

RIBBLETON AVENUE METHODIST JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Message from Mrs Nickson

After many years in service to the school, I am writing to inform you that our Chair of Governors, Mr Ken Wales, has made the decision to step down from his role as a governor at RAMJS. Having been on the governing board for many years, it will be hard for the school community to imagine life without the confident and charismatic guidance of Ken, but we are fully in support of his decision to retire from this role having volunteered at RAMJS for nearly 20 years and having been involved within education and the Local Authority for nearly 58 years. I am sure you will join me in my admiration for such dedication and service.

Ken has enabled myself and the school team to bring the vision for our school to life and has been a strong advocate for change; his Methodist roots, love of learning and genuine heartfelt desire to change the world around him for the better have made him a continued asset to the school and he leaves behind him very large shoes to fill.

We wish Ken all the best as he enjoys some new found freedom but have made him a Friend of RAMJS so I know we will still have the pleasure of his company in the future and I am sure you will join me in sending him Thanks and Well Wishes for all he has done to serve our wonderful school family.



Message from Mrs Bleasdale

Year 5 Trip to Northwood Farm

Our Year 5M class had an incredible visit to Northwood Farm this week! The children had the opportunity to experience life on a working farm, including milking the cows and learning about the lambing process. They also enjoyed petting the sheep and discussing the importance of responsible farming routines, including keeping the farm environment clean and the importance of preventing plastic pollution. A key discussion point was understanding how many everyday items in shops originate from farms, helping the children appreciate the journey from farm to table.

Bikeability Success

We are delighted to share that our Year 5 pupils have successfully completed their Bikeability course! This has been a fantastic experience, with many parents expressing their gratitude, as several children who previously couldn't ride a bike can now do so confidently. Some children are even adding a bike to their Christmas and birthday wish lists. Well done to everyone who took part.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday, we marked Safer Internet Day with a brilliant assembly led by our Digital Leaders. They delivered an engaging and informative presentation on staying safe online, recognising scams and understanding the importance of responsible internet use. Their hard work and confidence truly reflected our school values of courage and respect. We were thrilled with the whole school's participation, as pupils asked interesting questions and demonstrated a strong understanding of digital safety. Thank you to Mrs Tipton for organising this.

Year 6 Health Checks

This week, our Year 6 pupils took part in their height and weight checks, as part of the Lancashire school health programme. These routine checks are carried out across the county and parents will be contacted by the school health team if any follow-up support is needed. Please be assured that this is a standard procedure and there is no need for concern.

Valentine's Disco

Our school Valentine's Disco on Wednesday was a huge success. The children had a fantastic time dancing and celebrating together. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves and we'd like to thank all the staff and volunteers who helped make the event so special.

Hate Crime Assembly

On Thursday, we welcomed our local Safer Neighbourhood Team, who delivered an insightful whole-school assembly on Hate Crime. The children learned about the importance of respect, inclusivity and standing up against discrimination. Once again, they showed great maturity in their participation, demonstrating our school values in action.

Important Reminders:

No Nuts in School

Please remember that we have children and staff with severe nut allergies. For everyone's safety, we kindly request that no nuts or nut-based products are brought into school.

Road Safety Concerns

We are extremely concerned about the way some children are crossing the road on their way to and from school. There have been reports of pupils running into the road without looking, putting themselves at serious risk. Please take a moment to speak to your child about the importance of road safety- always looking both ways before crossing and using designated crossings where possible. We will also be reinforcing this message in school.

Half Term

Next week is half-term and we hope all our children and their families enjoy a well-deserved break together. Whether you're spending time at home or heading out on adventures, please stay safe and take care.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting term on **Tuesday 25th February 2025** as Monday the 24th February is a school INSET day.

General News

17.02.2025-21.02.2025	Half Term
24.02.2025	Inset Day
25.02.2025	School Reopens
28.02.2025	Non-uniform day for chocolate
05.03.2025	Year 4 Eureka Trip
06.03.2025	Year 3 Eureka Trip
07.03.2025	World Book Day
07.03.2025	Parents Coffee Afternoon
13.03.2025	3R Martin Mere Trip
20.03.2025	3M Martin Mere Trip
21.03.2025	Parents Coffee Afternoon
21.03.2025	Red Nose Day
W/C 24.03.25	Mothers Day Market
26.03.2025 & 27.03.2025	Parents Evenings
W/C 31.03.25	Decorate an Egg Competition
02.04.2025	Easter Raffle
02.04.2025	Family Easter Bingo
04.04.2025	Parents Coffee Afternoon
04.04.2025	Eid Party

Outdoor Education:





Week commencing 24.02.2025,
Tuesday 4R, Wednesday 6R,
Thursday 3R, Friday Nest

Well done to our Stars of the Week!



Year	Stars	
	The Nest—	Zayan & Zoya
3	3M— Amiyah	3R— Roman
4	4M— Ibrahim	4R— Julia S
5	5M— Abdullah	5R— Gurraj
6	6M— Jessica	6R— Aiza

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	4968	4185	4906	5236
Running Total	59	40	57	43

Class	Winner	Points
3M	Mason	90
3R	Momina	103
4M	Kylan	272
4R	Alice	70
5M	Sadiyah	163
5R	Junaid	194
6M	Zainab/Naaila/ Zayan	84/123
6R	Abdul	70

Appreciation Award & Healthy Choice Award

Appreciation Award

Zak A 4R - For always tidying the classroom and looking after our learning environment, even when not asked or the mess is not his. So helpful.

Miss M Gaitens - Thank you for photocopying some resources for Mrs Wilson and covering her club this week.

Safah B 3M - All Values - For her willingness to help others and always does her best. She is an excellent role model to her class friends because she shows all the school values.

Healthy Choice Award

Aribah A 6R - For eating healthily and trying new foods.

Alice J 4R - For bringing in healthy snacks.

Attendance and Punctuality

“Moments Matter, Attendance Counts”

Attendance Class Winners – 3R 97.6%

Punctuality Winners – 4R 2 lates

Whole School – 93.8%

Wkly 100% Attendance Raffle winners: Tyler A 6R & Filza H 5M

We're on Target – 2 Classes were above 97% - 3R 97.6% & 3M 97.4%

Attendance since Sept 2024 – 94.6%

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

School finishes for
half term today and
reopens on TUESDAY
25th February.

We hope you have a
restful break.



On Friday 7th March,
Ribbleton Readers present:



'Reading Under the Stars'

Read your way: PJs and slippers, dressed for reading under the stars, dressed as a space explorer, dressed as a camper or as your favourite bedtime story book character – the choice is yours. No football kits please.

Prizes for the best homemade costume, most inventive costume and best explanation for favourite book.

Bring your favourite book, or borrow it from the library the week before, bring your torch and bring your teddy/pillow/blanket to get cosy and read with us 'Under the Ribbleton stars'.

World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March.

As some of our children are on trips that day, we will be celebrating on Friday 7th March instead.

'Reading Under the Stars'

The national theme is: 'Read Your Way' and as this year is very special with the upcoming planetary alignments, at Ribbleton we are having a focus on sharing bedtime stories by 'Reading Under the Stars'.



Join in our Reading Under the Stars Day and help us to make this a really special experience for the children.

Ask your child's class teacher or Mrs Child/Miss France if you would like to share a story in class or in a small group during World Book Week.

Reading Under the Stars Day – optional items to bring

Dress in pyjamas, space costume, robot, astronaut, explorer, camper or a character from your bedtime story book.

Bring a teddy, cushion or blanket

Bring a torch or small battery powered reading light

Bring a bedtime story/book you like - remember any children struggling to find a book can always access library in week before and scan one out.



Competitions



Photograph yourself reading a bedtime story in an unusual place (not in the bathroom please) - most unusual win a voucher for the Scholastic book fair. Send in photos to seesaw or print and bring to school.



Design a plate about your favourite book (plate provided). Best ones displayed in school and win a book.



Class competition - organise and present books in class Reading area to make it inviting, post it note recommendations for books in your reading area - best class wins 5 new books from Scholastic book fair.



DESIGN
A NATIONAL BOOK TOKEN
COMPETITION

Design a book voucher National Book Token Competition (template provided) and return to school. You could win books for yourself and for school.

Upcoming Reading Events



Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th February – Lancashire Schools Library Service Reading workshops.

Friday 7th March – Library Bus visiting on our World Book Day event



Scholastic Book fair - 20th March – 2nd April, (3:15 – 3:45 and then until 5pm on Parent's Evenings).



National Book Tokens – we have been working in partnership with WH Smiths to secure books in exchange for National Book Tokens this year, meaning that your child will have the exciting opportunity to come home with a book to keep during our World Book Day event.

Keep reading, RAMJS Reading Team – Mrs Child and Miss France