



## RIBBLETON AVENUE METHODIST JUNIOR SCHOOL

Address: Emerson Road, Ribbleton, Preston, PR1 5SN  
01772 792083

Headteacher: Mrs F Nickson BA Hons PGCE  
[www.ramjs.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.ramjs.lancs.sch.uk)

07.11.2025


### Message from Mrs Nickson

Welcome back to our Autumn 2 term.

We hope everyone had a wonderful time celebrating Halloween last week! The children have been telling us about their trick or treating and the spooky costumes they were wearing-it's lovely to know that fun was had by so many. As we move into November, I know many people will have or are planning to celebrate Bonfire Night — Those of you attending this weekend, I you all enjoy the celebrations safely. The children had a bonfire night safety talk with Lancashire Police before the half term so they should be experts at how to keep themselves and others out of harms way.

A huge **thank you** to everyone who supported our recent **Non-Uniform Day** by donating chocolate. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and the treats will make our upcoming Christmas Raffle extra special!

A reminder that **Parent-Teacher Meetings** will take place next week on:

 **Wednesday 12th November** and **Thursday 13th November**.

This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and achievements so far this term. Appointment details have been sent home, but please contact the school office if you have any questions or need to reschedule.

We look forward to welcoming parents from 5R on Tuesday morning at 10:45am for the 5R Remembrance assembly. I hope you can make it as I know the children and Mr Cookson have been working incredible hard.

As always, thank you for your continued support — it makes such a difference to our school community. Have a wonderful weekend!

### It's time for the Ribbleton Reader's Scholastic Book Fair

Join us after school between 3:20 and 3:45 every evening from the 3rd of November until the 19th of November.

We would love to show you the amazing books we have on offer this term. There are books for little and big ones so bring the family. There are even books for just £2.99!

Even more exciting is that every book purchase you make, earns your school money off books for our library so we can purchase some exciting books for use in school.

This is a cashless event and payment can be made online prior to the event, by purchasing vouchers or easily at the fair as we are also now able to offer contactless tap and pay.

Our RAMJS Reading Team, Mrs Child and Miss France will be on hand to help you make the perfect selection.

## 07.11.2025—General News

11.11.2025	5R Remembrance Assembly
12.11.2025-	Parents Evenings
13.11.2025	
13.11.2025	Anti Bullying Odd Socks Day
20.11.2025	Vaping Assembly Year 5 & 6
21.11.2025	School Photographs
01.12.2025	Pantomime in School
04.12.2025	Christmas Bingo Evening
08.12.2025-	Christmas Carol Concerts
11.12.2025	
12.12.2025	Christmas Jumper Day
16.12.2025	Christmas Raffle
17.12.2025	Christmas Dinner
18.12.2025	Christmas Party



**RIBBLETON AVENUE  
METHODIST JUNIOR SCHOOL**

### Outdoor Education:

Week commencing 10.11.2025,  
Monday 5M, Tuesday 4M,  
Wednesday 6M, Thursday 3M,  
Friday Nest



Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and this gives us a wonderful opportunity to help raise awareness of bullying. Bullying has a long lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. This year's theme is 'Power for Good' with the mind that both teachers and children will be empowered to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

By coming together to we can channel our collective power and through shared efforts and shared ambitions we can reduce bullying together.





We will be holding an Odd Socks Day on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November** as part of our Anti-Bullying Week, where children and adults will wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique and be able to express ourselves!

Please encourage your child to reflect on how we can embed our anti-bullying culture throughout every school week.

### Well done to our Stars of the Week!

Year	Stars	
<b>3</b>	3M— Whole Class	3R— Whole Class
<b>4</b>	4M— Abdullah M	4R— Mohammed
<b>5</b>	5M— Jesse-James	5R— Anaya M
<b>6</b>	6M— Areeba	6R— Alishba
<b>Nest</b>	Amelia J	

# House Points

House Point Teams	 Team Yousafzal	 Team Hutty	 Team Rashford	 Team Wiltshire
House Captain	Mrs Bleasdale	Mrs Nickson	Mrs Bloor	Mr Smith
Weekly Winner	2nd	4th	3rd	1st
Total Points	4651	4350	4549	4707
Running Total	21	24	23	11

Class	Winner	Points
3M	Yousuf	126
3R	Mia	160
4M	Umar	188
4R	Zoya	176
5M	Aamina	109
5R	Julia P	41
6M	Junaid	49
6R	Ibraheem	120

## Appreciation/Values Award & Healthy Choice Award

### Appreciation/Values Award

**Mason H 4M - All Values** - For always being polite: saying good morning, opening doors and being complimentary.

**Joseph E 5R – All Values** - For showing kindness to his peers and for making sure everyone is ok if they need help.

### Healthy Choice Award

**Azaan A 3R** - For bringing healthy snacks daily.

## Attendance and Punctuality

### “Moments Matter, Attendance Counts”

**Attendance Class Winners – 3R 95.7%**

**Punctuality Winners – 5R – 2 lates**

**Whole School – 92.5%**

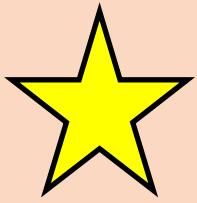
**Wkly 100% Attendance Raffle winners:** Ava-Brooke C 5R & Brooke MS 3M

**Wkly 0 lates Raffle winners:** Arfa AY 3M & Anirban BP 5R

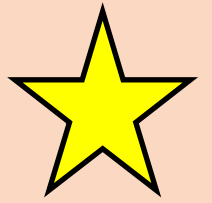
**We’re on Target – 0 Classes were above 97%**

**Attendance since Sept 2024 – 94.8%**

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



## Attendance and Punctuality 1/2 Termly winners

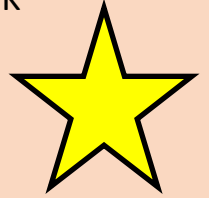
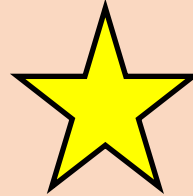
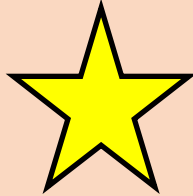
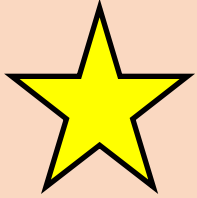


### ½ termly 100% Attendance Raffle Winners:

Emaan C 4R, Xavier L 6M, Aminah N 6M, Victoria R 3M & Gurdass S 4M

### ½ termly 0 lates Raffle winners:

Abdul-Rehman A 3R, Atiyya A 4R, Oliver C 4R, Ahmed G 3M & Daiman K



**“Moments matter, Attendance Counts”**

### Attendance Matters – facts:

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

If your child has 90% attendance, they will have the equivalent of:-

½ day off per week

19 days off per year

247 days off over their school career of 13 Academic years – equivalent to over 1 year of lost learning.

### Every Day Counts:

10 days absence equals 95% attendance – 2 weeks off

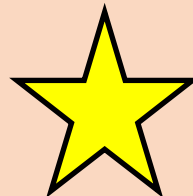
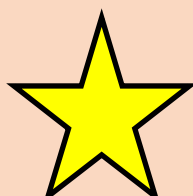
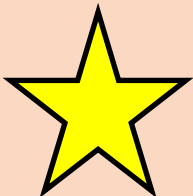
20 days absence equals 89% attendance – 4 weeks off

29 days absence equals 85% attendance – 6 weeks off

### Government class 90% or lower as being persistent absence

Days off add up to periods of lost learning:-

**190 school days** – children should be in school



**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## **Attendance/Punctuality Information and Monitoring**

**Please note:** By law, all children of compulsory school age (between 5 and 16) must get a suitable full time education.

Ribbleton Avenue Methodist Junior School are committed to enabling all our children to achieve and sustain outstanding attendance and punctuality and recognise that attending school regularly has a positive impact on learning, progress and therefore the best life chances for children. We work in partnership with you to ensure this does happen. Effective partnership between school and home are essential to ensuring good attendance and punctuality.

**Authorised Absences** – Under the provisions of the Education Act 1993 **only the school and not the parents** can authorise the absence.

### **Attendance & Punctuality**

As part of our attendance monitoring, school monitor every child's attendance, if your child falls at any point during the Academic Year below our 97% target (regardless of the absence being authorised or unauthorised) Parents are notified by a “courtesy” text informing them when their child 1<sup>st</sup> falls below school’s target of 97% and/or their punctuality starts to be an issue. This attendance is then monitored on a 4wkly cycle until their child rises above 97%. 4wkly texts/ letters will be issued to parents during their child’s monitoring periods. (Improvement and deterioration or request for meetings) School uses several different monitoring systems, e.g texts home, Parent meetings, Attendance Agreements and Penalty notices.

However, should your child's attendance cause further concern during this monitoring period, school may put in further initiatives, including “notice to improve” from the LA Attendance Team. If this happens parents will be invited to speak to the Attendance Manager and Family Support Worker to discuss supporting your child's attendance. This also includes punctuality issues. Children's individual absences both authorised and unauthorised will be taken into consideration when monitoring further. Medical evidence maybe requested for illness periods.

**Please ensure you notify school when your child is not going to be attending. This can be done by either contacting the office and speaking to staff or leaving a message on the absence line. Any medical appointments need to be made outside school if and where possible. Proof of appointments will be required.**

Please refer to our Attendance policies on our Website:

<https://www.ramjs.lancs.sch.uk/attendancepunctuality-procedures/>

Attendance Email address: **Attendance@ramjs.lancs.sch.uk**

## Home Time

Please can we ask if parents who are accessing the playground from the Infant side at home time, do not enter the playground until 3:15pm which is when our main gates are opened by a staff member. This is a safeguarding matter as there are no staff on the playground until 3:15pm and there may be junior children still participating in lessons.

Can we also ask that if you have Infant children and toddlers that you supervise them fully and keep them with you at all times as it has been noticed that they have been running around the playground, climbing on equipment which is not safe if unsupervised and may break.

## Vaping Assembly & Workshops—Years 5 & 6

On Thursday, 20th November, our Year 5 and 6 students will take part in interactive workshops led by specialists to educate them about the dangers of vaping. These sessions aim not only to inform but also to prevent children from ever wanting to try vaping, helping them make safe and healthy choices from the start.

We encourage parents to continue these important conversations at home, reinforcing the messages from school and supporting children in understanding the risks and making positive decisions for their wellbeing.

We are committed to giving our students the knowledge and confidence to stay safe, healthy, and vape-free.

## School Meals

Dear Parent/Carers

As you are aware, if you pay for your child to have a school dinner the cost is £2.90 per day (£14.50 per week). Please ensure there are sufficient funds on your child's ParentPay account before your child orders their lunch.

Unfortunately, we are seeing an increase in Parents not paying in advance meaning they are accumulating monies owed to school which is resulting in school having to cover the costs and staff having to repeatedly contact/chase parents.

We suggest that if your child has a school dinner every day, that you top up their ParentPay account each weekend or every Monday morning before your child arrives at school with enough money to cover the week. If you prefer to put money on for the month ahead this can also be done. If your child does not have sufficient funds in their account, you will be required to provide them with a packed lunch.

If for any reason you are struggling to make payments, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Your continued co-operation is much appreciated.

Thank You