

# RIBCHESTER ST WILFRID'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a brilliant day we've had in school! The children (and staff!) have loved taking part in our Opposite Day activities — there's been lots of laughter and plenty of very funny moments. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our celebration assembly. It was quite a challenge to do everything in reverse, but we certainly gave it our best shot!

We'd also like to say a huge thank you for your generous donations towards Nancy the Therapy Dog. Your support means a great deal and will help us continue welcoming Nancy into school for her much-loved visits.

## 🍴 School Meals Reminder

Please make sure you have ordered your child's school meals on ParentPay by the end of today for next week.

From 2nd February, any child without a meal ordered will need to bring a packed lunch.

If you need help with ParentPay, please just pop in — someone will be in the office all week (phew!), and we're always happy to support.

In a couple of weeks we are having a special music assembly lead by Rocksteady. I will send more details of this over the next week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend! ✨

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

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

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm.

Katie Isherwood

Headteacher

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.

**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.

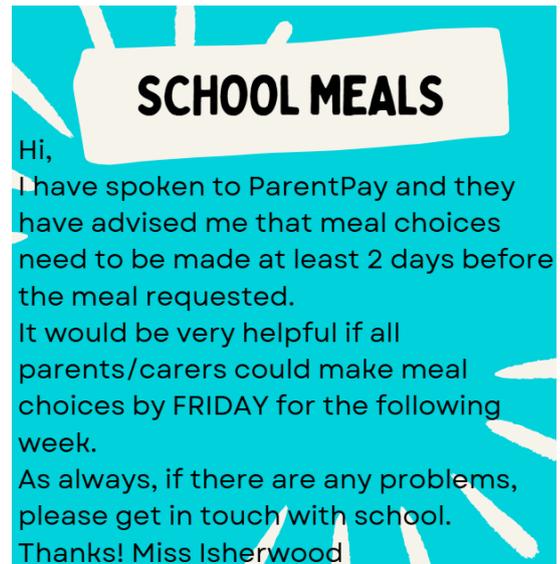
- **New Website**

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.



### Key Dates – Spring Term (so far!)

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Tri-Golf day - children will get changed into PE kits in school
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Rocksteady Music Assembly
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET DAY for staff
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Back to school!
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Shakespeare Performance – see Mrs Taylor for more info.
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Pickle Ball Day - children will get changed into PE kits in school
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception and Year 6 photographs
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> 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



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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 £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
<b>Traditional Choice</b>	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
<b>Alternative Choice</b>	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)
<b>Jacket &amp; Sandwiches</b>	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
<b>Dessert</b>	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					
<b>Traditional Choice</b>	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
<b>Alternative Choice</b>	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)
<b>Jackets &amp; Sandwiches</b>	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
<b>Dessert</b>	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					
<b>Traditional Choice</b>	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
<b>Alternative Choice</b>	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)
<b>Jackets &amp; Sandwiches</b>	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
<b>Dessert</b>	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

