need Dress up day

December 2nd Breakfast with Santa - EYFS and KS1

December 3rd - F1 Stay & Play (10am or 2pm)!

December 4TH - Panto Day in School (oh no it isn't!!!)!

December 8-11th Nativity Performances:

December 8th - Year One at 2.30pm

December 9th - Year Two at 2.30pm

December 11th -Foundation Stage 2 at 2.30pm

December 10th -Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Music Concert (musicians and choir perform for parents)

W/B **December 15th** KS2 Carol concert at Sacred Heart and Prayer Stations in school.

December 16th KS2 Christmas Movie and Craft Day

December 17th - F1 Mini Nativity 10am (morning children) and 2pm (afternoon children)



December 18th - Break up for Christmas



Health & Safety Reminders

- Children must now be collected after Clubs due to the dark nights.
- Cars on site must park in the parking bays and adhere to the 5 mile an hour speed limit. This is especially important at drop off for breakfast club, wrap around and after school clubs.
- Wrap around parents - please park in the parking bay and not the service drive.
- Bikes and scooters must not be ridden on the drive; this includes before and after school.
- One pair of stud earrings to be worn only please.
- Earrings must not be worn on PE days - this is purely for the safety of all children.
- Kindly inform the school office of any updated medical details or allergies.
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Working in Partnership

The collaboration between home and school is something we cherish immensely. Working side by side enables us to deliver an exceptional educational experience and dedicated care to every pupil.
We also gently remind parents and carers to interact with our staff courteously and respectfully. Fostering positive communication ensures our school community remains a safe, warm, and encouraging place for all.



Thank You

We are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support. During this special season of Advent, we reflect on the light, love, and hope that Jesus brings into our lives. As a united school community, we remain committed to serving as a beacon of Christ's peace, joy, and compassion.



Respect | Responsibility | Resilience | Curiosity| Compassion

SCHOOL TIMES
School Starts 8.40am
Finish 3.15
Please ensure you are on time as lessons start straight away