



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 final instalment will be due on the 6th January for Wyre class' residential visit taking place 10 – 12 March. Please make instalment payments for this trip via ParentPay.

EYFS / KS1 Nativity

The EYFS/KS1 Nativity will take place across two days, Wednesday 11th December at 2pm and Thursday 12th December at 6pm. A local firm will film the show and this will be available to purchase as either a DVD, USB or digital download.

PTFA Big Christmas Chill-Out

Monday 16th December is the PTFA Big Christmas Chill-Out. Let us take care of the kids while you get a couple of hours to yourself! They will be in good hands, enjoying a cosy, Christmas-themed evening at school with their friends.

Time: 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm (no need to pick up until 5:30 pm)

Cost: £5 per child (book via ParentPay)

What's Included: Each child will get a hotdog, popcorn, and a drink. (Vegan and vegetarian options available on request, please advise of any dietary requirements at time of booking)

Activities: Infants are welcome to bring their homemade "sleighs" to relax in, while juniors can bring a cosy blanket or snuggle hoodie.

Christmas lunch and parties

On Thursday 19th December, we will be having our annual Christmas lunch and party. 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.

2025/2026 Holiday Dates

The official holiday dates for 2025/26 are now available to view on our website - Parents > Holiday Dates.

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

There will be no After School Club on Monday 16th December due to the Big Christmas Chill Out and also on Friday 20th December, last day of term.

We have now completed the registers for the new Spring 1 term. If you haven't confirmed you want a place for next term, please contact us asap. 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

If you want to help with the PTFA please contact Lindsey Cobden (current PTFA Chair), you can catch her at the school gate or message her on 07919 851169.

PTFA Events

16th December PTFA Big Christmas Chill-Out 3:30-5:30pm

Upcoming PTFA Meeting Dates:

- **9th December, 7:30 PM** at The Ribchester Arms
Focus: Christmas Fair debrief and planning for 2025

Christmas Service

We will be having our Christmas Service at St Wilfrid's Church at 2pm on Friday 20th December. Parents and family members are welcome to attend. Following the service, we will return to school and children can be dismissed at this time.

St Peter & St Pauls RC Church

They will be holding a carol service on Saturday 21st December at 4pm.



Cashpot for Schools with Asda

Thank you to everyone who registered for Asda's Cashpot for Schools. In total **£187.36** was raised.

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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:

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| 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 |
| 16 December | PTFA Big Christmas Chill-Out 3:30-5:30 |
| 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 |

Ribchester St Wilfrid's C of E Primary - School Holiday Pattern 2025/2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Monday 1st September 2025 (INSET)

Re-open on for children:

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Half-Term closure after school on:

Friday 24th October -
Monday 3rd November 2025 (INSET)

Re-open on

Tuesday 4th November 2025

Closure after school after school on:

Friday 19th December 2025

Number of openings: **73**

SPRING TERM 2026

Re-open on for children:

Monday 5th January 2026

Half-Term closure after school on:

Thursday 12th February 2026
Friday 13th February 2026 (INSET)

Re-open on for children:

Monday 23rd February 2026

Closure after school on:

Friday 27th March 2026

Number of openings: **54**

SUMMER TERM 2026

Re-open on for children

Monday 13th April 2026

May Day Closure:

Monday 4th May 2026

Half-Term closure after school on:

Thursday 21st May 2026
Friday 22nd May 2026 (INSET)

Re-open on for children

Monday 1st June 2026

Closure after school on:

Friday 17th July 2026
Monday 20th July 2026 (Twilight INSET)

Number of openings: **63**

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