

RIBCHESTER ST WILFRID'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th September 2026

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed making lots of special memories with your families.

As many of you know, it has been a very busy (and at times stressful!) week for staff as we prepared for the new school year. Significant building works took place over the summer, and we have also had to contend with cut internet and phone lines this week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience, understanding and support whilst we have worked through these challenges. Your kindness and flexibility are greatly appreciated.

The good news is that the disruption has been worthwhile, and we have seen some fantastic improvements to our school building. We now have:

- New internal doors throughout school, providing enhanced safeguarding and security.
- New air heaters and air conditioning in all classrooms and key areas around school.
- Repairs completed to the leaking flat roof.

In addition, we have been successful in our planning application to further strengthen security around our school site. A bespoke fence, designed to complement our beautiful village surroundings, will be installed during the October half-term holiday.

We were also delighted to see the zig-zag lines outside school freshly repainted today, helping to improve safety for everyone at drop-off and collection times.

Celebration Assemblies

Our weekly Celebration Assemblies will begin on **Friday 11th September** at approximately **9:10am** in the school hall.

Everyone is very welcome to attend. If your child is receiving a Headteacher Award or a Values Award, we aim to send a message by Tuesday or Wednesday of that week to allow you time to make any arrangements needed to attend.

School Lunches

Hot lunches will resume on **Monday**, so please remember to book these through ParentPay.

As there have recently been some changes relating to Free School Meals, you may find that ParentPay incorrectly requests payment. If this happens, please do not make a payment. Instead, contact Miss Ireson and we will resolve the issue for you.

Please be reassured that your child will still be able to order their lunch on the day and will not go without a meal.

Wyre and Ribble Snack

Wyre and Ribble snacks can now be purchased through ParentPay at a cost of **30p per day**.

Meet the Teacher

We will be holding a **Meet the Teacher** session on **Wednesday after school from 3:30pm to 4:30pm**.

This is a lovely opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, see their classroom and ask any questions you may have. As the children have only been in their new classes for a short time, we will not be able to provide detailed progress updates at this stage, but we look forward to welcoming you into school.

A Personal Update

Many of you have kindly been asking about my maternity leave. Baby girl is due very soon, and it is likely that my maternity leave will begin at some point next week! With only around a week and a half to go before her arrival, we are all very excited.

I will, of course, let you know when my final day in school will be before I begin my leave.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead and to seeing all of the children settle back into school life.

Have a wonderful weekend, and as always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

With best wishes,

Miss Isherwood
Headteacher



Friendship



Respect



Courage



Perseverance



Thankfulness



Trust



★ We Could Not Be Prouder! ★

All the staff at St Wilfrid's could not be prouder of Freya and Liv!

The girls successfully completed their walk up Ben Nevis to raise money for our wonderful school. Their hard work, determination, resilience and impressive fitness have been truly inspiring, and their achievement has certainly not gone unnoticed.

Thank you, Freya and Liv, for your incredible effort and for supporting our school community in such a special way. We are enormously proud of you both and all that you have accomplished! ♥

#ProudHeadteacherMoment #StWilfridsFamily #BenNevisChallenge 🎒



Children's Mobile Phone Policy and Permission Agreement - WYRE ONLY

Children do not need a mobile phone in school.

Children should really only bring their mobile phones into school if they are walking to school alone or walking home alone and you wish them to have one in case of an emergency and this has been agreed by the Headteacher.

If your child fits the above criteria, please could you pop into the office to sign a form to indicate that due to safety reasons you wish your child to bring a phone into school for the school year 2026-2027.

Please note that your child will need to switch their phone off completely before entering the school grounds (i.e. at the gate) and will need to hand their phone into the basket in the school office at the beginning of the school day.

Pupils cannot be contacted during the school day on their mobile phone.

The phone will be kept locked away securely during the day and it is the child's responsibility to collect their phone from the basket after they have been dismissed from their class at 3.30pm.

If children bring a mobile phone to school without permission, we will confiscate the phone and ask a parent or carer to collect it at the end of the day. We will not return any confiscated items back to children directly. This is to discourage the use of phones on the school grounds.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

OUR SCHOOL NOW HAS AN ANAPHYLAXIS KITT

We are pleased to let parents and carers know that our school now has an Anaphylaxis Kitt supplied by Kitt Medical on site.



WHAT IS IT?

The Anaphylaxis Kitt comes with **four adrenaline auto-injectors** and clear instructions for use in a medical emergency, alongside **anaphylaxis awareness training** for staff.

Adrenaline is the **first-line treatment** for severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) and can be life-saving when given promptly.

WHY DOES THE SCHOOL HAVE ONE?

- Severe allergic reactions can occur suddenly and unexpectedly.
- Not everyone who experiences anaphylaxis has a known allergy.



WHO CAN THE KITT BE USED FOR?

Any pupil, staff member or visitor on the school site experiencing a suspected anaphylactic reaction. Including individuals without a diagnosed allergy.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

If your child has a diagnosed allergy:

- Please continue to provide their prescribed adrenaline auto-injectors.
- Inform the school of any changes to medical needs.
- The school Anaphylaxis Kitt does not replace a child's own medication.

Learn more at www.kittmedical.com

🔊 Important Update: School Allergy Emergency Medication

I am pleased to let you know that Ribchester St Wilfrid's CE Primary School now holds emergency Allergy Auto-Injectors (often known as EpiPens) in school, in line with Benedict's Law.

Benedict's Law was introduced to help schools respond quickly in the rare event of a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis). As a result, schools can now hold spare emergency allergy medication that can be used if a child has been prescribed an auto-injector but their own device is unavailable, expired, or a second dose is needed while waiting for emergency services to arrive.

This additional medication provides an extra layer of protection and reassurance for families of children with serious allergies. It does not replace a child's own prescribed medication, and parents should continue to ensure that their child's prescribed auto-injectors are in school and kept up to date.

As always, the safety and wellbeing of our children remain our highest priority. If you have any questions about allergy management in school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Key Dates – Autumn 1 2026

Tuesday 1 st September	INSET day
Wednesday 2 nd September	School starts
Wednesday 9 th September	Parent Welcome Meetings 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesday 11 th November	Parents' Evening – this will be run over 2 evenings and more information will be sent shortly
Wednesday 9 th December	EYFS Nativity – 2pm
Wednesday 9 th December	Pantomime in school - am
Thursday 10 th December	EYFS Nativity – 6pm
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas parties
Friday 18 th December	Church Service 1:15pm. Children go home afterwards.

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)
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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

