



St Richard's VC Academy

Summer Newsletter

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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**

A hugely successful year!

It's been a very busy and successful year here at St Richard's, full of learning and fun, compassion and joy. Here are a few highlights that we wanted to share with you all:

The Lighthouse

Mrs Merckel, Mrs Mohammed, Mrs Matthews and Miss Potter have created the most amazing space for some of pupils. For those of you who know the school well, it is in part of the old changing rooms and, thanks to Mrs Merckel, it has been completely refurbished and looks absolutely stunning. It is the envy of the Trust and we have had several important visitors coming for a nosey! It also houses our brilliant after school wraparound which provides paid after school care for working parents for pupils in F2 upwards. Please contact the office if you would like to find out more about our Wraparound provision.



Foundation 1

Foundation 1 has had a wonderful year filled with learning and growth! The children were amazed to watch caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies, a magical experience that sparked curiosity and joy. They also enjoyed a fantastic teddy bears picnic! It's been a year full of excitement, discovery, and fun!



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Foundation 2

We have had so many amazing moments in F2 this year, it is hard to choose. We have had fun, explored and taken part in lots of learning. The stand out moment that springs to mind when we look back, is how proud we were of the children during their Christmas play - Angels Undercover - they truly shone, like the angels they are!



Year 1

Year One have had a wonderful year - one of our many highlights was in December when we invited our parents in to help support our Catholic Social Teaching Project. We supported the Age UK Hull charity's Christmas Shoe Box Appeal and were overwhelmed by the support and generosity of our Year One parents and everyone in the STR family who brought in donations. It really was amazing to see the hall full of parents and children all doing something to support elderly people in the community and show them how much we care. In total we packaged 42 shoe boxes for this amazing appeal.



Year 2

During the Summer Term, Year 2's topic has been 'How have holidays changed over time?' We launched into our topic by learning about traditional Punch and Judy shows, which people used to watch for entertainment at the beach. We then designed and created our own puppets using felt, sewing, gluing and a variety of different materials. It was extremely messy, but so much fun!



Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about the 'Common Good'. They found out what it means and how they can work for the common good of all people and how their efforts can help protect the environment. As part of the project, the children made 'pledges' in which they described how they promise to think about the good of the environment for all people, especially in our local community, and what actions they could do. Through a scheme called 'Love your Street', Hull City Council supplied Year 3 with some litter picking equipment and the children had a great time picking up rubbish on our field and around the school grounds. If you would like to take part in the project and hire some litter picking equipment for your own street and neighbourhood, please visit <https://www.hull.gov.uk/recycling/love-street>.



Year 4

Year Four have had a fantastic year! Our Play in a Day experience with The Herd Theatre was a particular highlight, giving our ST@Rs opportunities to explore their creative sides and try their hands at various theatre-based jobs such as stage management, lighting and sound engineering and prop curation.



Year 5

Year 5 had a wonderful time at the Trust Summer Music Concert this year. We have such a musically talented year group - it couldn't have been a better fit. We loved practising each week and we managed to give all of our teachers goosebumps with our wonderful singing. Performing on stage was the biggest highlight of all - what wonderful memories to have!

Year 6

What a fantastic year it's been for our Year 6 pupils! From exciting adventures to creative accomplishments, there's so much to celebrate. Some of our students enjoyed a memorable residential trip full of fun, friendship and new experiences, while others had a blast racing around the go-kart track. Everyone has worked incredibly hard on the highlight of the term – the Year 6 Leavers' Play – showcasing their talent, teamwork, and enthusiasm. We're so proud of all they've achieved and wish them the very best in their next chapter!



A special message from Mrs Cook

The children across all year groups have made excellent progress and an improvement in data has been evident against all national milestones. Our Year 6 pupils have especially excelled as a year group in their SATS, achieving well above National in the combined standard for Reading, Writing and Maths. This is a testament to their hard work, resilience and commitment to learning, their exceptional learning behaviours and their attendance in school at Booster sessions. It is also as a result of the support they have been given in school by our incredible Year 6 team and the excellent teaching they have had during their time with us. And finally, a huge thank you to the wonderful parents of our Year 6 pupils who have supported them, and us, during their learning journey. For some parents, who have been part of our school family for a long time but now the last child is moving on, it really is a sad farewell. Thank you for being amazing: your positivity and unflinching support over time pulled us through the darker days of COVID and still inspires us to do our best every day for the children and families we serve. We wish you and your children every success and happiness in the future.

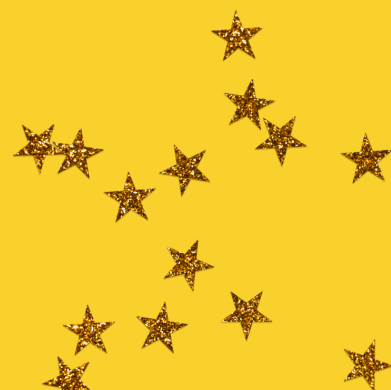


Catholic Schools' Inspection

We were delighted with the outcome of our Catholic School's inspection where we were awarded the highest Grading of Outstanding with the inspectors noting that:

The school is at the heart of the community it serves with so many commenting that 'the school is the Church for the children.' Through the deep commitment of every person involved with the school, this has a tangible impact on all who experience life at St Richard's.

There is a tangible whole school culture that embraces a celebration of pupils' efforts and, as a result, pupils are engaged and motivated. This includes the support of vulnerable pupils who are nurtured and supported with equal measures.





Dates for Your Diary



Back to school - Wednesday 3rd September 2025



Autumn Half Term - Friday 24th October 2025



Christmas Holidays - Friday 19th December 2025

INSET DAYS (Staff only in schools) • Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September 2025 • Monday 5th January 2026 • Friday 11th July & Monday 20th July 2026

