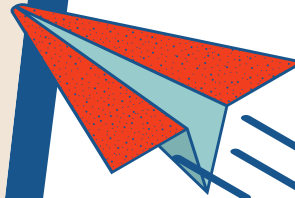




MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

1ST MAY 2025



Welcome back to the summer term! I hope you all enjoyed a restful and refreshing Easter break. It's been fantastic to see Masefield come back to life with such energy and enthusiasm. From the very first day, children have returned ready to learn, and it's been a joy to see such high levels of focus and engagement in every classroom.

Over the past fortnight, I've had the pleasure of walking around school and seeing our calm and purposeful learning environment in action. Clear routines are firmly in place, and it's wonderful to see happy, motivated learners immersing themselves in exciting new topics across the curriculum.

This week has been especially busy, with a wide range of enriching experiences taking place. From our farm visit in school to Year 4's trip to the temple, it's been action-packed with valuable opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. A huge well done as well to our cross-country runners who represented Masefield brilliantly at the cluster event—you made us all very proud!

Looking ahead, our Year 6 pupils will begin their SATs assessments on Monday 12th May. We are incredibly proud of the dedication and resilience they've shown in preparing for these tests, and we wish them every success in the coming weeks.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to keep up with our daily learning adventures and school news. As always, thank you for your continued support—it truly makes a difference.

MESSAGE FROM

MR DONE



HIGHLIGHTS

LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

A huge well done to these pupils, who have worked incredibly hard!

Reception - Vincent & River
Ellie & Ada

Year 1 - Harriet B & Oakley B

Year 2 - Ayda & Eddie
Jenny & Lola

Year 3 - Harper & Rossco
Hope & Toby

Year 4 - Clara-Rose & Jaxson
Reeva & Nkateko

Year 5I - Jake, Oliver & Fraser

Year 5R - Jacob E & Kayden
Boe & George

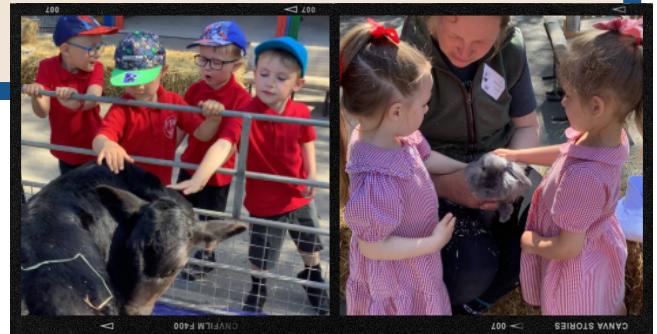
Year 6 - Isabel & Byron

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

Nursery

The children in nursery have had a very busy start to the summer term! Due to the lovely sunny weather, they have had lots of time to explore the outdoor provision and practice new skills on the wooden balance equipment and bikes.

On Wednesday, they had a visit from Little Barn Mobile Farm who brought in lots of animals for the class to see, touch and feed. Mrs Murphy and all the nursery staff were extremely proud of them. Well done Nursery!



VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

We are so proud of these children, who always demonstrate our core values!

Reception - Wilf & River

Year 1 - Louie

Year 2 - Regan & Joshua

Year 3 - Amelia & Roman

Year 4 - Daisy D & Noah

Year 5I - Jackson T-B & Lucas

Year 5R - Frankie & Jamie

Year 6 - Parker

READER OF THE WEEK

Each week, we reward children for remarkable reading. These children have won a book to keep forever!

Reception - Jaxson

Year 1 - Elliott

Year 2 - Eddie

Year 3 - Caleb

Year 4 - Ava-Grace

Year 5 - Harley

Year 6 - Chloe

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Each week, 3 children from each class in Year 2 and above receive an award for 'the biggest increase in coins' on Times Tables Rockstars.

Knowing your times tables off by heart is so important – keep practising at home to win this award and certificate!



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Each week, we celebrate success in Good News Assembly. Don't forget to bring your amazing achievements to share!





HIGHLIGHTS

LOWER KEY STAGE 2

Year 3 and 4 have had a delightful start to the summer term with lots of fun and engaging activities.

Year 3 have been learning about their different body parts in Enrichment and had fun placing them on life size drawings. In PE they have been enjoying the sunshine whilst learning new ball skills which helped 18 of them in a cricket tournament at Darcy Lever Cricket Club this week.

Over in Year 4, they have been learning about Hinduism in their RE topic and were invited to the Swaminarayan Temple in Bolton to explore the different features of this holy Hindu building. The class were respectful and listened intently throughout the whole of this trip and Miss Jolly and the Year 4 team were extremely proud of them.

Well done Lower Key Stage 2!

RECEPTION ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, it was the Reception class Assembly based on their Science topic, Plants. They linked this to the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and the class worked very hard learning their lines, parts and songs and put on a fantastic performance for the whole school, parents and carers.

Well done Reception!



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Masefield School Council have been busy working on their communication and oracy skills when serving customers in our afterschool tuckshop; The Base. The recent gorgeous weather has seen a dramatic rise in the sale of ice pops, our current special offers on these are 1 for 30p and 2 for 50p!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday - Year 5 Rounders Club
Tuesday - Year 4 Rounders Club

Thursday - Year 3 Football
Thursday - Year 3-6 Vocal Band

All of these clubs run until 4:15pm.





SPECIAL SHOUT OUT

We are incredibly proud of Mrs Walton and Miss Tyrer who ran the Manchester Marathon last weekend!

Some of our staff took their cheerleader roles very seriously and were on hand to fuel them throughout the race.

They managed to raise a whopping £1250 for Our Bolton NHS charity, the charity which supports the Royal Bolton Hospital.

Well done to you both!





ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception - 95.7%

Year 1 - 93.7%

Year 2 - 96.3%

Year 3 - 92%

Year 4 - 95.1%

Year 5I - 95%

Year 5R - 95%

Year 6 - 95.5%



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Our attendance target for the year is 97%. This is still achievable if we all work together to ensure that children are in school EVERY day and are not missing any learning.

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK:

95.1%

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

95.3%

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Medical appointments should be made outside of school hours where possible. Where it is not possible, you must notify the office in advance. Taking your child out of school is disruptive for the class and impacts your child's learning and attendance.

If there are concerns about how much time your child is missing, proof of medical appointments will be required.

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

Holidays must not be taken during term time as this has an extremely detrimental effect on your child's education. A fixed penalty notice is the least of the costs; it is the impact on your child's future educational success that presents the greatest cost.

We urge you to prioritise the long term benefits of regular school attendance over the short term impact of a holiday.

Make each day count!

100%

0 days missed

99%

2 days missed

97%

5 days missed

95%

10 days missed

90%

20 days missed

85%

30 days missed

Being on time really matters

In a school year, if you were late everyday by...

You would lose approximately...

5 MINUTES

3.5 school days

10 MINUTES

7 school days

15 MINUTES

10 school days

20 MINUTES

14.5 school days

30 MINUTES

22 school days



TOP TIPS

FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD

ONLINE SAFETY



This week's free online safety guide, provided by the National College, focuses on artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot companion, Replika.

The chatbot, which the developers claim users can form an actual emotional connection with, can be a source of comfort and expression for teenage users, however, there are some potential issues that parents should be aware of. Unlike a human friend, Replika can't offer real-world advice or handle complex emotions.

SAFEGUARDING



Adverse Childhood Experiences

Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs, are stressful or traumatic events that happen during childhood, such as abuse, neglect, or family difficulties. These experiences can affect a child's mental and physical health, learning, and behaviour. At school, we work to create a safe and supportive environment to help every child thrive. It's important for parents and carers to understand ACEs and how early support can make a big difference. If you'd like to learn more about ACEs and how to support your child, visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/adverse-childhood-experiences-aces>

SUPPORTING LEARNING



Learning to Read – Our Phonics Scheme

Each week we will share a video to support your understanding of our phonics scheme. <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/parentsandcarers/?playlist=7781fe9&video=98121d9>

Reading at Home

'If you cannot read, you cannot learn. If your child cannot read, their progress in all other subjects will be curtailed. There is no such thing as reading too much!'

Maths

White Rose Maths have FREE downloadable booklets for each year group block. You can download them here: <https://whiterosemaths.com/parent-resources>

All of our parent workshops are available to watch on the school website

SUSTAINABILITY



Ditch The Plastic Straw

Plastic straws, a seemingly harmless sip of convenience, hide a dark secret. They're a top polluter in our oceans, harming marine life. But there's hope! Swapping plastic for reusable options is a powerful change. Metal, bamboo, or even paper straws offer eco-friendly alternatives. This small switch can make a big splash for our oceans. Imagine a future with plastic-free seas and thriving marine life. Each reusable straw is a step towards that future. Let's ditch plastic and sip sustainably!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

9th - Non-Uniform (Egg donations)

9th - Easter Bingo

10th - Music Showcase - 9.00am

11th - Aspirations and Individuality Day (Dress as something you'd like to be when you are older or something that makes you unique)

30th - Reception Assembly - 2.45pm

30th - Year 4 trip to Swaminarayan Gadi Temple

30th - Little Barn Mobile Farm visiting Nursery

MAY

LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

5th May - school closed

6th - Year 1 trip to St Matthews Church

7th - Year 3 trip to Bury Hebrew Congregation

19th - Year 5 Trip to Zakariyya Jame Masjid Mosque

21st - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm

21st May - Year 2 trip to Tatton

21st May - Year 6 trip to Blackpool

JUNE

11th June - Year 3 trip to Eureka

13-15th June - Year 6 PGL

17th - 18th - Year 5 London Trip

23rd - EYFS Sports Day - 10.00am

24th - KS1 Sports Day - 9.30am

24th - KS2 Sports Day - 1.30pm

27th - Macmillan Events and Bake Off

JULY

2nd - Year 4 Trip to the Anderton Centre

3rd - Summer Fair

8th - Year 6 Production - 3.30pm

9th - Year 6 Production - 5.00pm

10th - Music Showcase - 9.00am

14th - Meet The Teacher - 3.30pm and 4.00pm

15th - Transition Day

16th - Creepy Crawly Dan in to visit Nursery

17th - Nursery Graduation - 9.00am

17th - Presentation Evening (invite only) - 6.00pm

18th - Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 9.00am

18th - School closes at 1.30pm

The dates for the May and Summer Holiday Clubs are as follows:

May Half Term: Tues 27th - Thurs 29th May

Summer Holiday: Mon 28th - Thurs 31st July & Mon 4th - Thurs 7th August

Booking information to follow.

You will be notified in advance of other events which will happen throughout the year.



CHARACTER CURRICULUM



WHAT IS IT?

Our character curriculum is at the core of what is important to us and we aim to provide a wide range of learning opportunities and experiences. It is our desire that children and their families value their learning and seize all and any opportunity wholeheartedly, therefore we aim to ensure the offer to learn is strong in every classroom.

We aim to develop our pupils' characters through the growth of relationships that define us as human. Through our curriculum, we develop a set of competencies (behaviours) which enable each and every one of our pupils to lead a remarkable life.

Building character at home

Prepare and cook a meal with an adult	Join an out of school team / club	
Complete a crossword	Decorate my home for a special occasion	
Tell the time	Visit a museum	
Keep a diary	Keep my bedroom tidy	
Visit the beach	Ask an adult if they need help with a chore	
Peel vegetables with an adult	Visit a charity shop	
Do the washing up	Set the table and tidy the dishes away	
Get my uniform ready	Get myself ready for school without reminders	
Plan a meal	Read to somebody younger than me	
Play a board game	Tell somebody at home why I am grateful for them.	

Building character at school

Know 5 capital cities of the world	Take part in forest school	
Achieve Reader of the Week award	Receive the Kindness Lanyard and pass it on	
Name all 7 continents	I will represent Masefield at an out of school event	
Learn a Spanish song	Take part in a Rock Kidz concert	
Take part in a school competition	Name 5 different children's authors.	
Watch a production	Score 10/10 on my weekly spelling test	
Attend a whole school trip	Recommend a book to a friend	
Achieve the Lead Learner award	Know my 3, 4 and 8 times tables	
Visit a Temple	Design and sew my own bag in DT	
Visit Bolton Museum	Name 3 famous composers.	

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Each year, you will be issued with a 'Believe – Achieve – Succeed' character curriculum passport. Experiences are planned into the school curriculum as well as home learning. The experiences involve problem solving, research and most importantly life skills, which are all fundamental for pupil wellbeing.

Children are equipped with the skills and character to lead a successful life! Children will be encouraged to self-assess their competencies and their progress on this will be recorded in their passports. Academic achievement will increase as children will be more able to overcome difficulties and will value their education; behaviour will improve as children are more able to self-regulate and work with others and attendance will improve as families see the increased value of a healthy lifestyle and the importance of education.

SHARE YOUR SUCCESS



Don't forget to tick off your successes and share them with us on our Facebook site!



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THANK AND PRAISE

TAP

WHAT IS IT?

Thank and Praise (TAP) is a unique social thanking platform which enables people to send messages of thanks and appreciation to our staff quickly, easily and securely.

Showing your appreciation is a fantastic way to improve the mental well-being of all our wonderful staff and also makes you feel good too. Don't delay, send a message and brighten someone's day!

Here's just a handful of the beautiful messages we have sent and received...

To: Miss Rigby
Masefield Primary School,
Little Lever, Little lever

Thank you Miss Rigby for always encouraging the children especially in sports taking your own time to attend events after school hours. You are so amazing, nurturing, fair but firm.

Carolyn Dawson

To: Gemma Walton
Masefield Primary School,
Little Lever, Little lever

Thank you for always being a listening ear and a voice of reason. You always know what to say and how to help. Thank you for all that you do!

Zoe Illingworth

To: Mrs Murphy and the EYFS Staff
Masefield Primary School,
Little Lever, Little lever

For your hardwork and continued love and support, everything you do is really appreciated nothing is to much trouble and you go above and beyond to help the children thrive. You are the reason my little one is so happy to go in learning everyday and for that I can't thank you enough

Sinead Riley

To: Mrs Clark
Masefield Primary School,
Little Lever, Little lever

We would like to thank Mrs Clark for being amazing! Since our daughter started reception in September she has come on leaps and bounds! Nothing is ever too much trouble and always there to listen and advise. Thank you so much! X

Sophie Konuralp

To: Staff Team
Masefield Primary School,
Little Lever, Little lever

Thank you to all the amazing Team at Masefield. You all do an incredible job for our children.

Anonymous

To: Miss Tyrer
Masefield Primary School,
Little Lever, Little lever

Thank you Miss Tyrer for taking time out of your busy day to call me and discuss my daughter and listen to me and quickly took time to address concerns and speak to Ava much appreciated

Dee Anderson

To: Miss Illingworth
Masefield Primary School,
Little Lever, Little lever

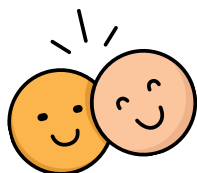
I would like to thank Miss Illingworth and all of the amazing staff at Masefield who have helped Jenson with the progress he has made up to now. As you know he struggled alot with his reading and writing, but he is now engaging in his lessons and I do not think he could have done it without of your patience and understanding. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Siobhan Clark

To: EVERYONE!
Masefield Primary School,
Little Lever, Little lever

Thank you and well done to everyone involved in organising the fundraising for the defibrillator! Although we probably all hope, it won't be needed, having it there and ready to use will hopefully prevent us losing a loved one from our school community. "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." Coretta Scott King

Nicole Allcock



Click here to
send a message
of thanks to a
member of our
dedicated team

TAP to THANK

