



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/>

Macbeth

Barnacre School have booked MANCHESTER ACTORS COMPANY to visit the school on Thursday 27th February for the afternoon, 1.30pm-3.00pm. They will be bringing to Life Shakespeare's classic play 'MACBETH' for our Year 5 & 6 pupils.

They have invited us to join them to take part in this. The cost per pupil is £9.50 to cover the cost of performance, workshop and the cost of the coach.

There is now a section on Parentpay where you can give consent for your child to take part and to pay for this visit. Please can this be done for the week after half term.

World Book Day

This year we have decided to have the theme of 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'.

For this day, we would like the children to come dressed in their party clothes.

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 outstanding balances for the 2024-25 term are viewable on 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.

If you wish to use St Wilfrid's Out of Hours Care Clubs, then please be aware of the sessions where there is limited availability after half term:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School Club	Limited availability - 4 spaces	Full	Limited availability - 2 spaces	Full	Full
After School Club	Limited availability - 6 spaces	Full	Limited availability - 5 spaces	Limited availability - 4 spaces	Limited availability - 4 spaces

Any additional places must be requested/booked via the school office to ensure that there is a space(s) available.

PTFA Update – Spring Term 2025

The PTFA will be holding a Preloved book sale, after school in the hall 06/03/25 (world book day). More information to follow.

The Spring Disco will take place on 31/03/25

- Infants 3.45pm
- Juniors 5.15pm

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.

Diary of Dates:

13 February	Last day of term
14 February	INSET DAY
24 February	School re-opens
28 February	Hodder class assembly – 9am
28 February	Choir Church Eucharist: 3:30 – 4:15pm
6 March	World Book Day Preloved book sale 3:30pm
10-12 March	Robinwood Residential Trip
14 March	Let's Go Sing concert
18 March	Class Photograph – Reception & Year 6
21 March	Wyre class assembly – 9am
27 March	Parents' Evening 3:30-7:30pm
28 March	Ribble class assembly
31 March	Spring Disco Infants 3:45pm, Juniors 5:15pm
4 April	Last day of term
22 April	School re-opens

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