



MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

2ND OCTOBER 2025



I can't believe that we have already completed 5 weeks of the Autumn Term. I'm incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into their classes and how they are so focused on their learning. We have really hit the ground running with a real focus on doing the basics brilliantly and extending our enrichment offer even further. I have challenged staff to live and breathe our vision by provisioning our children with an excellent education, in every classroom, every day.

We have our upcoming open day on Wednesday 22nd October – please share with any family or friends who are interested in bringing their children to Masefield!

The BASE – our tuck shop – will start opening Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday afterschool next week. It has been stocked with a range of item including healthy snacks. Children will run the BASE and practice their oracy skills that they have been learning in class.

Stay Connected

As always, you can get a glimpse of our day-to-day learning and special moments by following our Facebook page—just search Masefield Primary School to stay up to date.

We have an exciting year ahead, and I can't wait to see all that we achieve together.

MESSAGE FROM

MR DONE



HIGHLIGHTS

LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

Year 1 - Blake & Freddie

Year 2 - Poppy & Gracie

Year 3 - Theodore & Regan

Year 4 - Isla & Niall

Year 5 - Jake & Jessica

Year 6T - Violet & Oliver

Year 6W - Jake & Frankie

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

YEAR 3

Last Friday, Year 3 visited Bolton Museum and were transported back in time to the Victorian period, to learn about the Industrial Revolution and Samuel Crompton.

From seeing the iconic Spinning Mule, to becoming Victorian workhouse children, everyone came away inspired by Crompton's genius and the incredible impact he had on the Industrial Revolution. The children are excited to now put this learning into action in their history lessons this half term.
Well done Year 3!



VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Year 1 - Billie

Year 2 - Harriet B

Year 3 - Alfie

Year 4 - Harper

Year 5 - Lottie

Year 6T - Jackson

Year 6W - Isabella



READER OF THE WEEK

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

Year 1 - Xander

Year 2 - Louie

Year 3 - Sophia

Year 4 - Amelia

Year 5 - Asrafle

Year 6 - Amelie



HOUSE POINT TOP SCORERS

Each week, a child from each of our Masefield Houses wins a spin of the wheel if they have received the highest number of house points. Well done to these children for following the Masefield Way consistently.

Amistad - Josie (Year 2)
Isibindi - Emily (Year 5)
Reveur - Ava-Grace (Yr 5)
Sollevare - Lana (Year 5)



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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



HIGHLIGHTS

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Well done to our newly elected Masefield School Councillors.

They were chosen by their classmates to represent pupil voice and to help make a real difference across school.

In their important role, our School Councillors will:

- Share ideas from their classmates
- Help make decisions to improve school life
- Lead projects that support our community
- Promote our school values and vision

We can't wait to see the positive impact they will have.

NURSERY

The nursery children have had a very busy and exciting week, both indoors and outdoors- making new friends, exploring through play, and enjoying every moment of learning and fun!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Tuesday - Year 5 & 6 Multisports

Wednesday - Year 3 & 4 Multisports

Thursday - Year 2 BWFC

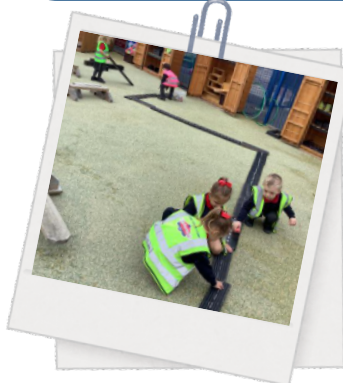
Thursday - Vocal Band - Year 3-6

All clubs finish at 4:15pm

SHOUT OUTS

Well done to the Year 5 Digital Leaders who went to Bolton Schools ICT for their training. We are excited to see the impact that they are going to make.

Miss Rigby was very proud of all the children who took part in the cross country events over the last two Wednesdays. A special mention to Indie who finished 4th overall in the girls race and the Masefield Girls team finished 3rd overall.





ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception - 99.6%

Year 1 - 99.1%

Year 2 - 98.2%

Year 3 - 97.4%

Year 4 - 99.5%

Year 5 - 92.7%

Year 6T - 95%

Year 6W - 91.7%

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:

96.9%

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

97.6%

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 Apex Legends.

The multiplayer battle royale video game, which is free to play, is a game consisting of twenty three-man squads (groups of players) who are dropped onto an island from a dropship and compete to be the last team standing. Each player on the squad gets to choose a 'Legend' to play with; one of eight unique characters with a specialised skill set in either 'Offense', 'Defense', 'Support' or 'Recon'.

The game is currently available on PC, Playstation and Xbox and carries a 16 rating in the United Kingdom.

SAFEGUARDING



Safety Around Dogs

The Dogs Trust recommend the ABC's of being a dog's best friend.

Affection: Show dogs affection in ways they understand. Allow them to move freely away when they want to.

Busy: When dogs are busy, give them space. If a dog is eating, chewing, sleeping, drinking or resting, they might need to be alone and will appreciate their own space.

Choice: Freedom of choice is an important way to help dogs feel relaxed and safe. Let your dog choose when it wants to start or end an interaction.

For more information visit the Dogs Trust website.

SUPPORTING LEARNING



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



Shop Second Hand

Consider purchasing second hand furniture or opting for recycled options like recycled outdoor plastic furniture. This not only reduces waste but also allows you to create a more distinctive and environmentally friendly interior design.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

- 1st - KS1 Phonics Parent Workshop - 3.30pm
- 8th - Harvest Festival
- 10th - #HelloYellow World Mental Health Day (Wear something yellow)
- 17th - Year 2 visit to Kings Church
- 21st - EYFS/KS1 story session 4 - 4:30pm (Info to follow)
- 22nd - Masefield Open Day
- 23rd - Year 3 & 4 story session 4 - 4:30pm (Info to follow)
- Year 5 & 6 story session 4:30 - 5pm (Info to follow)

NOVEMBER

- 4th - EYFS/KS1 Reading Parent Workshop - 3.30pm
- 5th - KS2 Reading Parent Workshop - 3.30pm
- W/C 10th - Parent Conference
- 14th - Children in Need (Non-Uniform. 21st - School closed)
- 24th - School closed
- NEW DATE - 26th - Year 5 assembly - 2:45pm

DECEMBER



- 5th - Non-Uniform (Bottle donations)
- 10th - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm
- 11th - Non-Uniform (Chocolate Donations)
- 11th - Christmas Fair
- 15th - Christmas Jumper Day
- 15th - Christmas dinner and Elf Run
- 16th - EYFS Nativity - 2.00pm
- 16th - KS1 Nativity - 3:30pm
- 17th - KS1 Nativity - 2.00pm
- 18th - KS2 Carol Concert - 5.00pm
- 19th - Pantomime at Masefield!
- 19th - School closes 1.30pm

JANUARY

- 13th - EYFS and KS1 Maths Parent Workshop - 3.30pm
- 14th - KS2 Maths Parent Workshop - 3.30pm
- 21st - Year 3 Assembly - 2.45pm

FEBRUARY

- 4th - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm
- 11th - Year 2 Assembly - 2.45pm
- 24th - Online Safety Parent Workshop - 3.30pm
- BOOK FAIR - DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

MARCH

- 5th - World Book Day (Dress as a book character)
- 13th - Comic Relief
- 18th - Year 1 Assembly - 2.45pm
- WC 23rd - Parent conference
- 25th - Knowledge Day - 3:30pm

APRIL

- 1st - Non-Uniform (Egg donations)
- 1st - Easter Bingo 3:30pm & 5pm
- 2nd - Music Showcase - 9.00am
- 2nd - Aspirations and Individuality Day (Dress as something you'd like to be when you are older or something that makes you unique)
- 29th - Reception Assembly - 2.45pm

MAY

- 20th - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm

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

JUNE

- 23rd - KS1 Sports Day - 9:30am
- 23rd - KS2 Sports Day - 1:30pm
- 24th - Nursery Sports Day - 2pm
- 24th - Reception Sports Day - 2:30pm
- 26th - Macmillan Events and Bake Off



JULY

- 2nd - Summer Fair
- 7th - Year 6 Production - 3.30pm
- 8th - Year 6 Production - 5.00pm
- 9th - Music Showcase - 9.00am
- 13th - Meet The Teacher - 3.30pm and 4.00pm
- 14th - Transition Day
- 16th - Nursery Graduation - 9.00am
- 16th - Presentation Evening (invite only) - 6.00pm
- 17th - Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 9.00am
- 17th - School closes at 1.30pm



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 social media sites, or send a ClassDojo message to your teacher!



[@MasefieldCP](https://www.facebook.com/MasefieldCP)
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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

Sinéad 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

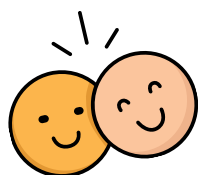
I would like to thank Miss Illingworth and all of the amazing staff at Masefield who have helped Jenson with the progress he has made up to now. As you know he struggled alot with his reading and writing, but he is now engaging in his lessons and I do not think he could have done it without of your patience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



PLEASE SHARE WITH FRIENDS & FAMILIES

MASEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

AND NURSERY



Whole School Open Visits

(for parents/carers of prospective pupils)

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

9.30-11.30am AND 13.30-15.00pm AND 15.30-16.30pm

Please come along to take a look around and experience our wonderful school.

“Evidence shows this school is OUTSTANDING”

“Pupils flourish at this happy and welcoming school. They are extremely well motivated to make the most of the wide range of opportunities on offer to them.”

“The school’s provision for pupils’ wider development is exceptional.”

“Progress at the end of key stage 2 is significantly above that seen nationally.”

“The school has an exceptionally well-designed and ambitious curriculum. Pupils develop a remarkable range of knowledge that prepares them extremely well for their next stages of education.”

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We are very proud of our school and we can’t wait to show you around!



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