



St Richard's VC Academy

Spring Newsletter

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Welcome Back

We hope that you all enjoyed a refreshing break and are returning with renewed energy for the exciting weeks ahead. Spring is beginning to show its colours, bringing lighter days, new growth, and a lovely sense of optimism across our school.

We are also journeying through the season of Lent, an important and reflective time in the Catholic calendar. Lent invites us to pause, give thanks, and think about how we can show kindness, compassion, and generosity in our daily lives. Traditionally, Lent focuses on:

- Giving – supporting others through acts of charity and kindness.
- Fasting – choosing to let go of something or make a positive change.
- Prayer and Reflection – taking moments to be still, grateful, and thoughtful.

As part of this special season, we would like to share a prayer that you may wish to reflect on as a family at home:



A Prayer for Lent

Lord,
As we begin this season of Lent,
help us to walk with you.
Give us the courage to make good
choices,
the kindness to care for others,
and the humility to grow in faith and
love.
May our hearts be open to your
guidance
as we journey towards Easter.
Amen.

Family Lent Kindness Challenge

Lent Kindness Challenge

1. Ask your child to think of one small act of kindness they can do each day during Lent.
2. This might be helping at home, including someone at playtime, sharing with a friend, or saying something encouraging to someone who needs it.
3. Encourage them to create a Kindness Calendar or draw a Lent kindness jar, adding a note each time they complete a kind act.
4. At Easter, look back together and celebrate the difference their kindness made.

We would love to hear about the good deeds the children carry out, so please do let us know about their acts of kindness.

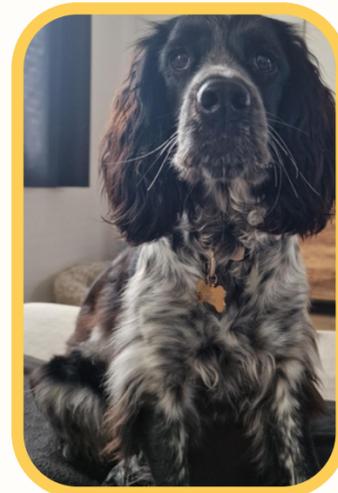
Attendance

GOOD
JOB!!

The winning class for last term for attendance goes to 2OR with 96%. That is amazing!

Bambi - Our School Therapy Dog

Bambi is settling in well and the pupils and staff are loving getting to know her! She is very calming presence in the school, so is really supporting with the wellbeing of the children and staff.



Health & Safety



Earrings and Jewellery

Small plain studs only please to be worn in ear lobes (not helix). **Earrings must not be worn on PE days.** No other jewellery, apart from a watch, should be worn. This is because these items could easily catch on something in school and cause injury to your child or another child.

Bikes and scooters

Thank you for your support in **not allowing school-aged children** to ride their bikes and scooters on the school site. This is for the health and safety of everyone. We do have people on site using crutches and walking sticks and this can make them feel nervous. We have also had some near misses when children have come off their bikes on the ramps and some occasions where they have ridden quickly towards the main road.



Uniform Reminders

Please ensure your child wears black shoes - apart from on PE days. Also the correct PE kit: plain white Tshirt (not cropped please), black or navy shorts/joggers and a plain navy or black hoody. This is to ensure that the children do not feel pressured to wear expensive logos and badges during this time of financial hardship and that they still look smart on PE days. If you need any support with this, please speak to Miss Walker in confidence.



Light Nights

Now that the nights are lighter, children from Years 5 and 6 who already have permission may walk home by themselves from Boosters and after school clubs. If you wish to update your permission for this, please contact the school office.



Dates for your Diary

SPRING DATES

- Monday 2nd March – 5S IntoUniversity
 - Tuesday 3rd March – 5F IntoUniversity
 - Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
 - w/b March 9th Match – Science Week
 - Tuesday 10th March - Cafod Assembly
 - Tuesday 10th March - Year 5 at St Marys's College - Shrek The Musical
 - Thursday 12th March – Science Workshops
 - Friday 13th March - Science Dress Up Day
 - Thursday 18th March – Parents' Evening
 - Thursday 19th March – Y5 visit to Liberty Academy
 - Monday 23rd March - Year 2 Big Lent Walk
 - Wednesday 25th March – Friday 27th March – Y6 Residential
 - Friday 27th March – Break up for Easter*
- *No Wrap Around on the last day of term

