



MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

6TH NOVEMBER 2025



Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful and restful half term break. It's been lovely to see our children return refreshed, enthusiastic, and ready for the exciting term ahead. I was delighted that we finished the first half term with an excellent 97% attendance. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the strong commitment from our families in ensuring children are in school every day, learning and thriving. Please continue to support us by keeping attendance a top priority—every lesson really does count, and good attendance makes a huge difference to progress, friendships, and confidence.

This half term is always a special one, filled with opportunities for learning, creativity, and celebration. From festive performances and community events to new topics and projects in class, there's so much to look forward to as we head towards Christmas.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Working together, we can make this a happy, successful, and memorable half term for every child at Masefield Primary School.

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!

Year 1 - Wilf & Jack

Year 2 - Bella & Sadie
Josie & Grace

Year 3 - Aoife & Joshua

Year 4 - Caprice, Olivia & Harper

Year 5 - Asrafle & Matthew

Year 6T - Charlie & Fraser
Amelie & Aila

Year 6W - Olivia & Harley
Joshua & Isabella

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

Spooky Story Sessions

In the final week of last half term, all classes held a bedtime/ spooky stories session after school. Children were invited to come in their pjs and bring a teddy, and they settled down with a hot chocolate for an evening of story telling from the Masefield staff.

All the children loved this experience and went home excitedly retelling the spooky stories that they had listened to. Thank you to all our parents who supported this event, it is greatly appreciated.



VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Year 1 - Rory & Freddie

Year 2 - Roman & Harriet B

Year 3 - Sophia & Albie G

Year 4 - Jacob & Cody

Year 5 - Ava Grace & Caitlyn

Year 6T - Amelia & Jake

Year 6W - Faith & Joseph



READER OF THE WEEK

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

Year 1 - Maisie

Year 2 - Harriet B & Harriet W

Year 3 - Theodore & Emily

Year 4 - Cody & Caprice

Year 5 - Emily & Daisy

Year 6 - Frankie



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 - Oliver M (Yr 6)
Kayden (Yr5)

Isibindi - Gabriella (Yr 6)
Pearla (Yr1)

Reveur - Joshua J (Yr 6)
Myla (Yr4)

Sollevare - Aila (Yr6)
Lola (Yr4)



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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



HIGHLIGHTS

STUDENT COUNCIL

On Monday 20th October, our Masefield Student Council members had a very important meeting with the Mayor of Bolton. They visited him in his chambers in Bolton Town Hall where they enjoyed a fascinating tour, exploring its beautiful rooms and learning all about the history and important role it plays in our community. The Mayor kindly took time to explain how local decisions are made, what their responsibilities are, and how the council works together to make Bolton a better place for everyone.

The pupils asked brilliant questions and left inspired by the Mayor's message about leadership, teamwork and serving others. A huge thank you to the Mayor and his team for such a warm welcome and an unforgettable experience!

BASE TUCK SHOP

The BASE tuck shop is now open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with all items priced at 50p! There are lots of new products available and our students would love to see you there.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Autumn Half Term 2

Monday - Year 3 Book Club
Monday - Year 5 Christmas Cross Stitch

Tuesday - Year 6 Archery

Wednesday - Year 5 Archery

Thursday - Year 3 & 4 Girls BWFC
Thursday - Vocal Band - Year 3-6

All clubs finish at 4:15pm

SHOUT OUTS

A HUGE thank you to Kings Church, Little Lever who welcomed our Year 2 class in for a visit. The children learnt all about the features of the church, the services they offer and they sang some lovely songs!





ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception - 93.5%

Year 1 - 99.2%

Year 2 - 99%

Year 3 - 98.6%

Year 4 - 97.3%

Year 5 - 95.4%

Year 6T - 95.3%

Year 6W - 99.3%

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:

97.2%

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

97.1%

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 Roblox.

Roblox is an online platform that allows users to create, share and play games designed by other players. It's hugely popular with children, offering a wide variety of imaginative worlds to explore. However, because players can interact with others online, there are potential risks such as chatting with strangers, inappropriate user-created content, and in-game purchases that can quickly add up.

What parents can do:

Make use of Roblox's parental controls to restrict chat features, limit spending, and review which games your child can access. Encourage your child to tell you if another player makes them feel uncomfortable and remind them never to share personal information online. Regularly checking their friend list and in-game messages can also help ensure they're playing safely.

SAFEGUARDING



Stranger Awareness

It's important that children understand how to stay safe around people they don't know. While most people are kind and trustworthy, children should know what to do if a stranger approaches them.

Here are some simple tips to share at home:

Keep your distance – remind children not to go anywhere with someone they don't know, even if they offer treats or ask for help.

Trust your feelings – if something doesn't feel right, it's okay to walk away and tell a trusted adult straight away.

Know safe adults – help your child identify trusted adults they can turn to if they need help, such as teachers, police officers, or shop workers.

For further advice, visit the NSPCC "PANTS" and "Stay Safe" resources for parents and carers.

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



Save Energy at Home

Encourage your family to switch off lights, TVs, and chargers when they're not in use. Small actions like turning off appliances at the plug, closing doors to keep heat in, and using energy-efficient bulbs can make a big difference. Saving energy not only helps the planet but also lowers your household bills — a win-win for everyone!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

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

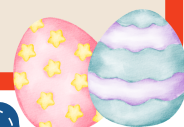
MARCH



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
24th - Class photographs
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
@Masefield Primary School





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

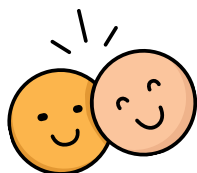
I would like to thank Miss Illingworth and all of the amazing staff at Masefield who have helped Jenson with the progress he has made up to now. As you know he struggled alot with his reading and writing, but he is now engaging in his lessons and I do not think he could have done it without of your patience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

