

# RIBCHESTER ST WILFRID'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Jesus, we can LOVE,  
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SUCCEED"*

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wyre Class's production of Henry V was a roaring success at the Dukes Theatre last night! The children were truly amazing, delivering confident, expressive performances that made all the staff incredibly proud. A huge well-done to every child involved. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to bring the production together, as well as those who came along to support and assist on the night. Your time, energy and creativity made the evening something very special.

Today we say goodbye to Miss Higham and Miss Short, who have completed their second teacher-training placement with us this term. We wish them the very best of luck for their final placement.

Looking ahead, next Friday we will be holding our Mothers' and Loved Ones' Afternoon Tea at 2:30pm in the school hall. Donations to go towards tea, coffee or cakes would be very gratefully received to help cover the cost of the event. We hope to see many of you there.

## **School Meal Price Increase**

We have been notified by Lancashire County Council that the price per day for school meals is due to rise on return to school after the Easter break from £2.90 to £3.00. The weekly amount will therefore be £15.00. Meals provided for all pupils from Reception to Year 2 remain free of charge.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Katie Isherwood

Headteacher



**Friendship**



**Respect**



**Courage**



**Perseverance**



**Thankfulness**



**Trust**



★ A Message About School Meal Pre-Ordering ★

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your patience over the past couple of weeks with the meal pre-ordering system. We want to reassure you that we are very aware of the issues some families have experienced recently.

Up until half term, pre-booking lunches had been working really well. Unfortunately, during half term the wrong menu was uploaded onto the ParentPay system. This caused confusion for many parents who had already taken the time to pre-order meals for the term, and we are genuinely sorry for the inconvenience and extra administration this created.

We have been in direct contact with ParentPay, and they have now corrected the issue. We have also strengthened our own internal checks to ensure this shouldn't happen again.

Despite this bump in the road, pre-ordering does bring some real benefits, including:

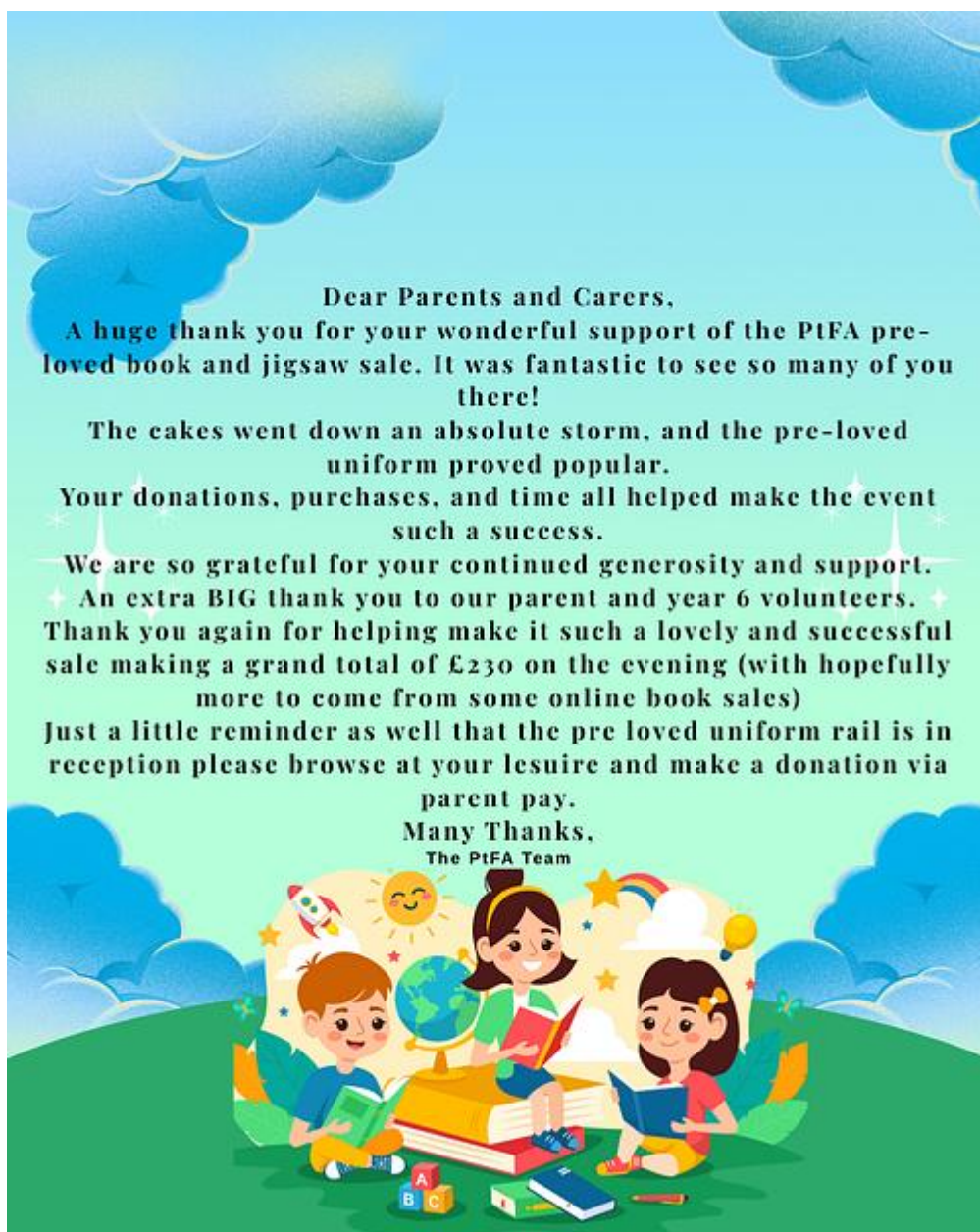
- reducing food waste in the kitchen
- helping parents stay on top of payments and avoid unexpected lunch debts
- ensuring children receive the meals they are expecting

We know that any new system brings teething problems, and we are working hard behind the scenes to smooth everything out.

Thank you to those who have shared their experiences with us—your feedback helps us make things better for everyone.

If you experience any further issues with meal bookings, please do let us know so we can address them quickly.

Thank you, as always, for your support.



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

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/>

#### **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 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's and Loved Ones Afternoon 2:30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception and Year 6 photographs
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Calder Phonics Parent Session 3:30-4pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening – please follow guidance from Mrs Lester for how to book a slot
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Disco
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for the Easter holiday

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

### Clubs – Spring Term 2

Tuesday 3:30-4:30pm	Sports with Coach Becks (KS1) – Multi Skills. Begins Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March.
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
Friday 3:30-4:30pm	Sports with Coach Becks (KS2) Basketball THIS WILL BE EVERY OTHER WEEK. DATES: Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb, Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March and Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March

Year 6 Boosters are held on a Monday and Tuesday 3:30pm-4:15pm with Mrs Taylor and Miss Isherwood.

**Join the fun at...**

**EDSTART CLUBS**

**Ribchester Primary School Holiday Club**



**Coming this Easter**

For more info email: [becks.smith@edstart.org.uk](mailto:becks.smith@edstart.org.uk) Follow @edstartsports

🎉 Bookings Now Open – NEW Edstart Holiday Club at Ribchester St. Wilfrid's!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm absolutely delighted to share some exciting news — bookings are now officially open for our NEW Edstart Holiday Club at Ribchester St. Wilfrid's!

We are thrilled to be bringing Edstart holiday provision to St Wilfrid's Primary School and I couldn't be more excited about this fantastic opportunity to provide fun, active, and engaging holiday experiences right here at school.

Our holiday club will offer:

- ✦ Action-packed sports and games
- 🎨 Creative activities
- ☐ Team challenges and confidence-building fun
- 😊 A safe, supportive, and energetic environment

Whether your child loves being active, getting creative, or simply spending time with friends, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Places are limited, so we encourage you to book early to secure your child's space.

<https://www.edstart.org.uk/franchise-areas/ribble-valley>

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch — I'd be more than happy to help!

We can't wait to welcome your children for an unforgettable holiday filled with fun, laughter, and new friendships.

Hope you see you there!!!

Coach Becks 😊



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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

