



School Dinners / Morning Snack

This half term is 6 weeks long, therefore, the cost for lunches everyday will be £78.30. Morning snack of toast will be £8.70 for the half term.

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.

Let's Go Sing

Our concert is Friday 14th March at 6.30pm. Purchase Your Tickets Here:

<https://www.wintergardensblackpool.co.uk/events/lets-go-sing/>

Robinwood Residential Trip

The final instalment was due on the 6th January for Wyre class' residential visit taking place 10 – 12 March. Payments for this trip is via ParentPay.

Ribble Kirkham Grammar Author Trip

Pupils in Ribble will be going on a trip to Kirkham Grammar on Monday 3rd February 2025, for the exciting event with award-winning author Chris Smith, co-author of the Kid Normal series. He will be celebrating the launch of his latest book, The New Famous Five and the Forgotten Treasure, in an engaging and interactive session designed for young readers. This is a wonderful chance for pupils to meet the author, be inspired, and enjoy the thrill of an adventure-filled mystery. The cost of the trip is £9. Books will also be available to pre-purchase for £7.99, the deadline for this is Friday 24th January.

Sports Club

This terms sports clubs are KS1 indoor Football on a Monday and KS2 Badminton on a Tuesday. These start week commencing 13th January until 14th February, 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Places are limited and available to book on ParentPay.

2025/2026 Holiday Dates

The official holiday dates for 2025/26 are 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

All invoice have now been sent out for the Spring 1 term via Class DoJo and amounts added to ParentPay. ParentPay balances will be updated as and when payment is received. Thank you for using Ribchester St Wilfrid's Out of Hours Care Club.

PTFA Update – Spring Term 2025

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us in making the start of the academic year so fantastic for the children at St. Wilfrid's. We couldn't have done it without our amazing parents, family members, and volunteers.

The events in the autumn term - the Neon Disco, Christmas Fair, Pumpkin Trail, Wreath Making, Family Bingo (which will be back by popular demand!) The Big Chill Out and uniform sales - were all hugely successful in providing entertainment and raising funds.

In fact, PTFA has already funded Phase 1 of a three-phase project to refresh IT resources across the school - which is a fantastic achievement for the first term. The children are already benefiting from a new projector and sound system in the school hall. The second phases (new laptops and new tablets) will be more of a challenge but, with lots of activities already planned, should be achievable within a couple of school years. This is in addition to our commitment to continue to subsidise buses for school trips and help out with other needs identified by the school. Your continued support is hugely appreciated and will make a real difference to the whole school.

We would love for more people to get involved - either by joining the PTFA committee or joining the PTFA volunteers WhatsApp group. For either, please speak to PTFA Committee Chair Lindsey Cobden at the school gates or on 07919 851169. Alternatively, our next meeting is on Thursday 23rd January at 7.30pm in The Black Bull, we'd love to see some new faces there and hear your ideas!

Diary of Dates:

6 January	School re-opens
15 January	Closing date for primary applications for September 2025
23 January	PTFA committee meeting
3 February	Ribble - Kirkham Grammar Author Trip
13 February	Last day of term
14 February	INSET DAY
24 February	School re-opens
10-12 March	Robinwood Residential Trip
14 March	Let's Go Sing concert
4 April	Last day of term

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