

RIBCHESTER ST WILFRID'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Friday 19th December 2025

🎄 Dear Parents and Families, 🙌

What a truly wonderful term it has been! We are so proud of all the children's achievements and the incredible progress they've made. From exciting learning opportunities to moments of creativity and joy, this term has been filled with sparkle and success.



A huge thank you to all our families for your support and encouragement—especially during World Faith Week 🌐 and Forest School 🌲. Your involvement has helped make these experiences so meaningful and memorable for the children. ❤️

Wishing you a Merry Christmas 🎁 filled with laughter and warmth, and a Happy New Year 🎆 full of joy and new adventures! We can't wait to welcome everyone back on Monday, 5th January.

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 you are in need over the Christmas period, please do not hesitate to contact me on Dojo, by email or through the contact page on the website. I will be picking up messages regularly – we are always here to help!

Reminders

- **Key dates** for Spring term (so far!) are further down this newsletter.
- **Dropping children off** – please remember that your child/children are your responsibility until they enter the school building. Please escort your child to the back of school and wait with them until the doors are open. This keeps our children safe.
- **Independent Calder and Hodder** – a couple of days ago, Mrs Cowgill posted that from January, all infants should come into school independently. Please take your child around the back of school as usual, but let them enter the classroom by themselves.
- Please pay for your child's **toast** (morning snack) on ParentPay. The cost this half term is £8.70. RIBBLE AND WYRE ONLY.

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.

LUNCHES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BOOK BY THE END OF TODAY.

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

- **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**

A great big thank you to Viki Mason for running Forest School this term!

We want to say a heartfelt thank you to all our amazing parents and carers for your generous donations – because of you, this could happen! Your support means so much to us and to the children.

As a school, we're doing everything we can to secure funding for Forest School in the Spring term for all classes, and we'll keep you updated every step of the way.

Together, we're making wonderful experiences possible for our children! ★

- **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 – Spring Term (so far!)

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| Monday 5 th January | Back to school! |
| Tuesday 6 th January | Reception eye tests |
| Monday 12 th January | Circus Skills Workshops |
| Tuesday 13 th January | Ribble Miniskills Competition – see Mrs Lester for more info. |
| Thursday 15 th January | KidzFit Body Science Workshops – children will get changed into PE kits in school |
| 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

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| Tuesday pm | Drama with Miss Isherwood |
| Tuesday pm | Sports with Coach Becks (KS2) |
| Tuesday pm | Year 4 Times Tables with Mrs Lester |
| Friday am | Choir with Mrs Lester |



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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.



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

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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 |
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| 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) |
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| 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) |
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| 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 |

