

RIBCHESTER ST WILFRID'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy (and very hot! ☀) week here at school, with lots of exciting learning, activities and opportunities for our children to shine.

🏆 Sports Day Success! 🏆

What an amazing time we had at Sports Day!

Our children truly shone throughout the day, demonstrating our school's Christian values in every event. It was wonderful to see such incredible teamwork, determination and encouragement, with pupils celebrating one another's successes and always striving to be the very best they could be. ❤️

We were so proud of the resilience, sportsmanship and positive attitudes shown by every child. Whether they were running, jumping, throwing or cheering from the sidelines, everyone played their part in making the day such a success. The smiles, enthusiasm and support shown towards one another were a joy to see.

A huge thank you to Coach Becks from EdStart for all of her help, support and enthusiasm in organising and running the event. We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you also to all of the families who came along to support and cheer on the children. Your encouragement helped make the day extra special and the atmosphere was fantastic throughout. 🎉

☀ Keeping Cool

Thank you for your support during this spell of warm weather. The children have done brilliantly in the heat, and we have continued to encourage regular drinks, time in the shade and sensible use of sun hats and sunscreen. Please continue to send your child to school with a named water bottle while the warm weather continues.

📅 Looking Ahead to Next Week

Looking ahead to next week, it is certainly going to be a busy one as we reach the end of another wonderful school year!

Please take a look at Mrs Taylor's post on Class Dojo, which contains information about the activities planned throughout the week, along with arrangements for the final day of term.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Ireson in the school office, who will be happy to help.

This afternoon, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Lester and I will be holding a Senior Leadership Team Drop-In Session from 3:00pm–4:00pm. Please do come along if there is anything you would like to discuss, ask about or bring to the attention of the leadership team. We always value the opportunity to speak with parents and hear your views.

As always, thank you for your continued support. It is a privilege to work alongside such a wonderful school community, and I am incredibly proud of everything our children have achieved this year.

Have a great weekend! ✨

Katie Isherwood

Headteacher



Friendship



Respect



Courage



Perseverance



Thankfulness



Trust

MESSAGE FROM MISS IRESON

Please see the information leaflet on Class Dojo from Lancashire County Council in regards to the new Free School Meals scheme.

If you feel you now fall into this new criteria, let me know and we can get you added onto the system ready for September 😊

Fruit snack for Ribble and Wyre is now live on parent pay please make sure all payments are made by the start of the new term so we make sure everyone gets their fruit on the first day back 🍇🍉🍊🍋🍌🍍🍓🍌

Trainers

We are pleased to let you know that, moving forward, children will be allowed to wear black trainers as part of their school uniform.

We hope this change will help children to be more comfortable throughout the day and ensure they are ready to enjoy outdoor play on the field whenever the weather allows.

Please note that any trainers worn must be completely black, with no coloured logos or markings (for example, no coloured Nike ticks).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

We have some wonderful news to share...

I am absolutely delighted to announce that Dr Alex Dugdale, one of our valued school governors, has very generously offered to fund Forest School for every single child again next year.

This is an incredible gift for our children and will ensure that all pupils can benefit from these rich outdoor learning experiences, whatever their circumstances. We are truly beyond grateful for her kindness and support. If you have already made a payment towards Forest School for the Autumn term, this will be refunded shortly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed across multiple device types, even without an account. While some videos are marked as 'age restricted', this relies on uploader honesty and automated moderation, meaning children and young people may still encounter unsuitable content if these measures aren't taken.



TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

Popular trends and challenges can be entertaining and widely shared. While many are harmless, some can be risky or harmful if copied. For example, the 'salt and ice challenge' has caused injuries when imitated.



EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT

The platform's algorithm often promotes content that attracts high engagement, which can sometimes include videos containing extreme viewpoints, misinformation, or risky behaviour. As children and young people watch more of this content, similar videos are likely to be recommended by YouTube's algorithm, therefore reinforcing the exposure.



CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube includes social features such as comments and direct messaging. This means young users can interact with people they don't know, potentially exposing them to inappropriate language, cyberbullying, or unwanted contact. Young content creators may be especially vulnerable.



SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos based on what a user has previously watched. While this can enhance the experience, it may also encourage binge-watching and excessive screen time, particularly when Autoplay is enabled. Without an account, users are shown trending videos, which are not always age appropriate.



SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT

YouTube Shorts – short, fast-paced videos – are designed for continuous viewing. This style of content can be highly engaging but may also contribute to increased screen time and difficulties with maintaining focus over longer periods.



Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids can help reduce young users' exposure to unsuitable content by filtering videos into age groups, such as preschool, younger, and older children. However, as moderation is automated, it should be used alongside active supervision.



CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

If a child in your care uploads content, consider setting videos to Private or Unlisted so they are only shared with trusted viewers. Disabling comments can also help reduce unwanted interaction from strangers.



USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Google Family Link allows adults to filter content, monitor usage, and manage younger users' screen time. Supervised Accounts offer a gradual step up from YouTube Kids, enabling children to explore the platform with appropriate safeguards.



WATCH TOGETHER

Spending time watching YouTube with the children and young people in your care can help you understand what they enjoy and guide your conversations about content. Tools like Downtime in Family Link can also help limit unsupervised viewing.



Meet Our Expert

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SECURITY UPDATES

New internal doors

New fencing
around the
perimeter



🔒 Site Security Improvements at St Wilfrid's 🔒

At Ribchester St Wilfrid's, the safety and wellbeing of our children and staff is always our highest priority. I wanted to take a moment to share some of the work that has been taking place behind the scenes to further strengthen security across our school site.

We have recently gone out to tender for a number of internal security improvements, including the installation of new doors fitted with mag-lock systems in key areas of the school (including the front office, hall, Calder classroom and Ribble classroom entrances). These enhancements will help ensure that the building is secure, both in terms of managing access and supporting safe movement within school.

In addition, we are in the process of tendering for a new perimeter fence around the school grounds. We fully recognise how important it is that this remains in keeping with the character of our village, and the design will be carefully considered, and custom made, to complement our beautiful surroundings and align with similar local features.

Once a final plan has been developed with our building management company, this will be shared publicly as part of the planning process, and local residents will have the opportunity to view the proposals and raise any questions or feedback.

Please be reassured that these developments are part of our proactive approach to ensuring that St Wilfrid's remains a safe, secure and welcoming environment for everyone.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Enrichment CLUBS

Summer 2

Please book your child's place on Parent Pay

Day	Club	Time	Staff Member
Monday	Maths Intervention (invite)	3:30pm-4pm	Miss Isherwood
	Building - Calder and Hodder	3:30pm-4:15pm Beginning on Monday 15 th June	Mrs Cowgill
Tuesday	Sports - Calder and Hodder	3:30pm-4:30pm	Coach Becks
Wednesday			
Thursday	Wildlife and Gardening (maximum of 12 children from Ribble and Wyre)	3:30pm-4:15pm	Mrs Taylor
	Mindfulness	3:30pm-4:15pm	Mrs Dickenson
Friday	Choir - Ribble and Wyre	8:30am-8:45am	Mrs Lester
	Sports - Ribble and Wyre DATES to be confirmed	3:30pm-4:30pm	Coach Becks

Key Dates – Summer 2 2026

Wednesday 15 th July	Whole School Treat Day (secret!!!) This treat is predominately for our Year 6 Leavers, who will have access to the treat all morning. The rest of the school will have sessions throughout the afternoon.
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.

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



*"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)
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	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

