



### **School Dinners / Morning Snack**

The new Autumn / Winter menu is available to view on our website – Home > Parents > School Meals.

### **School Admissions**

The closing date for primary applications for September 2025 is 23:59 on 15 January 2025.

### **Nut allergy**



***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.***

### **Robinwood Residential Trip**

The fifth instalment will be due on the 4<sup>th</sup> November for Wyre class' residential visit taking place 10 – 12 March. Please make instalment payments for this trip via ParentPay.

### **School Fleece**

If anyone would like to order their child a school fleece ready for winter please do so on ParentPay by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Bag 2 School**

These bags came home before half term and should be returned to school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 9am. They no longer accept school or work uniform, soft toys, towels, bedding or curtains.

### **Parking around school**

Please can parents be considerate and careful when driving and parking their cars around the school – both at drop off and pick up times.

Cars SHOULD NOT be parked on the zig-zag yellow lines and the double yellow lines around school – doing so reduces visibility for pedestrians and drivers, which could easily cause an accident.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Before and After School Club**

The latest invoice for the 'Autumn 2 Term' have been sent out via Class DoJo and the fee applied to your ParentPay account. Once payment has been received, your ParentPay account will be credited accordingly. Fees are non-refundable and must be paid half-termly in advance to secure your child's place. Booking forms are available from the school office and the school website.

### **PTFA**

The PTFA already have lots planned for the coming school year. Some exciting events on the calendar for kids and parents, which will raise money to spend on additional school resources. Last year the PTFA bought five new tablets for school, paid for lots of coaches for school trips, replaced the tatty school bibles, ensured every child had a subscription to either Times Table Rock Stars or Numberbots, and of course gifted the fab leaver's hoodies to the year sixes. They have big ambitions for this year too so please support where you are able.

Ways you can help:-

- Join the committee. Our meetings are really fun and where we plan for each school term.
- Volunteer. If you're not keen to join the committee, join our WhatsApp group where we ask for volunteers. If you could help at a school disco once a year or sell ice-lollies one afternoon in the summer, join the group and just volunteer as much or as little time as you have.
- Support our events. Book the kids in for the Neon Disco on Monday 4th November, enrol for the wreathmaking workshop on Friday 22nd November, and come along to the Christmas Fair on Wednesday 4th December.
- Donate if you can. Bottles and teddies donated ahead of the Christmas Fair are a huge moneymaker for us. We'll ask nearer the time but have a think now about what you might be able to donate.

Lindsey Cobden is the current PTFA Chair. Catch her at the school gate or message her on 07919 851169.

### **PTFA Events**

Monday 4th November - Neon Disco. 3.45pm for infants / 5.15pm for juniors.

Friday 22nd November - Wreathmaking workshop in the school hall.

Wednesday 4th December - Christmas Fair.



The PTFA have registered our school via parentkind for the Cashpot for Schools with Asda.



## Asda shoppers we need your help

They say it takes a village... Asda have launched a new “Cashpot for Schools” mission to support primary schools across the UK.

Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September to 30th November, Asda will donate 0.5% of your total spend to our primary school. Asda will also add £1 to our school's cashpot each time someone opts in.

All you need to do is:

1. Download the Asda Rewards app and opt in to Cashpot for Schools
2. Select 'Ribchester St Wilfrid's Primary School'
3. Scan your Asda Rewards at the check out.

Each person who registers can help us build up the Ribchester St Wilfrid's cash pot. This could be huge for our little school and we really appreciate everyone's support, not just members of our school community but from people in our amazing village community too so please share with friends and family.

**easyfundraising**  
.org.uk

Ribchester St Wilfrid's School PTFA are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at

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

So far we have a total of free donations raised to date of £1,699.17  
£5.42 in the last 30 days with 47 supporters

## **Diary of Dates:**

1 November	Ribble class sharing assembly
4 November	PTFA: Neon Disco
8 November	Choir Church Eucharist – 3:30 to 4:15pm
15 November	Children in Need – SPOTacular
20 November	Y5 Longridge High Taster morning – 8:45am to 1:00pm
22 November	PTFA: Wreath Making
29 November	Decoration Day / Christmas Jumper Day
3 December	Ribble class' last swimming lesson
4 December	PTFA: Christmas Fair
5 December	Pantomime at The Grand, Clitheroe
6 December	Wyre class sharing assembly
6 December	Choir Church Eucharist – 3:30 to 4:15pm
11 December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity – 2pm
12 December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity – 6pm
19 December	Christmas lunch and parties
20 December	Christmas Service at St. Wilfrid's Church – 2pm
20 December	School closes for Christmas break
6 January	School re-opens
15 January	Closing date for primary applications for September 2025

## Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices Information for Parents

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes will come into effect on 19 August 2024.

The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period<sup>1</sup>. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

Absences can have a lasting effect on learning

Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning  
This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential