

RIBCHESTER ST WILFRID'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share that our Rocksteady Music lessons got off to a flying start this week. The children who took part thoroughly enjoyed the sessions, showing great enthusiasm, confidence and teamwork as they explored making music together. It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces and emerging rock stars already!

Our school value for this half term is Respect. Over the coming weeks, children will be focusing on what respect means in school, at home and in the wider world. This will be explored through class-based activities as well as our Tuesday Equality, Diversity and Justice assemblies, where pupils will be encouraged to listen carefully to others, celebrate differences and show kindness in all they do.

Important News

Mr Eacott

We would like to congratulate Mr Eacott on securing a new TA3 position in Rawtenstall, which is much nearer his home. This is a fantastic opportunity and very well deserved. While we are extremely sad to see him leave us, we are also very proud and grateful for the dedication, care, and positive impact he has had on our children and school community. We know he will be an amazing addition to his new school. We would like to thank Mr Eacott for all his hard work and wish him every success in his new role.

Mrs Cowgill

We have some more lovely news to share with you! Mrs Cowgill is expecting her second baby, due to arrive in October. We are absolutely thrilled for her and her family and send our warmest congratulations. Please be reassured that we are currently in the process of recruiting a teacher to cover Mrs Cowgill's class from October. We will keep you fully updated as the recruitment process progresses. Congratulations once again, Mrs Cowgill!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Katie Isherwood

Headteacher



Friendship



Respect



Courage



Perseverance



Thankfulness



Trust

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

Key Dates – Summer 1 2026

Monday 13 th April	Ribble class trip to Blackburn Museum
Wednesday 15 th April	Parents' Evening
Thursday 16 th April	PTFA Disco
Week beginning 11 th May	SATS week for Year 6 children

Key Dates – Summer 2 2026

Week beginning 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check begins
Wednesday 13 th May	New Reception parent information session 6pm – 7pm
Wednesday 3 rd June	New Reception and Pre-School children Stay and Play 2-3pm
Tuesday 9 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 11 th June	New Reception and Pre-School children Stay and Play 2-3pm
Tuesday 16 th June	New Reception and Pre-School children Stay and Play 2-3pm
Wednesday 17 th June	New Pre-School parent information session 6pm – 7pm
Friday 19 th June	Back up Sports Day (in case of bad weather on 9 th June)
Saturday 4th July	New Reception and Pre-School children Stay and Play 10am – 11am We are offering a
Thursday 16 th July	EYFS and KS1 Read Write Inc. Phonics parents information session 3:30pm-4:30pm

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

Clubs – Spring Term 2

Monday 3:30-4:15pm	Y6 SATS Booster with Mrs Taylor (until SATS)
Tuesday 3:30-4:15pm	Y6 SATS Booster with Miss Isherwood (until SATS)
Tuesday 3:30-4:30pm	Sports with Coach Becks KS2 (Ribble and Wyre)
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 KS1 (Calder and Hodder) THIS WILL BE EVERY OTHER WEEK. DATES: 17th April, 1st May, 15th May

ROCK
STEADY

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- **All instruments** for lessons provided.
- Lessons led by **highly trained musicians**.
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to tell you about some important changes to the way schools in England are inspected by Ofsted. I also want to explain what this may mean for you and your child's school.

From November 2025, Ofsted started using a new way to inspect schools. This is different from what many parents are used to, so it is important to understand how inspection results now work.

What has changed?

In the past, schools were given one overall judgement, such as *good* or *outstanding*. These single word judgements are no longer used.

Instead, schools now receive a report card. This shows how a school is doing in different areas, such as:

- leadership
- teaching
- inclusion
- attendance
- behaviour
- wellbeing

Each area is checked against what Ofsted expects schools to achieve across the country. This gives more detail about what a school does well and where it needs to improve. However, it can take a bit more time to understand at first.

What this means for parents

The new inspection results are not the same as the old Ofsted grades. If a school does not meet the expected standard in one or more areas, this does not mean it is the same as being judged *inadequate* in the past. The systems are different and should not be compared.

Some schools work in very challenging situations. For example, they may support children and families who face many difficulties. Even when staff work very hard and make a real difference every day, it can be harder to meet national targets. The inspection does not always show the full picture of a school or the progress it is making over time.

For this reason, we encourage parents to read the full inspection report, not just the headlines or grades. The written sections explain what inspectors saw and give important detail.

We also encourage you to think about what you already know about your child's school. This includes how your child feels about school, how well they are supported, and the progress they are making.

Our support for schools

Schools across Lancashire are full of staff who care deeply about the children they work with. The new inspection system has added extra pressure for school leaders and staff, and we know this can affect wellbeing.

As a local authority, we visit schools regularly and work closely with headteachers and governors. We see the hard work, care and commitment that goes on every day, often in very difficult circumstances.

We remain fully committed to supporting schools, supporting staff, and working with families to help children and young people do as well as they can.

In summary

If your child's school is inspected under the new system, the results may look different from what you have seen before. This does not reduce the care, effort or dedication of school staff, or the quality of education and support children receive.

Your trust, understanding and continued involvement with your child's school are very important. By working together, inspection information can be used in a fair and helpful way that supports children's learning and wellbeing.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for your continued support of Lancashire's schools.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Hardy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'A' and 'H'.

Aby Hardy

Head of Education Improvement

Education Improvement



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

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 £8.40. 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 carefully planned to meet School Food Standards, with all new dishes tested by children. Our aim is to positively influence the diet of our children and young people, and always consider where the food we put on the plates comes from and how it was produced.

Week 1

Week commencing
20th April
11th May
1st June
22nd June
13th July
3rd August
24th August
14th September
5th October
26th October

	MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
Traditional Choice	Southern Style Chicken Goujon or Vegetable Finger Wrap with Paprika Potatoes Mixed Vegetables or BBQ Beans	Mild Beef or Vegetarian Chilli Nacho Bake with Mixed Rice & Sweetcorn Medley	Pork or Vegetarian Sausages & Yorkshire Pudding with Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Mild Chicken or Quorn Balti Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread	Golden Crumb Fish or Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans
Alternative Choice	Pasta Tubes & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Summer Picnic Lunch Choice of Sandwiches Vegetarian Sausage Roll Pasta Salad Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Homemade Cheese Flan with Baby Potatoes Baked Beans or Salad Selection (v)	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Salad Selection (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	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
Dessert Choices	Fruity Flapjack or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Vanilla Shortbread & Fruit Wedges or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Ice Cream & Dessert Sauce or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Mixed Fruit Medley or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Cooks Choice of Cookie & Milkshake or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection

Week 2

Week commencing
27th April
18th May
8th June
29th June
20th July
10th August
31st August
21st September
12th October
2nd November

	MEAT FREE MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
Traditional Choice	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Herby Potatoes Garden Peas & Sweetcorn or Baked Beans (v)	BBQ Pulled Pork or Quorn Burrito with Rainbow Vegetable Rice & Salad Selection	Roast Chicken or Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Booths British Beef & Pork or Vegetarian Burger with Paprika Potatoes Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Harry Ramsden's Crispy Battered Fish with Oven Baked Chips & Mushy Peas
Alternative Choice	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Mac 'n' Cheese with Homemade Crusty Bread & Garden Peas (v)	Loaded Potato Wedges with BBQ Beans, Crispy Onions & Salad Selection (v)	Pasta Spirals & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (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 (v)	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Cooks Choice of filled Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Freshly Prepared Salad Selection	Choice of filled Sandwiches with Tortilla Chips Vegetable Sticks & Dips
Dessert Choices	Marble Traybake & Toffee Drizzle or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Mixed Fruit Medley or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Raspberry Bun or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Lemon Biscuit & Fruit Wedges or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Cocoa Krispie Cake or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk

Week 3

Week commencing
13th April
4th May
25th May
15th June
6th July
27th July
17th August
7th September
28th September
19th October
9th November

	MONDAY	SUGARWISE TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUGARWISE THURSDAY	FRIDAY FAVOURITES
Traditional Choice	Mild Piri Piri Chicken or Quorn Pitta Pocket with Sunshine Rice & Garden Peas	Harry Ramsden's Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake with Paprika Potatoes & Mixed Vegetables	Honey Roast Gammon & Pineapple or BBQ Vegetarian Meatballs with Rosti Potatoes & Sweetcorn Medley	Chicken or Vegetable Tikka Curry with Mixed Rice & Naan Bread	Pork or Vegetarian Hot Dog Crispy Onions & Tomato Ketchup with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Baked Beans
Alternative Choice	Pasta Twists & Tomato Sauce with Homemade Dough Balls & Salad Selection (v)	Puff Pastry Cheese Whirl with Paprika Potatoes & Baked Beans (v)	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta with Homemade Herby Bread & Salad Selection (v)	Summer Picnic Lunch Choice of Sandwiches Vegetarian Sausage Roll Pasta Salad Vegetable Sticks & Dips	Homemade Pizza Margherita with Oven Baked Chips Garden Peas or Salad Selection (v)
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Dessert Choices	Jam Sandwich Slice or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Marble Shortbread & Fruit Wedges or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Cooks Choice of Mousse or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Mixed Fruit Medley or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk	Sticky Toffee Cupcake or Choice of Fruit Yoghurt or Jelly ~ Fruit Selection & Milk

