

RIBCHESTER ST WILFRID'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another wonderful week at school and there has been a real buzz of excitement around the building. This morning, the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Play Day on the Rec. It was fantastic to see children of all ages playing together, supporting one another and developing friendships across year groups. Their kindness, teamwork and enthusiasm made me incredibly proud, and they were excellent ambassadors for our school values.

Looking ahead to next week, we have our Transition Morning on Wednesday, when all children will spend time in their new classes and meet their teacher again in preparation for September. This is always an important part of helping children feel confident and excited about the new academic year.

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Lawton, who will be spending time with Calder and Hodder as she prepares to teach these classes for a day each from September. Miss Jones will also be joining Ribble Class. We know the children will enjoy getting to know them both.

Children will be completing end-of-year assessments in class next week, and annual reports will be sent home on Monday 13 July.

For our Year 6 families, following the letter sent yesterday, the Department for Education has confirmed that Key Stage 2 SATs results have been delayed nationally and will now be released to schools on 16 July rather than 7 July. We understand this is disappointing news for schools, pupils and families alike. We will do our very best to share your child's results with you as quickly as possible once they are received. However, as we finish for the summer holidays at 1:30pm on 17 July, it is possible that results may need to be issued during the following week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

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

ROBLOX

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is an online platform where users can play and create games known as 'experiences' made by other users. Roblox has a large UK audience. ITV News has reported that millions of people in Britain use the platform regularly, with children forming a significant proportion of its users. The sheer scale of it makes it extremely difficult to moderate effectively, creating risks for unsupervised children, though a June 2026 update has improved things greatly.

A PLATFORM RATHER THAN A GAME

Roblox differs from traditional video games in that it hosts millions of user-created experiences rather than a fixed set of developer-produced content. Each experience is self-rated by its creator rather than independently age-rated in advance, as is the case with PEGI-rated games. With millions of user-created experiences, moderation is largely automated which means that inappropriate content may reach younger players and have a harmful effect.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox encourages repeated and extended play. Many experiences are made of short tasks, rewards, and progression systems that can prompt users to keep playing for longer periods of time. Some games also use reminders, daily rewards, or timed events to encourage frequent logins. These designs can make it difficult to stop playing. Spending long periods online may affect sleep, schoolwork, or other activities if boundaries are not in place.

IN-GAME SPENDING

Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and cosmetics include optional purchases using Robux, the platform's virtual currency, to get advantages in games. This business model is common across online games, but reporting has highlighted cases where children have spent large amounts of money unintentionally or without understanding the real-world cost.

MATURE CONTENT

With much of Roblox's moderation automated through AI and creators self-certifying suitability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experiences may include content intended for older players. As of June 2026, Roblox defaults to only showing games from trusted developers to under 15s, following tests with older players to filter out riskier content. But these automated systems are not infallible, and younger players may encounter content you deem unsuitable.

COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER USERS

Roblox includes text and voice features that allow players to chat in shared game spaces. While the platform uses automated filters and moderation tools, media investigations have found that inappropriate and potentially harmful messages can still get through. There are risks that children could be targeted by groomers. In a June 2026 update, Roblox changed its default settings to prevent under 8s from chatting entirely, with gradual relaxation of restrictions between the ages of 9 and 15. The platform plans to use facial age-estimation technology to enforce these rules.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox's parental controls provide an important starting point. Linking a child's account to an adult account allows parents to apply spending controls, limit communication features, and review recent activity. Regular supervision, use of parental controls, and conversations with children about what they see online can help reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.

CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT

Although Roblox has introduced tighter age-based chat restrictions, some parents and educators may prefer to disable chat entirely to avoid the risk of online contact. This is the default for under 8s, but can be applied for any account up to the age of 16. Children can still play games while communicating with friends they know through other platforms, such as Discord.

PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE

Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences available, how monetisation works, and how children interact online. This shared engagement can also make it easier for children to raise concerns if something feels wrong. Parents and educators should monitor all games played on Roblox due to its largely self-rating nature.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Many Roblox experiences are creative and age appropriate, and for many children, the platform is an important way to socialise with friends. Rather than banning it outright, parents and educators should talk openly with children about online safety, spending, and how to respond to inappropriate behaviour.

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

Tuesday 30 th June	Sports Day – Hosted by the amazing Coach Becks!
Friday 3 rd July	Ribchester Rec Play Morning – whole school!
Saturday 4th July	New Reception and Pre-School children Stay and Play 10am – 11am We are offering a Saturday so that we can best accommodate working parents!
Wednesday 15 th July	Whole School Treat Day (secret!!!)
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

