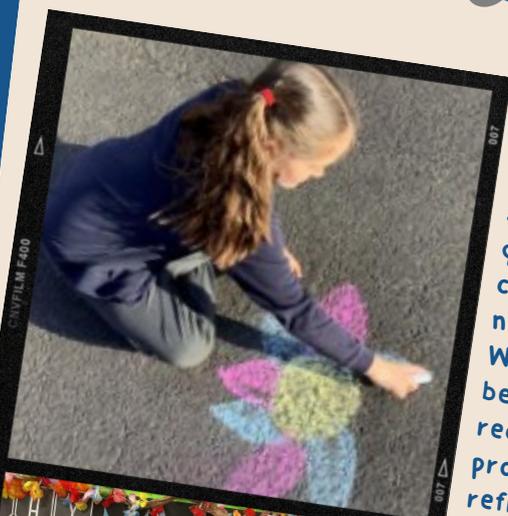




MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

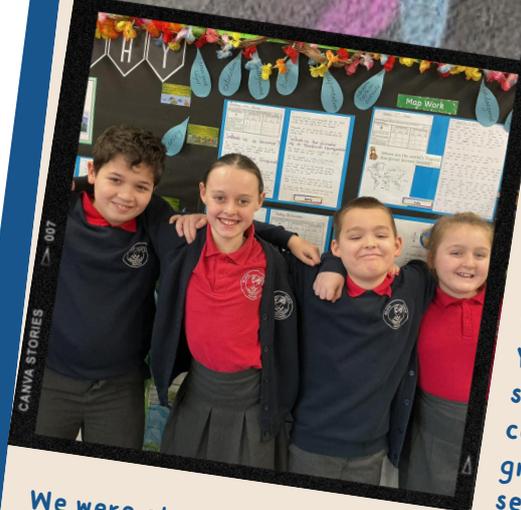
5TH MARCH 2026



We are already into the second week of Spring 2, and the energy and enthusiasm around school continues to be fantastic. It has been a pleasure walking through classrooms and seeing our children so engaged in their learning—asking thoughtful questions, showing resilience when challenged, and celebrating those important “lightbulb moments” as new concepts click into place.

We are incredibly proud to share that Masefield has been awarded the Artsmark GOLD Award in recognition of the strength and quality of our arts provision. This is a significant achievement and reflects our commitment to ensuring that creativity, performance, music, and the wider arts remain a vibrant and valued part of our curriculum. Thank you also for your generous support of our Bolton Hospice non-uniform fundraiser. Your contributions make a real difference to such an important local cause, and we are grateful for the way our school community consistently comes together to help others.

Year 5 have had a fantastic fortnight attending swimming sessions every afternoon. Their confidence and determination in the water have grown tremendously, and it has been wonderful to see them supporting and encouraging one another.



We were also fortunate to welcome Dave from Great Minds Bright Futures, who delivered an inspirational talk about the charity work supporting schools in Malawi, Africa. The children listened beautifully and were fascinated to learn about education in a different part of the world. It was a powerful reminder of the importance of gratitude, opportunity, and global citizenship. Finally, World Book Day was a true highlight! The creativity on display in our costumes was incredible, and it was clear how much thought and effort had gone into them. More importantly, the day was a celebration of reading, imagination, and storytelling—values we champion every day at Masefield. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting and successful few weeks ahead.

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.

MESSAGE FROM
MR DONE



HIGHLIGHTS

LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Frankie & Miley

Year 1 - Freddie & Maisie

Year 2 - Aliza-Mae & Thomas

Year 3 - Grace & Mekail

Year 4 - Myla & Albie

Year 6T - Evie & Oliver

Year 6W - Imogen & George

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

THRIVE

Lots of exciting things have been happening in the Thrive sessions in the last couple of weeks.

In class, Year 5 have explored what 'mindfulness' means to them. They shared thoughtful ideas about staying calm, focusing and looking after their feelings. This half term, Year 4 will be taking part in Thrive enrichment activities and we can't wait to hear about what they have been doing.

Also, in the Thrive afterschool club, the students created their very own sun catchers. The children showed such care, patience and kindness while creating and supporting one another.

We are so proud of them all, being calm, mindful and in the present moment.

Thank you to Mrs Willett and Miss Harris for helping all of our Masefield children Thrive.



VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Reception - Ethan

Year 1 - Prabkeerat

Year 2 - Poppy

Year 3 - Chloe

Year 4 - Caprice

Year 6T - Amelia

Year 6W - Jake



READER OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Isla

Year 1 - Wilf

Year 2 - Rahma

Year 3 - Theodore

Year 4 - Rossco

Year 6 - Kayden



HOUSE TEAMS 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 - Miller (4)

Isibindi - Jaxon S (5)

Reveur - Hollie (5)

Sollevarre - Jessica (5)



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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



HIGHLIGHTS

BREAK TIMES

We are absolutely thrilled to see the children enjoying the fantastic new equipment donated through our Amazon Wish List and GDM Sports & Equipment!

Break time has been full of excitement, smiles and active play as pupils explored the new resources with enthusiasm and creativity. From team games to imaginative challenges, it has been wonderful to see the equipment already making such a positive difference to our playtimes.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us so far — your generosity is truly appreciated and is helping to enhance our children's school experience.

All staff were out at break time modelling how to use the new equipment safely and positively, supporting the children and making sure everyone could join in. It was fantastic to see such teamwork and engagement across the playground!

If you would still like to contribute, you can donate here:

<https://amzn.eu/O5OujDoV>

Thank you for helping us make playtimes even more special!



WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book day was another outstanding success this year with a massive array of different characters on display.

From famous sports stars, demon dentists, to our very own Mr Done, each child came ready to enjoy a day of reading and book day themed activities. Our next non uniform day will be on Friday 20th March, in aid of Comic Relief. We will not be collecting donations in school but donations can be made through the BBC. Thank you again for your continued support with these events.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Spring 2 half term

Tuesday - Year 1 Multi-Skills.

Wednesday - Year 5&6 Netball.

Thursday - Year 3&4 boys BWFC
Vocal band - Year 3-6

All clubs finish at 4:15pm

SHOUT OUTS



Last week, we were delighted to welcome Dave from Great Minds Bright Futures into school to lead a truly inspiring assembly for our pupils.

Dave shared powerful stories about the incredible work the charity is doing to support children in Malawi and Uganda. He spoke about the importance of kindness, opportunity and education — and how even small actions can make a big difference in the lives of others. A huge thank you to Dave for taking the time to visit us and for the amazing work he continues to do. We are looking forward to exploring ways we can support Great Minds Bright Futures in the future and help make a difference together.





SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

LITTLE CHATS BIG RIGHTS



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

We're proud to share that we as a School Council are working towards achieving the Rights Respecting Schools Award. This means we are learning about children's rights as set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and thinking about how these rights are respected in our school. Each newsletter will include a short discussion point focusing on a different Article, giving families the chance to talk together about children's rights and what they mean in everyday life.

The focus for this fortnight is taken from

The Right to be safe and protected (Article 19)

What makes you feel safe at school or at home?



THE BASE



New to the BASE are yogurt tubes for 20p!!!

All other items are priced at 50p each.

The BASE is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school.



Don't forget to share any ideas you have of how we can make Masefield even better with your class representative.



 1 DEFINITION OF A CHILD	 2 NO DISCRIMINATION	 3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD	 4 MAKING RIGHTS REAL	 5 FAMILY GUIDANCE AS CHILDREN DEVELOP	 6 LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT	 7 NAME AND NATIONALITY
 8 IDENTITY	 9 KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER	 10 CONTACT WITH PARENTS ACROSS COUNTRIES	 11 PROTECTION FROM KIDNAPPING	 12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS	 13 SHARING THOUGHTS FREELY	 14 FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND RELIGION
 15 SETTING UP OR JOINING GROUPS	 16 PROTECTION OF PRIVACY	 17 ACCESS TO INFORMATION	 18 RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS	 19 PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE	 20 CHILDREN WITHOUT FAMILIES	 21 CHILDREN WHO ARE ADOPTED



ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

- Reception - 98.3%
- Year 1 - 93.7%
- Year 2 - 95.3%
- Year 3 - 93.4%
- Year 4 - 91.6%
- Year 5 - 95.3%
- Year 6T - 94%
- Year 6W - 98.1%

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Our attendance target for the year is **97%**. This is 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:

94.8%

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

96.3%

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 Discord. Discord is a communication platform that allows users to join servers (groups) where they can chat via text, voice or video. Originally designed for gamers, it now hosts communities covering a wide range of interests. Although it has a 13+ age rating, some primary-aged children may access it. Risks can include joining public servers with strangers, exposure to inappropriate content, private messaging from unknown users, and limited moderation in some groups.

What parents can do:

Check whether your child is using Discord and ensure their account privacy settings restrict direct messages to "Friends Only". Encourage them to avoid joining public servers and to only connect with people they know in real life. Regularly talk about respectful communication and remind your child never to share personal information, photos or their location. As always, encourage them to speak to a trusted adult if something online makes them feel uncomfortable or worried.

SAFEGUARDING



Bullying – Encouraging Children to Speak Up

Bullying can take many forms, including physical behaviour, name-calling, exclusion or online messages. Creating an environment where children feel safe to speak up is key. Here are some ways parents can help:

- Listen calmly – if your child shares a concern, stay calm and reassure them that they've done the right thing by telling you.
- Look for changes – unexplained tummy aches, reluctance to attend school, or changes in mood can sometimes be signs that something is wrong.
- Encourage kindness – talk about the importance of including others and standing up safely for someone who may need support.
- Report concerns – remind children that trusted adults at school are there to help and want to know if something is happening.

For more information and advice for families, visit the Anti-Bullying Alliance website.

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



Swap to Reusable Bags

Keep a few reusable shopping bags in your car or by the front door so they're easy to grab when heading out. By choosing sturdy, long-lasting bags instead of single-use plastic ones, you'll reduce waste and help protect wildlife and the environment. It's a small change that quickly becomes a simple everyday habit for the whole family.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

MARCH

2nd-6th Year 5 Swimming lessons

2nd March - Non uniform day for Bolton Hospice

5th - World Book Day (Dress as a book character)

9th - Year 1 BSICT visit

11th - Year 5 BSICT visit

16th - Year 4 BSICT visit

17th - Year 3 BSICT visit

18th - Year 2 BSICT visit

18th - Year 1 Assembly - 2.45pm

20th - Comic Relief (non uniform) - date change

WC 23rd - Parent conference

24th - Year 6 BSICT visit

25th - Knowledge Day - 3:30pm

27th - Year 5 & 6 trip to Bolton Wanderers Stadium

31st - Reception visit to Smithills Farm



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

6th - Year 4 trip to Chester

18th - Year 5 trip to Zakariyya Jaam'e Masjid

20th - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm

20th - Year 6 trip to Blackpool

22nd - Year 2 trip to Smithills Hall



JUNE

9th - Curious Critters visiting Nursery

12th-14th - Year 6 PGL

16th-17th - Year 5 London Trip

19th - Year 3 trip to Eureka!

23rd - KS1 Sports Day - 9:30am

23rd - KS2 Sports Day - 1:30pm

24th - Nursery Sports Day - 2pm

24th - Reception Sports Day - 2:30pm

24th - Class photographs

26th - Macmillan Events and Bake Off



JULY

2nd - Summer Fair

7th - Year 4 trip to Hollingworth Lake

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

