



Hello everyone,

My name is Katie Isherwood, and I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Head Teacher at St. Wilfrid's. I am excited to join such a vibrant and supportive community, and I am truly looking forward to working alongside our dedicated staff, children, families, and the wider community.

I come to St. Wilfrid's with a deep passion for education and a commitment to fostering an environment where every child can flourish. I believe in creating a nurturing, inclusive atmosphere that supports the academic, social, and emotional growth of our children. I'm excited to work alongside our talented and dedicated staff to ensure that each student is challenged, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential.

One of the most important aspects of my role is building strong, positive relationships with the families and the wider community. I truly value the partnership between school and home, as we all play a key role in shaping the future of our young people. I am looking forward to working closely with you to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our children and creating an environment where they can thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

I am committed to listening to your ideas, concerns, and aspirations for the school, as we work together to create the best possible experience for our children. Collaboration, communication, and a shared vision are the foundation of a successful school, and I believe that by working together, we can achieve wonderful things.

As I settle into this role, I am excited to meet each of you personally and to become a part of the St. Wilfrid's family. I am looking forward to all that we will accomplish in the coming months and years, and I am confident that, together, we will continue to make St. Wilfrid's a place of excellence, care, and inspiration for all.

Thank you for welcoming me into this wonderful community. I look forward to what lies ahead!

Warm regards,
Katie Isherwood



Contact Details

If you have moved house or changed phone numbers don't forget to let the office know so that we can update our system.

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.

KS2 Morning Snacks

The morning snacks for the Summer term will be Fruit at a cost of 30p payable on ParentPay. Pupils can request this if they have money in their account each morning.

KS2 School Lunches

Is it regrettable that we have had to increase the cost of our school lunches for KS2 from £2.70 to £2.90. This will take effect from Tuesday 22nd April.

Easter Lunch

We will be holding our annual Easter lunch on Wednesday 23rd April. There is no need to book. Pupils can just order it on the morning.

New School Lunch Menu

There is a new lunch menu starting on Thursday 24th April. You can view this on the school website > Parents > Meals.

Yogi Club

We are pleased to be able to offer another Yogi Club for the Summer 1 term for children in year 1 to year 6.

The club will run for the 5 Fridays. Starting on Friday 25th April until Friday 23rd May 3:30-4:30pm.

The cost is £6 per session and this is now available on ParentPay.

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

Miss Dicken has contacted all parents who currently use this service to check their needs for the Summer 1 term, which starts week commencing 22nd April. If you have not replied then we have presumed that you will continue with your current day/s.

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 Spring 1, and Spring 2 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	Full	Full	Limited availability - 1 space	Full	Full
After School Club	Limited availability - 6 spaces	Full	Limited availability - 3 spaces	Limited availability - 3 spaces	Limited availability - 4 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

Preloved Book Bonanza – Final Total!

Thanks to everyone's generosity, our Preloved Book Bonanza was a huge success! On the day, we raised an amazing £104, and with some extra sales online and on a sunny Sunday, our final total has been boosted to £153.64!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated, browsed, and bought books—your support helps us continue funding important projects for our school.

Interpub Quiz Update!

On 26th March, The White Bull hosted the second round of the Interpub Quiz, and it was another fantastic evening!

The PTFA/School team put up a great effort, scoring 38/60.

Even better—another £220 was raised, bringing the total so far to an amazing £460 towards the school's technology upgrade project!

Next up: The Ribchester Arms on Wednesday, 2nd April at 8pm! Join us for another fun night of quizzing and fundraising!

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:

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
17 June	KS1 Schools' Concert "The Bear Hunt Adventure"
18 July	School closes for Summer

PALM SUNDAY - 13th APRIL

- 8:00am BCP Holy Communion at St Wilfrid's, Ribchester
- 9:30am Holy Communion at All Hallows, Mitton
- 10:30am Eucharist Service at St Wilfrid's, Ribchester
preceded by a Palm Procession - meet at 10:20am outside the White Bull
- 11:00am Holy Communion at St John's, Hurst Green
- 6:00pm Special concert by St Peter's, Salisbury Church Choir at St Wilfrid's, Ribchester
'Olivet to Calvary' - we are very grateful for this kind offer from St Peter's



MONDAY - 14th APRIL

- 9:00am Morning Prayer at St Wilfrid's, Ribchester

TUESDAY - 15th APRIL

- 9:00am Morning Prayer at St John's, Hurst Green
- 11:00am Ecumenical Service and Lunch at Theodore House
Soup and Sandwich, £12.50 each - book your place with Brian on 07973 740981

WEDNESDAY - 16th APRIL

- 10:00am Holy Communion at St Wilfrid's, Ribchester

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 17th APRIL

- Clergy will be renewing their vows at Blackburn Cathedral*
- 7:30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper at St John's, Hurst Green
- 7:30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper at St Wilfrid's, Ribchester (followed by Vigil)

GOOD FRIDAY - 18th APRIL

- 10:45am Good Friday Liturgy at St Wilfrid's, Ribchester
followed by an Ecumenical Service in the Millennium Garden
- 2:00pm An Hour at the cross at All Hallows Mitton
- 2:00pm Prayers at the Cross at St Saviour's Stydd
followed by Hot Cross buns and activities with Little Wilfs

EASTER EVE - SATURDAY 19th APRIL

- 7:30pm Service at St Wilfrid's, Ribchester (with lighting Easter Fire & Easter Candle blessing)
followed by wine and cake

EASTER SUNDAY - 20th APRIL

- 6:30am Sunrise at St John's Hurst Green
followed by Breakfast
- 8:00am Easter Holy Communion (BCP) at St Wilfrid's, Ribchester
- 9:30am Easter Eucharist at All Hallows, Mitton
- 10:30am Easter Eucharist at St Wilfrid's, Ribchester
followed by an Egg Hunt for children
- 11:00am Easter Eucharist at St John's, Hurst Green



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