



RIBBLETON AVENUE METHODIST JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Message from Mrs Nickson

Our children have had an amazing time on their residential visit to Hothersall Lodge. They were a credit to the school throughout the trip, demonstrating resilience, teamwork and excellent behaviour. A huge thank you to the staff who gave up their time to attend and make this wonderful experience possible.

Year 6 also enjoyed a highly successful STEM Day at UCLan, where they learned about artificial intelligence, robotics and the exciting possibilities that the future may hold. It was a fantastic opportunity to inspire curiosity, innovation and a love of learning.

We have one final week to go, and it promises to be a very busy one! We look forward to welcoming families to our Sports Day and Sports Presentation events. We will also be enjoying RibbFest and celebrating our wonderful Year 6 pupils during their final Leavers' Day.

As we prepare to say goodbye to our Year 6 children and reflect on another fantastic year, make sure you stock up on tissues – there are sure to be some emotional moments ahead! Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

10.07.2026—General News

14.07.2026	9.30a.m. Sports Day
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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METHODIST JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Outdoor Education:

Week commencing 13.07.2026,
Monday Nest, Tuesday Sports
Day, Wednesday 6M, Thursday
5M, Friday 3M



Well done to our Stars of the Week!

Year	Stars	
3	3M— Arfa	3R— Shazaib
4	4M— Khaleel	4R— Eva & Zaynab
5	5M— Raees	5R— Aysha P
6	6M— Siddra	6R— Emtisaal
Nest	M'lia	

Appreciation/Values Award & Healthy Choice Award

Appreciation Award

Amiyha-Rae B 4M - For being extremely helpful and tidying up after everyone without being asked.

Healthy Choice Award

Arnoush S 5M - For bringing in lots of fruit for snack. (apples, strawberries, cucumber)

Attendance and Punctuality

“Moments Matter, Attendance Counts”

Attendance Class Winners – 6M 96.9%

Punctuality Winners – 6R — 2 lates

Whole School – 93.8%

Wkly 100% Attendance Raffle winners: Shazia C 4R & Zarna L 4M

Wkly 0 lates Raffle winners: Muhammad A 6R & Shang I 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.

PARENT & CARER SUPPORT

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

Monday

6

July

ONLINE DROP-IN 6pm - 7pm

Talk to others, receive support and signposting advice.
Email nikih@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



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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 nikih@keycharity.org.uk

Scan
Me



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Preston Summer 2026 Activities

Please use link below to see what activities are available in Preston in Summer 2026:

<https://padlet.com/alisonwalsh/preston-summer-2026-activities-e6zv2bg0iu4xwwa7>

