



Welcome to our latest newsletter and the last of 2023. As Christmas approaches on behalf of all the staff and children we wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

### Nativity



The Infants are excited to be performing their Nativity on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening. The original allocation of tickets will be sent home with the children today. We have now opened up the option to purchase additional tickets (maximum of 2 for the Wednesday afternoon performance, 1 for Thursday evening). These are available on a first come first served basis.

The Thursday evening performance will be filmed and a copy available to purchase as a DVD or on a memory stick via ParentPay. Please place your order by next Monday morning, then we can hopefully receive the copies before the end of term.

### PTFA Updates

#### **Christmas Fair.**

What a Christmas Fair!! The Elfridges stalls were busy all night, the hot turkey sandwiches sold out, every slot with Father Christmas was filled, even all the teddies on the teddy tombola found a new home! Thank you to everyone who supported with donations beforehand or purchasing on the night. Lots of money was raised by the PTFA and will be reinvested back into school. ***Don't forget, you have until Wednesday 20 December to buy raffle tickets on ParentPay and tickets will be available to purchase at the Nativity performances.***



#### **Christmas Popcorn Night.**

Children's Christmas Popcorn Night on Monday 18 December. This has always been a really popular event. The children remain in school at 3.30pm and watch a Christmas film with their friends - no need to collect until 5.30pm! KS2 children are welcome to bring a blanket to get themselves cosy! Calder and Hodder children can bring in a sleigh (See ClassDojo class post on 21 November for further details). It's just £5 per child (Payable on ParentPay) and includes a hotdog, popcorn and a drink for each child.

### Christmas Dance Workshop



Kings Dance Academy will be bringing some Christmas dance magic to Ribchester St Wilfrid's on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. The children will require their PE kits on this day. Following an initial assembly, the children will be split into groups for dance workshops.

Thank you once again to everyone who voted for our school and shared the FaceBook competition post.

## Christmas Lunch and Parties



We will be holding our annual Christmas Lunch, followed by parties on Thursday 21 December. The children will be allowed to wear non-uniform for this special day. Please make sure the children still have a coat and appropriate footwear for the playground.

## Holiday Dates

The term dates of 2024/2025 are attached to this newsletter and available to view on our website <https://www.ribchester-st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk/parents/holiday-dates/>

## Morning snack / lunches

Lunches continue to be £2.70 per day. These should be paid for in advance on ParentPay (weekly or for the half term). The cost for this half term will be £67.50.

Morning snack (toast) is 30p per day. If paying on ParentPay please pay for the half term - £7.50.

Please note, credits for any lunches not taken will be carried forward.

## Attendance By Class For November 2023

Calder – 96.75%

Hodder – 97.63%

Ribble – 98.33%

Wyre – 96.96%

Attendance of: 96% - 100% = **Green**

Attendance of: 90% - 95.9% = **Amber**

Attendance of: below 90% = **Red (Persistent Absence)**

## Before / After School Club

We continue to offer wrap-around childcare with our Before (from 7.45am) and After School Clubs (till 5.30pm). Sessions are booked in half term blocks and billed on a half term basis. **If you wish to amend current sessions booked please let us know before the start of the next half term period.**

Please note we also offer adhoc sessions if staffing ratios allow. If you require a one-off session or extra sessions please let us know with as much notice as possible, so we can confirm if a place is available.

**From January 2024 there will be a price increase for before and after school club.** Our last price increase was September 2020. Due to increase in costs, including staffing, and a reduction in numbers this year, the Governors have taken the decision to increase the cost of Before School Club to £6.00 and After School Club to £12.00 per session.

Please note a charge may be incurred for late pick ups.

If you have any questions regarding our wrap-around care provision please speak to Miss Bailey.



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ribchesterswcptfa/>



Please remember to use easyfundraising when you do your Christmas online shopping this year. Over 7,500 brands including eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos and M&S will donate to Ribchester St Wilfrid's School PTFA for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations and festive food shopping to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more! These donations really help us and all you have to do is use easyfundraising when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway.

## **Diary of Dates:**

13 December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity – 2pm
14 December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity – 6pm
18 December	Christmas Entertainment Evening
20 December	Kings Academy Christmas Dance Workshop
21 December	Christmas lunch and parties
22 December	School closes for Christmas break
8 January	School re-opens
15 January	Closing date for Primary School Admissions (Sept 2024)
23 January	Year 5 Hockey skills at Longridge High School
9 February	School closes for Half Term break
19 February	Inset Day
20 February	School re-opens

**Ribchester St Wilfrid's C of E Primary - School Holiday Pattern 2024/2025**

**AUTUMN TERM 2024**

*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 (INSET)*

**Re-open on for children:**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024**

Half-Term closure after school on:

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October -  
*Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (INSET)*

**Re-open on**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Closure after school after school on:

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Number of openings: **73**

**SPRING TERM 2025**

**Re-open on for children:**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Half-Term closure after school on:

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
*Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (INSET)*

**Re-open on for children:**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

Closure after school on:

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Number of openings: **59**

**SUMMER TERM 2025**

**Re-open on for children**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

May Day Closure:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Half-Term closure after school on:

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**Re-open on for children**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

Closure after school on:

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

*Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 (Twilight INSET)*  
*Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 (Twilight INSET)*

Number of openings: **58**

**TOTAL NUMBER OF OPENINGS: 190**