



School Dinners / Morning Snack

The new Autumn / Winter menu is available to view on our website – Home > Parents > School Meals. This will be rolled out from Monday 28th October.

Morning snacks (toast) for the Autumn 2 term (October to December) work out at £11.70 and £105.30 for lunches.

School Admissions

Secondary school admissions: If your child is in Year 6, you can now apply for their secondary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire, you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

- The closing date for secondary applications for September 2025 is 23:59 on **31 October 2024**.
- 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.

Harvest Festival



The children have been invited to sing at the **Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 6 October at 10.30am** at St Wilfrid's Parish Church. Little Wilfs is happening too during the Sermon slot if any child wants to come and experience it for about 20 minutes.

Data Collection Sheets

Date Collection sheets came home at the end of September, if you have not already please could you return this to school asap so that we can make sure the contact details for you are up to date.

Wyre class – Crucial Crew Child Safety Event

On Friday 11th October 2024, Wyre will be attending Stonyhurst College to take part in the 'Crucial Crew', child safety event. Crucial Crew (CC) is a multi-agency safety initiative specifically designed to provide children with life skills that will, in the future, help keep themselves and others safe. The aim is to raise a child's awareness of potential threats and dangers, in a fun and interactive way, with all participating agencies ensuring that their presentations reflect dangers/risks to children.

We will be travelling by coach and will be leaving school between 12:00 noon and 12:15pm. Therefore, ALL Wyre must have a packed lunch on that day. We will return to school immediately after the event. The children will board the coaches for the return journey at approximately 2:45pm so we should be back before 3:30pm.

The cost of this trip is £9.50 per child. Please log into ParentPay to pay and give your consent for your child to attend.

Robinwood Residential Trip

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

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.

Parents' Evening – 30 October



We will be holding our next parents' evening in school on Wednesday 30 October from 3.30pm onwards. Further details on how to book an appointment will be on ClassDojo nearer to the date.

Open Afternoon for Pre-School and Reception 2025

We will be holding our Open Afternoon, for Pre-School and Reception 2025 places, on Friday 18th October

1.15pm-3.15pm

Our pupils will be available to give a guided tour of the school and families are able to spend time in Calder class. Please spread the word!

PTFA

The PTFA already have lots planned for the coming school year – to both add exciting events to the calendar for kids and parents, and 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. We 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. Come along to our Family Bingo Night on Friday 11th October, 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

Friday 11th October - Family Bingo Night in the school hall.

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:

6 October	Harvest Festival at St Wilfrid's Church
11 October	Calder class sharing assembly with stay and play
11 October	Wyre class – Crucial Crew Child Safety Event
11 October	PTFA: Family Bingo
18 October	Hodder class sharing assembly
18 October	Open afternoon for Pre-school and Reception 2025
18 October	School closes for Half Term at 3.30pm
28 October	INSET DAY
29 October	School reopens
30 October	Parents' Evening
1 November	Ribble class sharing assembly
4 November	PTFA: Neon Disco
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
11 December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity – 2pm
12 December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity – 6pm
19 December	Christmas lunch and parties
20 December	School closes for Christmas break

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 period¹. 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