

RIBCHESTER ST WILFRID'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



*"Together, with
Jesus, we can LOVE,
LEARN and
SUCCEED"*

Friday 12th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am incredibly proud of all the hard work the children put into the Nativity. They were absolutely amazing—a true credit to both the school and you as parents! A huge thank you to all the staff for their dedication and effort in putting it together.

Today, we are enjoying our Glow in the Dark Dodgeball enrichment sessions—photos will follow soon!

Term dates for the academic year 2026-2027 are now confirmed and can be found on this newsletter as well as on our website: <https://www.ribchesterstwilfrids.co.uk/parents/term-dates/>

Reminders

- **PTFA Chill Out Night:** Monday, 3:30pm–5:30pm
- **Christmas Lunch:** Next Thursday. Children can order on the day.
- **Parties:** Christmas parties are next Thursday. Children can come to school in Christmas/party clothes.
- **Last Day of Term:** Next Friday
 - There will be **no Celebration Assembly**.
 - Instead, we will have a **Church Christmas Service at 1:30pm**.
 - You may take your child home after the service at around 2:30pm.
 - If your child walks home, please contact **Mrs Taylor** to confirm arrangements and times.
 - **No After School Club** next Friday.

**SCHOOL
LUNCHES**

LUNCHES FROM JANUARY

We're excited to let you know that starting January, all school meals will be booked and paid for through ParentPay. This means you'll be able to choose which meals your child would like—and we think it would be great to involve your child in making those choices!

You'll have until Sunday evening each week to select meals for the following week. If a meal isn't booked, please send your child to school with a packed lunch.

This new system will help us become more environmentally friendly by reducing food waste and cutting down on paper currently used for lunch registers.

A few important points:

Calder (Reception only) and Hodder classes: Children are entitled to universal free school meals. You'll still book meals, but you won't be charged.

Children entitled to free school meals: You'll also book meals without any cost.

Pre-school, Ribble, and Wyre classes: Meals will continue at the usual cost.

We anticipate there may be some teething problems as we all get used to the new system. If you experience any issues ordering meals in the first week or so, please contact the school office on 01254 878300 so we can make sure your child receives a meal.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support for St Wilfrid's—we really appreciate your help in making this positive change.

Important Notices

- **New Website**

Have you checked out our new website yet? Click here to visit <https://www.ribchesterstwilfrids.co.uk/>
On the **Contacts** page, you can send messages if you have any safeguarding concerns—these go directly to my work email.

- **PE and Earrings**

Children are not allowed to wear earrings during PE. If your child cannot remove them independently, please ensure they do not wear earrings on PE days. PE is a statutory requirement.

- **Admissions Consultation**

We have gone to consultation this week with Lancashire School Admissions (required every 7 years). You can find the document on Dojo or on our website here.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm—what a wonderful way to celebrate the season together!

Katie Isherwood

Headteacher

Key Dates – Autumn Term

Monday 15 th December	Christmas Chill Night (PTFA) 3:30-5:30
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas parties
Friday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas holidays

Key Dates – Spring Term (so far!)

Monday 5 th January	Back to school!
Tuesday 6 th January	Reception eye tests
Monday 12 th January	Circus Skills Workshops
Thursday 15 th January	KidzFit Body Science Workshops
Friday 6 th February	Tri-Golf day
Wednesday 11 th February	Hodder Mini-Skills trip
Thursday 12 th February	Break up for half term
Friday 13 th February	INSET DAY for staff
Monday 23 rd February	Back to school!
Wednesday 25 th February	Ribble Football trip
Wednesday 4 th March	Wyre Swimming Gala trip
Thursday 5 th March	Shakespeare Performance
Friday 13 th March	Pickle Ball Day
Tuesday 17 th March	Reception and Year 6 photographs
Friday 27 th March	Break up for the Easter holiday

There will be more dates added to this list as additional activities are booked/planned.

CHRISTMAS Lunch.

**Festive Roast
with Chipolata Sausage
&
Yorkshire Pudding
or
Root Vegetable
Cranberry & Cheese Swirl
with
Roast Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes
&
Seasonal Vegetables
~
Sweet Christmas
Treat Dessert**



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Ribchester St Wilfrid's CE Primary School

Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026

Starts: Tuesday 1 September 2026 – INSET for staff.

Children will start on Wednesday 2 September 2026.

Half term: Friday 23 October 2026 - October – Monday 2 November 2026 (Friday 23 October and Monday 2 November 2026 INSET for staff).

Children will start on Tuesday 3 November 2026.

Ends: Friday 18 December 2026

Spring Term 2027

Starts: Monday 4 January 2027 INSET for staff.

Children will start on Tuesday 5 January 2027.

Half term: Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February 2027

Ends: Thursday 25 March 2027.

Children will start on Monday 12 April 2027.

Summer Term 2027

Starts: Monday 12 April 2027

May Day: Monday 3 May 2027

Half term: Monday 31 May – Monday 7 June 2027. INSET for staff.

Children will start on Tuesday 8 June 2027.

Ends: Wednesday 21 July 2027

Total number of openings: 190

Total number of INSET training days: 5

General Information

KS2 Morning Snacks

Snacks for Ribble and Wyre need to be paid for in advance. The cost of toast this half term is £10.20. This should be paid on ParentPay.

Contact Details

If you have moved house or changed phone numbers, don't forget to let the office know so that we can update our system.

ALLERGIES

Please ensure that school are aware of all allergies and medication taken for these, e.g. Piriton

Nut Allergies

We are a nut free school as we have pupils with allergies. Please can we remind all parents that products which contain nuts should not be brought to school and not included in packed lunches.

PTFA

We would love for more people to get involved - either by joining the PTFA committee or joining the PTFA volunteers WhatsApp group. For either, please speak to PTFA Committee Chair Lindsey Cobden at the school gates or on 07919 851169.



MENU Serving fantastic lunches everyday - All menus are planned to comply with School Food Standards and all new dishes are tested by children. Our meat is Red Tractor Farm Assured, our fish is MSC certified and we also use a number of Free Range products throughout the menu. There is always fresh fruit and salad, bread and locally produced yoghurt available daily.

Week 1

1

Week commencing

11th November
2nd December
23rd December
13th January
3rd February
24th February
17th March
7th April

Week 2

2

Week commencing

28th October
18th November
9th December
30th December
20th January
10th February
3rd March
24th March
14th April

Week 3

3

Week commencing

4th November
25th November
16th December
6th January
27th January
17th February
10th March
31st March
21st April

	MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
Traditional Choice	Pork or Vegetarian Meatballs with Mild Chilli & Sweet Pepper Sauce Mixed Rice & Broccoli Florets	Lancashire Butter Pie with Garden Peas & Carrots or Baked Beans (V)	Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet & Gravy with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Booths Beef or Vegetarian Burger in a Bun with Paprika Wedges, Sweetcorn & Tomato Ketchup	Golden Crumb Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans
Alternative Choice	Macaroni & Cheese with Homemade Crusty Bread & Salad Selection (V)	Loaded Vegetable Quesadilla with Herby Wedges & Salad Selection (V)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (V)	Pasta Twists & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (V)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans (V)
Jacket & Sandwiches	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwich Roll with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
Dessert	Toffee Bananas & Custard or Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Lancashire Cheese & Biscuits or Low Sugar Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Raspberry Bun or Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Lemon Biscuit & Fruit Wedges or Low Sugar Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Cocoa Krispie Cakes ~ Fruit Selection & Milk
	MEAT FREE MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
Traditional Choice	Vegetarian Sausage Roll & Tomato Ketchup with Herby Potatoes & Baked Beans (V)	Crispy Chicken or Vegetable Burger in a Bun with Paprika Wedges Garden Peas & Sweetcorn	Booths Pork or Vegetarian Sausage Toad-in-the-Hole with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Cooks Choice of Chicken or Vegetarian Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread	Harry Ramsden's Crispy Battered Fish with Oven Baked Chips & Mushy Peas
Alternative Choice	Loaded Pizza Pocket with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips (V)	Pasta Spirals & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (V)	Oriental Vegetable Noodles with Spring Rolls & Sweet Chilli Sauce (V)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (V)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips Sweetcorn or Baked Beans (V)
Jackets & Sandwiches	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
Dessert	Toffee Traybake & Custard or Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Vanilla Biscuit & Fruit Wedges or Low Sugar Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Strawberry Mousse or Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Lancashire Cheese & Biscuits or Low Sugar Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Chocolate Cookie ~ Fruit Selection & Milk
	MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
Traditional Choice	Big Brunch Booths Pork or Quorn Sausages Free Range Omelette Crispy Potatoes & Baked Beans	Savoury Beef or Quorn Mince & Dumplings with Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet & Gravy with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Puff Pastry Cheese Whirl with Herby Wedges & Baked Beans (V)	Golden Crumb Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans
Alternative Choice	Golden Crumb Salmon Fillet Fingers with Crispy Potatoes Garden Peas & Sweetcorn	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (V)	Vegetable & Chick Pea Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread (V)	Spaghetti Bolognese with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans (V)
Jackets & Sandwiches	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwich Roll with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
Dessert	Rice Pudding & Fruit Jam or Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Lancashire Cheese & Biscuits or Low Sugar Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Oaty Flapjack or Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Shortbread Biscuit & Fruit Wedges or Low Sugar Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Chocolate Cupcake ~ Fruit Selection & Milk

