

RIBCHESTER ST WILFRID'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week we've had in school! The children have enjoyed lots of hands-on learning experiences — from trying out exciting circus skills to exploring how their bodies work and why keeping healthy is so important. It has been wonderful to see them so engaged, enthusiastic and genuinely happy to be in school.

We've also had several visitors in this week, and every single one of them has commented on how well-behaved, respectful and hard-working our children are. We are incredibly proud of them!

A big thank you for your patience and understanding over the last two weeks while we have had limited staff in the office. Your support has been very much appreciated.

As we look ahead to next week, here are a few reminders:

🍷 Ribble Class will be making pizzas on Wednesday afternoon.

🌀 Friday is Opposite Day! We can't wait to see the children's creative outfit ideas.

⚽ PE Reminder: Please ensure your child does not wear earrings on PE days, or that they are able to remove them independently.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

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/>

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.

SCHOOL MEALS

Hi,
I have spoken to ParentPay and they have advised me that meal choices need to be made at least 2 days before the meal requested. It would be very helpful if all parents/carers could make meal choices by FRIDAY for the following week. As always, if there are any problems, please get in touch with school.
Thanks! Miss Isherwood

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.

Important Notices

- **PE**

Due to the needs of the school and our children, Mr. Eacott will now be working in Calder during the afternoons. As a result, PE lessons will be organised as follows:

Coach Becks will teach PE every Tuesday for all classes.

The second PE lesson (as children must have a minimum of 2 hours of PE each week) will be taught by your child's class teacher.

Please contact your child's teacher directly to confirm which day this additional PE session will take place.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Coach Becks will be doing enrichment PE every other Friday for all classes.

- **Forest School**

The remaining Forest School sessions for Calder and Hodder will take place this half term. As a school, we are looking at ways to fund another set of sessions for every child.

- **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.

- **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.

Katie Isherwood

Headteacher

Key Dates – Spring Term (so far!)

Friday 23 rd January	OPPOSITE DAY!
Tuesday 27 th January	Wyre Kurling Competition - TBC
Friday 6 th February	Tri-Golf day - children will get changed into PE kits in school
Wednesday 11 th February	Hodder Mini-Skills trip - TBC
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 - TBC
Wednesday 4 th March	Wyre Swimming Gala trip - TBC
Thursday 5 th March	Shakespeare Performance – see Mrs Taylor for more info.
Friday 13 th March	Pickle Ball Day - children will get changed into PE kits in school
Tuesday 17 th March	Reception and Year 6 photographs
Friday 27 th March	Break up for the Easter holiday

Trips that are to be confirmed (TBC) are subject to the whole class being invited to attend, not just a few children. We will know more about this in the new year.

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

Clubs – Spring Term 1

Monday 3:30-4:15pm	Jigsaw Club (KS1) with Mrs Cowgill
Tuesday 3:30-4:15pm	Games Club (KS1) with Mrs Dugdale
Tuesday 3:30-4:30pm	Sports with Coach Becks (KS2) – currently full
Tuesday 3:30-4:15pm	Year 4 Times Tables with Mrs Lester
Friday 8:30am	Choir with Mrs Lester
Friday 3:30-4:40pm	Choir Church with Mrs Partington



How many things can you do the opposite of?

- Clothes - mix and match patterns, wear clothes inside out, or swap outfits with each other. The sillier, the better!
- Wear opposite shoes!
- Walk backwards!
- Write your name backwards all day!
- Say 'no' for 'yes' and 'yes' for 'no'!

Can you think of any more?

There will be fun 'opposite' activities to do in class all day.

If you would like to make a voluntary contribution of £1/£2 to go towards Nancy the Therapy Dog, you can do that on ParentPay. Do not feel obliged to donate.



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WE ARE HIRING!

★ Job Opportunity at Ribchester St
Wilfrid's CE Primary School! ★

We have a very exciting opportunity for someone to join our wonderful school team.

We're looking for a friendly, organised person to work in our school office.

If you think this might be you, or know someone who would be a great fit, please take a look at the Lancashire Vacancies website. You'll find all the details there, including the person specification and application form. Please call the head teacher, Katie Isherwood, if you would like some more information or a tour of the school - 01254 878300

https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=67070



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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 £8.70. 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.

Week

1

Week commencing

3rd November
24th November
15th December
5th January
26th January
16th February
9th March
30th March
20th April

Week

2

Week commencing

10th November
1st December
22nd December
12th January
2nd February
23rd February
16th March
6th April

Week

3

Week commencing

17th November
8th December
29th December
19th January
9th February
2nd March
23rd March
13th April

	MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
Traditional Choice	Big Brunch Pork or Vegetarian Sausage Free Range Omelette Crispy Potatoes & Baked Beans	Loaded Mild Beef or Vegetable Chilli Nachos with Mixed Rice & Salad Selection	Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	British 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	Pasta Twists & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Lancashire Butter Pie with Vegetable Medley or Baked Beans (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Mac 'n' Cheese with Homemade Crusty Bread & 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 Sandwiches with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
Dessert	Toffee Traybake & Custard Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Marble Shortbread & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Raspberry Bun Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Vanilla Cookie & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Chocolate Brownie Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk
MEAT FREE MONDAY SUGARWISE TUESDAY WEDNESDAY SUGARWISE THURSDAY FRIDAY FAVOURITES					
Traditional Choice	Loaded Pizza Panini with Paprika Wedges & Garden Peas (v)	Crispy Chicken or Vegetable Goujons & Katsu Curry Sauce with Rainbow Vegetable Rice	Pork or Vegetarian Sausage Yorkshire Pudding with Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection	Harry Ramsden's Crispy Battered Fish with Oven Baked Chips & Mushy Peas
Alternative Choice	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Puff Pastry Cheese Whirl with Herby Potatoes Garden Peas or Baked Beans (v)	Pasta Spirals & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Cooks Choice of filled Free Range Egg Omelette with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips & Sweetcorn (v)
Jackets & Sandwiches	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection (v)	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	Rice Pudding & Fruit Jam Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Chocolate Cookie & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Cooks Choice of Mousse Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Lancashire Cheese & Biscuits Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Cocoa Krispie Cake Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk
MONDAY SUGARWISE TUESDAY WEDNESDAY SUGARWISE THURSDAY FRIDAY FAVOURITES					
Traditional Choice	Pork & Carrot or Vegetarian Meatballs with Mild Chilli & Sweet Pepper Sauce Mixed Rice & Salad Selection	Savoury Mince & Dumplings with Mashed Potatoes Green Beans & Carrot Batons	Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Cooks Choice of Chicken or Vegetarian Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread	Golden Crumb Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans
Alternative Choice	Harry Ramsden's Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake with Herby Potatoes & Vegetable Medley	Pasta Tubes & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Paprika Potatoes Garden Peas or Baked Beans (v)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips & Sweetcorn (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	Chocolate Traybake & Custard Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Vanilla Shortbread & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Oaty Flapjack Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Lemon Cookie & Fruit Wedges Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Cooks Choice of Cupcake Cooks Choice of Jelly Fruit Yoghurt ~ Fruit Selection & Milk

