



Rishton Methodist Primary School

“Rise up ... take courage and do it” Ezra 10:4

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Dear Families,

As we reach the end of a busy Spring Half Term, I want to celebrate all the learning, achievements and joyful moments we have shared together. Our school has been full of energy, kindness and creativity, and I am so proud of every child for the way they have embraced this term.

This half term's core value has been Generosity. We have explored what it means to show generosity with our time, our encouragement, our friendship and our actions. The children have shown countless acts of kindness and support for each other.

Maths Workshops – A Huge Success

Thank you to all families who joined our maths workshops this half term. Staff loved welcoming you into classrooms to share our approaches to teaching mathematics. Your positive feedback and enthusiasm meant so much, and the children were thrilled to learn alongside you.

Rishton's Got Talent – Congratulations to Our Winners!

A massive well done to every child who took part in this year's Rishton's Got Talent. We had singers, dancers, gymnasts, magicians and comedians on the stage. Congratulations to our overall winner, Charlie, who impressed the judges and audience with confidence, creativity and sparkle. We are so proud of you!

Number Day

Children loved taking part in NSPCC Number Day, arriving dressed as numbers, shapes and maths heroes! The day was packed with puzzles, games, trails and teamwork. Thank you for your support and enthusiasm.

Children's Mental Health Week

We placed a strong focus on wellbeing, positivity and resilience throughout this important week. Children completed activities on expressing emotions, building confidence and supporting one

another. Their maturity and thoughtfulness were wonderful to see.

Year 5 Class Worship – Planned with Love

I had the pleasure of speaking with Freddy and Jack in Year 5, who excitedly told me about the work their class has put into preparing their worship all about Love, linked to Valentine's Day. Jack told me that every time he does a worship he gains confidence. Freddie agreed. Freddie added that if you get more lines, you get more confident too. They both wish you a lovely holiday and a Happy Valentines!

Athletics Success – 3rd Place!

Well done to our brilliant Year 5 and Year 6 Athletics Teams, who came 3rd in a local competition this half term. Your determination, sportsmanship and team spirit were outstanding- we are very proud of you!

Trips and Visits

Our trips have been real highlights this term. Year 5 and 6 enjoyed an inspiring day in Manchester, visiting the Museum of Science and Industry, followed by a theatre trip to watch Barnum. Staff received many compliments from members of the public about the children's impeccable behaviour, manners and enthusiasm throughout the day. We are incredibly proud of them.

Looking ahead, we have lots of exciting learning opportunities: a trip to see a live orchestra; Reception visiting The Little Lancashire Village; and Y5 visiting Martin Mere, along with further enrichment across the school. Exciting times!

Staff Corner

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Ewins, who joined us in January. She has settled into school beautifully and already feels like she has been part of our team for years. We are thrilled to have her with us.

OPAL Play – Thank You for Your Support

Our OPAL playtimes continue to flourish, and it has been wonderful to see children enjoying full access to our outdoor spaces with their wellies on and imaginations flowing! You may notice that the grounds look a little messier than before, with crates, tyres and digging areas, but the benefits to children's creativity, teamwork and wellbeing far outweigh the aesthetics.

Thanks to your support at events such as the Christmas Market and school discos, we have purchased new play equipment. Your generosity truly makes a difference - thank you! We are excited to share that we are having a gravel garden and a giant sandpit installed over the holiday to continue to add to our provision.

Parent Voice Group Meeting

We will be holding our next Parent Voice Group meeting on Friday 17th April at 9:00am. If you would like to pop in for a chat and a coffee, please let me know- everyone is welcome.

Pre-School News

Our pre-school continues to go from strength to strength and is a real asset to our school community. Having our little ones with us before they begin Reception is a true gift. They bring warmth, curiosity and joy to every day. We do have a few places still available on certain days. If you know anyone who may be interested, please encourage them to get in touch.

“Let all that you do be done in love.” – 1 Corinthians 16:14

Thank you all for your continued support, and encouragement. I wish you a peaceful and relaxing break, and we look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Higgins and the Rishton Methodist Team 😊