



A very warm welcome back to this new school year.

We are delighted to welcome our new Reception class, George, Ada, River, Henry, Evelyn, Drew, Jessica, Zaya, Iris, Henry, Theodore, Jack and Isabelle.

We are also pleased to welcome Olivia to Wyre class, Benjamin to Hodder class and Mrs Dickenson, our new class teacher in Hodder. In October we will welcome Mrs Lawton, full-time, who will be covering Mrs. Cowgill's maternity leave – we will be seeing her on a weekly basis until then as she continues to get to know the children in Calder class.

Our third cohort of Pre-schoolers also started last week. We currently have 4 children attending throughout the week – welcome to Henry, Rosa, Brodie and Penny. Places are still available – further details can be found on our school website.

School Dinners / Morning Snack

The costs for children in KS2 remain the same (£2.70 per day for lunch, 30p per day for morning snack). This half term is 7 weeks, therefore the cost for lunches everyday will be £94.50. Morning snack of fruit will be offered from next week and will be £9.00 for the half term.

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.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 10th September from 8.45am to take both individual and family photographs. If your child has a younger sibling, who does not attend school, that you would like included in the photograph, please come to the school reception before the start of the school day.

Data Collection Sheets

Next week your child will be bringing home a data sheet so we can confirm all details we hold are up to date. It is essential that we have up-to-date contact numbers and addresses. Please check the details we hold, make amendments, sign and return to school by Friday 20 September.

Holiday Dates

Attached to the end of this newsletter is a copy of the holiday list for 2024/25. Also attached is the reminder to the changes to Education-related Penalty Notices issued for unauthorised absences in term time.

Robinwood Residential Trip

The fourth instalment will be due on the 9th September 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.

Flu Vaccinations

If you would like your child to receive the Nasal Flu vaccination in school on Wednesday 25 September, please follow the link posted on ClassDojo this week.

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.

After School Clubs

This half term the following sports clubs will be running. Please see ParentPay for more details / to sign up. This will go live later this afternoon, and will be on a first come first served basis.

Monday: Hodder Class – Multiskills (12 places available)

Tuesday: KS2 – Hockey (12 places available)



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:

10 September	Individual and Family School Photographs
12 September	Ribble class to Ribchester Roman Musuem
12 September	“Meet the Teacher” meetings 3:30 – 5:30 (further details to follow on ClassDojo)
17 September	Reception class Vision Screening
24 September	Ribble class start swimming lessons
25 September	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
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
18 October	Hodder class sharing assembly
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
29 November	Decoration Day / Christmas Jumper Day
3 December	Ribble class’ last swimming lesson
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

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

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Monday 2nd September 2024 (INSET)

Re-open on for children:

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Half-Term closure after school on:

Friday 18th October -
Monday 28th October 2024 (INSET)

Re-open on

Tuesday 29th October 2024

Closure after school after school on:

Friday 20th December 2024

Number of openings: **73**

SPRING TERM 2025

Re-open on for children:

Monday 6th January 2025

Half-Term closure after school on:

Thursday 13th February 2025
Friday 14th February 2025 (INSET)

Re-open on for children:

Monday 24th February 2025

Closure after school on:

Friday 4th April 2025

Number of openings: **59**

SUMMER TERM 2025

Re-open on for children

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

May Day Closure:

Monday 5th May 2025

Half-Term closure after school on:

Friday 23rd May

Re-open on for children

Monday 2nd June 2025

Closure after school on:

Friday 18th July 2025

Number of openings: **58**

TOTAL NUMBER OF OPENINGS: 190

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