



RIBBLETON AVENUE METHODIST JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Message from Mrs Nickson

As we come to the end of another busy and successful year, I would like to thank everyone for their patience and support.

Unfortunately, we are still awaiting the official Year 6 SATs results following a delay in the Department for Education announcement. We appreciate your understanding and will share the results with families as soon as they are available.

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for their fantastic end-of-year production, **"I'm an 11 Year Old, Get Me Out of Here!"** The children delivered an entertaining and memorable performance, showcasing their confidence, talent and sense of humour. We are incredibly proud of them.

I would also like to commend our pupils for the maturity and respect they demonstrated during this week's **Life Bus sessions**. The children engaged thoughtfully with the activities and discussions, showing excellent attitudes towards learning about health, wellbeing and making positive choices.

There was great excitement across school as we enjoyed our annual **Move Up Day**. Children had the opportunity to meet their new teachers and support staff, explore their new classrooms and begin looking forward to the next stage of their learning journey in September.

Finally, well done to all of the children who represented our school this week. Pupils took part in both an **Orienteering Event** and a **Girls' Cricket Competition**, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. We are always proud of the way our children represent our school community.

As we approach the final weeks of term, we look forward to celebrating even more of our pupils' achievements. Thank you for your continued support.

03.07.2026—General News

06.07.2026	Year 2 Move Up Morning
07.07.2026	Year 6 Trip to UCLAN
08.07.2026- 10.07.2026	Year 6 Hothersall Lodge
14.07.2026	3.30p.m. Sports Presentation
15.07.2026	Ribbfest
17.07.2026	9.15 a.m. Year 6 Leavers Assembly



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Outdoor Education:

Week commencing 06.07.2026,
Monday **Year 3** and Nest, Tues-
day 4R, Wednesday Year 6 not
going to Hothersall Lodge,
Thursday 5R, Friday 3R



Well done to our Stars of the Week!

Year	Stars	
3	3M— Jack & Afnan	3R— Mishal & Amelia
4	4M— Gurdass	4R— Eva
5	5M— Mustafa	5R— Anaya M
6	6M— Shahzain	6R— Whole Class
Nest	Emily W	

House Points

House Point Teams	 Team Yousafzai	 Team Hutty	 Team Rashford	 Team Wiltshire
House Captain	Mrs Bleasdale	Mrs Nickson	Mrs Bloor	Mr Smith
Weekly Winner	3rd	1st	2nd	4th
Total Points	5085	5383	5172	5060
Running Total	95	97	89	81

Class	Winner	Points
Nest	Emily W	240
3M	Jack	66
3R	David	195
4M	Amiyha	120
4R	Hayyan	122
5M	Janulya & Khizir	190
5R	Aysha	343
6M	Isa	15
6R	Ibraheem	77

Appreciation/Values Award & Healthy Choice Award

Appreciation Award

Ms S Bradshaw 6M - For creating and making all the lovely incredible props for the Yr6 production. Thank you so very much.

Mr A Agyeman - For making lunchtimes fun by helping and supporting the children and engaging with them during their games.

Attendance and Punctuality

"Moments Matter, Attendance Counts"

Attendance Class Winners – 3R 90.6%

Punctuality Winners – 3M/6R – 2 lates

Whole School – 87%

Wkly 100% Attendance Raffle winners: Mason A 3M & Mason G 5M

Wkly 0 lates Raffle winners: Archie A 4R & Anaya F 5R

We're on Target – 0 Classes were above 97%

Attendance since Sept 2025 – 93.4%

For any attendance queries please follow this link: <https://www.ramjs.lancs.sch.uk/attendancepunctuality-procedures/>

Dear Parents/Carers,

IMPORTANT UPDATES TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)

Starting 1 September 2026



EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FROM SEPT 2026

The Government is expanding FSM eligibility. All children from households receiving Universal Credit are now eligible, regardless of earnings.

FROM 1/9/26,
Free school meals
available to pupils or
parents receiving:

- ✓ Universal Credit
- ✓ support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Households may also be entitled if they receive:

- income-related Employment and Support Allowance OR
- guarantee element of Pension Credit OR
- meet criteria for families with no recourse to public funds.

NEW FSM CATEGORIES:



TARGETED FSM (tFSM)



If your household receives Universal Credit AND earns £7,400 a year or less



Your child gets a **FREE SCHOOL MEAL**



The school receives **ADDITIONAL FUNDING** for extra support, resources and opportunities.



EXPANDED FSM (eFSM)



If your household receives Universal Credit AND earns **MORE THAN £7,400** a year



Your child gets a **FREE SCHOOL MEAL**



The school will **NOT** receive additional funding for this category.



UFSM - UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 **AUTOMATICALLY** receive a free school meal.

Applies to all children, regardless of family income or benefits.



APPLYING FOR FSM & ANNUAL CHECKS

If circumstances change, you might be eligible!

APPLY FROM 1 JUNE 2026

via the Lancashire County Council website:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

ANNUAL ELIGIBILITY CHECKS:

From 1 June 2026, Lancashire County Council (LCC) will carry out annual checks.

Each year, some children may become eligible, while others may no longer qualify.

Free School Meals – Who is Entitled?

Important Information for Families.

Firstly, if your child is already receiving Free School Meals and is in Years 3–11, there is nothing you need to do. The Local Authority already holds your information and will automatically check your child's eligibility ahead of their return to school in September 2026.

If your child is in Key Stage 1 (Reception to Year 2), they will already have been receiving a free school meal through the universal infant scheme. If you have previously completed a Free School Meal application, so that your child's school can access additional funding, your eligibility will also be automatically checked—so again, you do not need to take any action.

If your child has not been receiving a free school meal and you believe they may be eligible please read the information below.

From September 2026, the Government is extending eligibility for Free School Meals. This means that more families may now qualify for support, even if they have not previously been eligible.

What this means for you

- If your household income is lower, your child may now be entitled to free school meals at school
- Schools receive additional funding (known as Pupil Premium) for every eligible child, which is used to support learning, resources and enrichment opportunities

Even if your child prefers a packed lunch, applying can still bring valuable benefits to both your child and the school

What you need to do

- If you think you may now be eligible, we strongly encourage you to submit an application before the start of the academic year.
- Applications are quick, confidential and securely processed

If your child is already receiving Free School Meals, you **do not need to reapply**

Why it's important to apply

- Ensures your child receives all the support they are entitled to
- Helps the school access additional funding to support pupils

May provide access to further support, such as help with trips or activities

If you would like further information or support with your application, please contact the school office.

We encourage all families to take a few minutes to check their eligibility — this support can make a real difference.

Message for Year 5 Parents/Carers from Lancashire County Council

Dear Parents/Kinship Carers of Current Year 5 pupils

Before the summer holidays begin, we wanted to get in touch with you about next term's prospective secondary school application, and how important it is to consider home to transport prior to making your final decision.

You must consider carefully how your child will get to and from your preferred secondary schools before submitting your application for a school place.

Pupils will only be eligible for free travel if they have an entitlement under the County Council's [Home to School Transport Policy](#). It is important, when selecting your preferences for a school place, that you have read and understood the information available on the [website](#) regarding [school admissions](#) and [travel assistance](#).

It is essential to remember - for transport purposes - the 'nearest suitable school' is the nearest school to the family home – and - in some cases, the nearest school will be located within another local authority area.

If you choose to send your child to a school that Lancashire County Council does not consider to be the nearest suitable school, there is no duty to provide free transport. You will need to make your own transport arrangements.

Assistance with home to school travel will not be needed for most children as they will attend their local school which will be within a reasonable walking distance when accompanied by a parent/carers as necessary.

However, if transport costs are a concern to you, please contact your Area Education Office before submitting your application:

NORTH AREA	SOUTH AREA	EAST AREA
Lancaster, Morecambe, Wyre and Fylde	Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Chorley	Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale
(01524) 581148	(01772) 532109	(01254) 220747

If your child is not eligible for free travel assistance but you would like your child to travel to school by bus, you may be able to buy a season travel pass from us.

The County Council will not provide extra services for non-statutory pupils and you will need to [plan how your child will get to school](#) if space on the bus is not available.

Please call 0300-123-6738 or visit [School bus season tickets - Lancashire County Council](#) to make an application.

It is important to plan ahead. Please make sure that appropriate transport is available, should a place be allocated at your preferred school.

PARENT & CARER SUPPORT

Supporting YOU to support your Young Person with their Mental Health, Wellbeing & Additional Needs.

Monday

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July

ONLINE DROP-IN 6pm - 7pm

Talk to others, receive support and signposting advice.
Email niki@keycharity.org.uk to join

Monday

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July

CHORLEY Duke St. Famy Hub
with Lancashire Parent Carer Forum
1 - 2:30pm
PR7 3DU

Monday

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July

CLAYTON GREEN LIBRARY
Drop-in support, signposting and guidance
1pm - 2:30pm
PR6 7EN

NEW Parent & Carer Wellbeing
Workshops

Register Interest Here:

With Primary Mental Health Care - CAMHS



SPRING
NORTH



www.keycharity.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 1154772

PARENT & CARER WORKSHOPS

With Primary Mental Health Worker - CAMHS

Free workshops supporting children & young people's mental health

Wednesday

8

July

Resilience, Routines & Wellbeing

12:30pm-2:30pm

Practical ways to support emotional balance, wellbeing & behaviour over the holidays and transitions support.



The Base on Broadfield, 97-99 Bannister Drive,
Leyland, PR25 2GD

Coming Soon

**Parent/Carer & Child Wellbeing & Craft
Workshops**

Scan the QR code to book your place
or email niki@keycharity.org.uk

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