



## RIBBLETON AVENUE METHODIST JUNIOR SCHOOL

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### Message from Mrs Nickson

#### Half Term Highlights – A Fantastic Start to the Year!

As we reach the end of a busy and exciting half term, it's a pleasure to reflect on all the wonderful things happening across school.

Our pupils have thrown themselves into a wide range of activities, from sporting events to exciting classroom learning. This half term, some of our children proudly represented the school at a local football events. While we didn't always come away with the win, the team spirit, determination and sportsmanship on display were second to none. We also took part in SEND sporting events, where the enthusiasm and participation of our pupils made us incredibly proud.

In the classroom, the learning taking place has been truly fantastic. Year 5 have been reaching for the stars as they explored the wonders of Space, while Year 6 have been immersed in the powerful stories and lessons of World War I. Year 3 have delved into the history of Preston, learning more about their local area, and Year 4 have been captivated by the Romans, even linking their topic to volcanic eruptions and the tragic tale of Pompeii. This learning has extended into Computing, where children have been designing their very own volcano-themed books using ICT skills.

Our new Ready Steady Write English programme is already making a noticeable impact, particularly in the way it supports our pupils in developing rich and ambitious vocabulary. This, combined with some truly amazing artwork being produced across the school, has made for a creative and inspiring start to the academic year.

One area we are taking time to reflect on as a school is the importance of respect. We have recently noticed a decline in the levels of respect shown in and around school. In response, we are sharing a clear message with all our pupils:

### **"Respect Yourself. Respect Each Other. Respect School."**

We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing this message at home and encouraging your children to be respectful members of our school community. As always, we are very grateful for your continued support.

Well done to all our pupils and staff for such a positive and productive half term. We're already looking forward to what the next one brings!

## 24.10.2025—General News

27.10.2025 - 31.10.2025	Half Term
03.11.2025	Inset Day—School Closed
07.11.2025	Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate for Christmas raffle
11.11.2025	5R Remembrance Assembly
12.11.2025- 13.11.2025	Parents Evenings
21.11.2025	School Photographs
01.12.2025	Pantomime in School
04.12.2025	Christmas Bingo Evening
08.12.2025- 11.12.2025	Christmas Carol Concerts
12.12.2025	Christmas Jumper Day
16.12.2025	Christmas Raffle
17.12.2025	Christmas Dinner
18.12.2025	Christmas Party



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### Outdoor Education:

Week commencing 27.10.2025,  
Monday 5R, Tuesday 4R,  
Wednesday 6R, Thursday 3R,  
Friday 3RM







**Well done to Victoria in Year 3 for getting player of the match from her football team! Keep up the good work.**

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

Year	Stars	
<b>3</b>	3M— Brooke	3R— Mia
	3RM — Jouri	
<b>4</b>	4M— Violet	4R— Hayyan
<b>5</b>	5M— Hussain	5R— Gowtham
<b>6</b>	6M— Elisabeth	6R— Lewis N

## 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	2nd	3rd	1st	4th
Total Points	6593	6548	6625	6404
Running Total	21	24	23	11

Class	Winner	Points
3M	Yusuf	109
3RM	Victoria	210
3R	Imaan	175
4M	Harris	257
4R	Archie	202
5M	Sulaiman	242
5R	Aysha	185
6M	Areeba	107
6R	Maryam	81

### Appreciation/Values Award & Healthy Choice Award

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**Lora 4R—LOVE, RESPECT**- For being a great friend and helping others when they are struggling.

**Welfare staff—All Values**—For supporting and making sure everyone at lunch time is included.

#### Healthy Choice Award

**Mrs S 5M**—For bringing healthy foods for lunch.

**Shazia C 4R**—For making healthy choices for snack and also making sure others had some snack.

### Attendance and Punctuality

#### “Moments Matter, Attendance Counts”

**Attendance Class Winners** – 6M 99.4%

**Punctuality Winners** – 4M —2 lates

**Whole School** – 94.3%

**Wkly 100% Attendance Raffle winners:** Muhammad A 6R & Mason H 4M

**We're on Target** – 2 Classes were above 97% - 5R 97.1% & 6M 99.4%

**Attendance since Sept 2024** – 94.9%

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



Year 6 parents

Online applications are now open for secondary school places. Applications need to be completed online at the link below by 31st October 2025 @ <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

## 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

# Digital Leaders

Introducing the Digital Leaders for this year! They will be helping with all things computing around school throughout the year. We had lots of amazing applicants, all of who should be very proud of the enthusiasm and confidence they showed during the application process, and it gets harder to choose every year with all the talent available.



## Visit from Preston Police

Thank you to our local PCSOs and neighbourhood police officers for providing a talk on knife crime to our Year 5 and 6 pupils this week and a whole school talk on Bonfire Night Safety.



## Poppies

After half term we will be selling poppies. There will be a range of items to buy—stickers, paper poppies, plastic poppies, fabric wrist bands and snap bands. The prices will range from 10p to £2. Children will be able to buy these during break times.

## P.E. Lessons

All classes will be covering Gymnastics in P.E. next half term. P.E. kits are essential, as always, for Gymnastics and in addition, we will be asking children to remove footwear and participate in bare feet. Grip socks are optional as an alternative to bare feet.