



Welcome to our latest newsletter and the new term. We hope you all had a restful break.

Class Photo



Order forms for the Reception and Year 6 photographs were sent home last term. Please note you have until Monday 22 April to order online. If you would like to return the form via school, please return by Friday 19 April.

Tree Planting with Ribble Rivers Trust

Ribble Rivers Trust have invited us to join them in some tree planting they are doing in Ribchester. Ribble and Wyre class will be helping them on Friday 19 April. Please can the children come to school in their uniform and bring in outdoor clothes, that they don't mind getting dirty and wellies.

Bag 2 School Collection



A collection of donations of good quality second-hand clothing, handbags and soft toys will be taking place on the morning of Thursday 25 April. Bags were sent home last term, however other carrier/plastic bag can be used if you have more items to donate. Due to space restrictions please do not send the bags in until the day of collection. Many thanks for your support.

Ribble Class Trips

If not already done so please provide consent and payment for the following trips. Please note if we do not receive enough contributions to make these trips financial viable, they will be cancelled. As a school, we do understand the financial implications the cost of trips can cause so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you wish to discuss this further.

Blackburn Museum – 25th April

To introduce the children to our topic of Ancient Egyptians Ribble class will be visiting the Blackburn Museum. The cost of the trip is £11, which includes admittance to the museum and the cost of the coach.

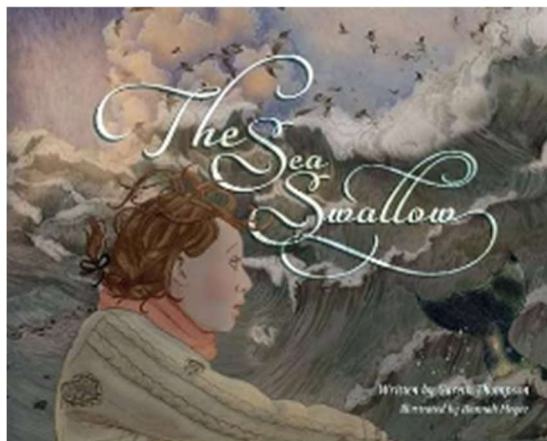
Outdoor Elements – 14th June

Ribble class trip to take part in outdoor and adventurous activity challenges. To cover the cost of the activities we have requested a donation of £30 per child. **A deposit of £15 is due by 28th April, the remaining balance is due by 3rd May.** The cost of the transport is kindly being covered by our PTFA.

Please remember to use #easyfundraising EVERY time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to Ribchester St Wilfrid's School PTFA for FREE when you use #easyfundraising to shop with them, so you can support us no matter what you're buying! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. Please sign up and help us raise more at: Please sign up and help us raise more: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ribchesterswcptfa/>

So far we have a total of free donations raised to date of £1,644.61
£0.00 in the last 30 days with 47 supporters

Year 5 The Sea Swallow Trip



Following on from reading "The Sea Swallow" by Gareth Thompson Mrs Cottam will be taking Year 5 on a trip, on Thursday 9 May, to see where the book is set, walking between Fleetwood and Cleveleys. Consent for your child to attend should be made on ParentPay. Year 5 should be at school for 8.30am on this day and we will return for the end of the school day. The children will require a packed lunch on the day. Please can the children come to school wearing trainers / suitable walking shoes and have a coat / sunhat dependent upon the weather. Thank you to the PTFA

for covering the cost of the transport for this trip (£200). The children will have the opportunity to stop for an ice cream during the trip, therefore please send with £3 on the day if your child would like to purchase one.

Lancashire Cricket Open Days

Lancashire Cricket Foundation have invited Key Stage 2 pupils to attend a Lancashire Cricket Open Day. The children will get the chance to watch Lancashire play cricket and to take part in a range of fun activities in Lanky's Activation Zone. The two Open Days are Friday 3 May for Years 3 & 4, Friday 24 May for Years 5 & 6. On these days we will be leaving school following registration and return for the end of the school day. We are currently arranging transport to this event - further details will follow on ParentPay once details finalised.

School Lunches / Morning Snack

The new lunch menu starts today. This can be viewed on the school website <https://www.ribchester-st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk/parents/school-meals/>

Morning snack will now be fruit. This continues to be 30p per day. As the school office is currently unmanned, where possible please pay for the half term on ParentPay to avoid delays in payments being identified. The cost for this half term will be £8.70.

School lunches continue to be £2.70 per day. Please make payment on ParentPay. The cost for the next half term will be £78.30

Credit for morning snacks and any school lunches not taken will be carried forward.

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

Diary of Dates:

16 April	Yoga Day – whole school – details to follow
19 April	Ribble Rivers Trust Tree Planting – Ribble & Wyre Class
25 April	Ribble Class Blackburn Museum
25 April	Bag2School Collection 
3 May	Ribble Class – Lancashire Cricket Open Day
6 May	School closed – Bank Holiday Monday
9 May	Year 5 – Sea Swallow Trip
13 – 16 May	Year 6 end of key phase assessments
20 – 22 May	Wyre Class residential trip
24 May	Wyre Class – Lancashire Cricket Open Day
24 May – 3.30pm	School closes for Half Term break
3 June	Inset Day
4 June	School reopens