



RIBBLETON AVENUE METHODIST JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Message from Mrs Nickson

Another Fantastic Week of Learning at RAMJS!

It's been another busy and exciting week here at RAMJS, filled with incredible learning and memorable moments.

On Thursday night, our Y5 & Y6 boys' football team delivered a nail-biting performance in the cup match, coming away with a thrilling win on penalties! We're so proud of their teamwork, determination, and composure under pressure—what a fabulous outcome!

In the classrooms, creativity has been flowing. Year 4 have been immersed in some truly inspiring art lessons, exploring the marks and textures that can be created using everyday household items. Their project on bird nests has produced some imaginative and impressive results. So if you find a piece of pasta stuck to a stick at home—don't worry—it's not rubbish, it's an artist's tool!

Year 3 have been diving into the world of L.S. Lowry, studying his iconic matchstick figures and how they reflect the dehumanisation of industrial life. The children have gathered a wealth of interesting facts about Lowry and are now beginning to create their own Lowry-inspired artwork in their sketchbooks. If you happen to hear "*Matchstalk Men and Matchstalk Cats and Dogs*" playing at home, that might be us—we couldn't resist sharing this charming musical tribute with our enthusiastic learners!

Meanwhile, some of our Year 5 pupils have taken on an ambitious musical challenge: learning to play *The Last Stand* on the recorder. We're absolutely blown away by their dedication, perseverance, and excitement as they realise just what they can achieve with practice and passion.

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 learners this week—we are so proud of everything you continue to accomplish!

**Please see important information attached
regarding Cap Cut App**

17.10.2025—General News

22.10.2025	Halloween Disco
24.10.2025	Diwali Party
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 20.10.2025,
Monday 5M, Tuesday 4M,
Wednesday 6M, Thursday 3M,
Friday 3RM



Well done to our Stars of the Week!

Year	Stars	
3	3M— Roman	3R— Adam
	3RM — Alessia	
4	4M— Haadi	4R— Roman
5	5M— Laiba	5R— Julia S
6	6M— Rohan	6R— Maryam

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	1st	3rd	2nd	4th
Total Points	8046	7387	7406	7205
Running Total	19	22	19	10

Class	Winner	Points
3M	Jack	126
3RM	Victoria	210
3R	Adam	165
4M	Aayan	346
4R	Mozayyinah	271
5M	Rhythav	221
5R	Zakiyya	230
6M	Seher	78
6R	Haris & Maryam	145

Appreciation/Values Award & Healthy Choice Award

Appreciation/Values Award

Yusuf D 3R LOVE - For showing our value of love towards another child by helping him with his buttons when changing for P.E. He did this without being asked and showed such kindness to his friend.

Healthy Choice Award

Eva-Rae SW & Johanna W 4R - For bringing in a variety of fruits for snack.

Muhammad F 4M - For making healthy choices and bringing in fruit for snack.

Attendance and Punctuality

“Moments Matter, Attendance Counts”

Attendance Class Winners – 4R/5R 97.4%

Punctuality Winners – 3M/5R – 1 late

Whole School – 95.2%

Wkly 100% Attendance Raffle winners: Shazia C 4R & Filip K 6R

We’re on Target – 2 Classes were above 97% - 4R 97.4% & 5R 97.4%

Attendance since Sept 2024 – 95.3%

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

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 1st 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**

Attendance Matters – facts:

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

175 non-school days – these days can be spent and used for holidays, days out, family time, medical appointments etc

Is My child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Other illnesses

Follow this advice for other illnesses:

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#). Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#). But School recommend you seek medical advice and get eye drops before coming to school if conjunctivitis is suspected.

Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school.

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

Ear infection

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat [head lice and nits](#) without seeing a GP.

Impetigo

If your child has [impetigo](#), they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment.

Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm

If your child has [ringworm](#), see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP.

It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has [scarlet fever](#), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [slapped cheek syndrome](#) because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of [tonsillitis](#).

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [threadworms](#). Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Please ensure you contact school if your child is going to be absent.

School will follow up on all absences, every time. Medical proof may be requested for some absences. If school does not receive any medical evidence, absences may be unauthorised also school may conduct a home visit to ascertain why your child is absent. This is part of our safeguarding and attendance policy and procedures.

Accepted Medical Proof/evidence:

- Appointment card or letter
- Screen shot of phone call to GP from phone log (showing GP number & length of time)
- Prescription label showing dates
- Photo/screen shot of medication (name and date)
- Receipt from chemist of any medication bought in respect of absence with date on

Please note: parents should not ask their GP to provide "sick notes"

Medical proof can be emailed to attendance@ramjs.lancs.sch.uk

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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



HALLOWEEN DISCO

WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER

☒ 3:30- 4:30

☒ RAMJS



£2
PER
TICKET



COSTUMES
PLEASE!
NO TOY
WEAPONS