



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

We will leave the Rec car park at 10:00am. Please arrive a little before then but staff will not be at the Rec before 9.50am. If you need to bring your child to school at normal time that's fine just let us know. They can walk with us to the Rec.

We are expected to return to the Rec car park for 3.30pm on Wednesday 12th March.

Parents Evening

Parents' Evening is taking place on Thursday 27th March.

Please complete the form on the following link for each of your children:

<https://forms.office.com/e/UuKJxuSwHM>

Appointments will be sent out by Friday 21st March.

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. A reminder that payment should be paid in advance of bookings so any debt for the Autumn, and Spring 1 term should be cleared ASAP. 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:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School Club	Limited availability - 5 spaces	Full	Limited availability - 1 space	Full	Full
After School Club	Limited availability - 6 spaces	Full	Limited availability - 4 spaces	Limited availability - 3 spaces	Limited availability - 1 space

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

That you to everyone who donated or purchased books at yesterday's book sale.

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

- Infants 3.45pm – 5pm
- Juniors 5.15pm – 6:30pm

More information to follow.

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:

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
5 May	May Day closure
23 May	Half Term closure
2 June	School re-opens
18 July	School closes for Summer

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