



A very warm welcome back to this new school year. We are delighted to welcome our new Reception class, Evie, Jack, Theodora, Livvy, Oscar, Millie, Ethan, Harry, Maiia, Albie and Elsie. We are also pleased to welcome Iris to Wyre class and Mrs Hartley, our new class teacher in Hodder.

Our second cohort of Pre-schoolers also started last week. We currently have 6 children attending throughout the week – welcome to River, Henry, Jessica, Zaya, Iris and Henry. Places are still available – further details can be found on our school website.

Our newsletter will be sent out on ClassDojo and emailed via ParentPay fortnightly on a Monday. The newsletter is available to view on our school website <http://www.ribchester-st-wilfrids.lancs.sch.uk/parents/newsletters>. Paper copies can also be collected from the school entrance.

Upcoming events and important dates are available to view on the school website and on the last page of the newsletter.

School Admissions

School admissions are now open on the Lancashire County Council website for children due to start primary or secondary school in September 2023. The deadline for secondary school places is 31 October and for primary school places is 15 January.

School Dinners / Morning Snack

The costs for children in KS2 remain the same (£2.70 per day for lunch, 30p per day for morning snack). The next half term is 7 weeks, therefore the cost for lunches everyday will be £94.50 and for morning snack £10.50.

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.

School Photographs



The school photographer will be in school tomorrow from 8.45am to take both individual and family photographs. If your child has a younger sibling, who does not attend school, that you would like included in the photograph, please come to the school reception before school.

Lancashire Evening Post Photographer

A photographer from the LEP will be in school on Wednesday 13 September to take a photograph of our new Reception class for their "New Class" supplement. A copy of this will be available to purchase.

Data Collection Sheets

This week your child will be bringing home a data sheet so we can confirm all details we hold are up to date. It is essential that we have up-to-date contact numbers and addresses. Please check the details we hold, make amendments, sign and return to school by Friday 22 September.

Holiday Dates



Attached to the end of this newsletter is a copy of the holiday list for 2023/24.

PGL Newby Wiske Hall Multi Activity Residential Trip

The third instalment is now due for Wyre class' residential visit taking place in May. Please make instalments for this trip via ParentPay.

Parking around school



Please can parents be considerate and careful when parking their cars around the school so as not to create a hazard for those children and parents who are trying to walk along the paths and road. Many thanks.

The 2023 Penny Challenge

Which house can win the 2023 Penny Challenge and get an extra non-uniform day plus a sweet treat?!

This half term, each house team has an empty jar to fill with as many 1p, 2ps and 5p coins as they can. Every penny will count in this competition between the four houses – so get searching down the back of the sofa and on the floor of the car.

Competitors have until Wednesday 11th October to put as many pennies in their jar, with the winning house to be announced in assembly on Friday 13th October and a non-uniform day for the victors on the last day of term. Who will collect the most coppers and enjoy this special treat?!

As well as being a fun challenge for the whole school, this is a great way for pupils to help raise money for the PTFA to put towards new equipment or exciting activities for everyone to enjoy.

Every penny counts in the 2023 Penny Challenge!



Ribchester St Wilfrid's School PTFA

PENNY CHALLENGE



Diary of Dates:

12 September	School photos – Individual and family
13 September	LEP Reception Class Photograph
21 September	“Meet the Teacher” 3.30 - 5.30pm
1 October	Harvest Festival at St Wilfrid’s Church
11 October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
13 October	Hodder class sharing assembly
20 October	Calder class sharing assembly with stay and play
20 October	School closes for Half Term at 3.30pm
30 October	INSET DAY
31 October	School reopens
1 November	Parents’ Evening
24 November	Ribble class sharing assembly
1 December	Decoration Day
5 December	Pantomime at The Grand, Clitheroe
8 December	Wyre class sharing assembly
21 December	Christmas lunch and parties
22 December	School closes for Christmas break



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 £1,551.33
£1.22 in the last 30 days

Ribchester St Wilfrid's C of E Primary - School Holiday Pattern 2023/2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Friday 1st September 2023 (INSET)

Re-open on for children:

Monday 4th September 2023

Half-Term closure after school on:

Friday 20th October -
Monday 30th October 2023 (INSET)

Re-open on

Tuesday 31st October 2023

Closure after school after school on:

Friday 22nd December 2023

Number of openings: **74**

SPRING TERM 2024

Re-open on for children:

Monday 8th January 2024

Half-Term closure after school on:

Friday 9th February –
Monday 19th February 2024 (INSET)

Re-open on for children:

Tuesday 20th February 2024

Closure after school on:

Thursday 28th March 2024

Number of openings: **53**

SUMMER TERM 2024

Re-open on for children

Monday 15th April 2024

May Day Closure:

Monday 6th May 2024

Half-Term closure after school on:

Friday 24th May –
Monday 3rd June 2024 (INSET)

Re-open on for children

Tuesday 4th June 2024

Closure after school on:

Friday 19th July 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024 (Twilight INSET)

Number of openings: **63**

TOTAL NUMBER OF OPENINGS: 190