



St Richard's VC Academy

Newsletter



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Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the Spring Term! We hope you had a Christmas full of joy, laughter and love. We are excited for a fantastic season ahead as the days grow longer and brighter. This brand-new year of beginning brings opportunities for every child to discover, grow, and shine. Together, we will continue to nurture a safe, happy, and inspiring environment where every child can flourish.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership -it truly makes a difference. We look forward to celebrating the successes and achievements of our wonderful children throughout the term ahead.

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A Prayer for the New Year

Lord, we thank You for the gift of this new year. Bless our school, our children, and our families with wisdom, peace, and joy. Guide us in our learning and help us to grow in faith, hope, and love. May this year be filled with opportunities to serve You and one another. Amen.



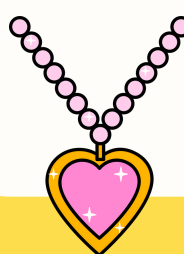
Bikes and scooters



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.

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.



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.



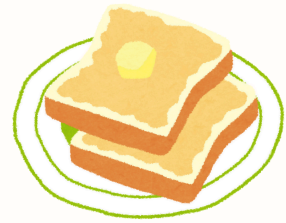
Breakfast Club – Important Health & Safety



Reminder

For the safety of all children and families:
Please drive slowly down the school drive.

Park only in one of the marked bays.



Ensure your child walks down the path and is supervised until they have entered the school building.

Thank you for your cooperation and care in helping us keep everyone safe. Together, we can make every morning calm and happy for our children! ☀

Staffing Updates

Welcome Miss Walker

We are delighted to welcome Miss Walker to our team as our Operational Safeguarding Lead. Miss Walker joins us from one of our Trust schools and has wasted no time in getting to know the children. You'll see her on the drive every morning—please do say hello and introduce yourself! We are thrilled to have Miss Walker as part of our school family and look forward to the positive impact she will bring to our community. More exciting news about Miss Walker soon!



Meet Miss Pudsey

We are also pleased to introduce Miss Pudsey, who will be covering Miss Ransley's teaching commitments in Year 2 whilst she is on her maternity leave. Miss Pudsey will be teaching in 2OR and we know that you will all welcome her to our school family.



Time for tiny toes ...Good luck Miss Ransley...

Finally, we want to say a heartfelt thank you and good luck to Miss Ransley as she leaves on Friday (if not sooner!) to begin her maternity leave. We will all miss her tremendously and wish her every happiness as she starts this exciting chapter. Come back and see us soon with your new little bundle of joy, Miss Ransley!



Date for your Diary



15th January - Special Lunch

3rd February - Book Fair Begins

5th February - Rockstar Day

6th February - First Friday Mass at Sacred Heart

13th February - Break off for Half Term

