



MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

7TH MAY 2026



It has been another brilliant fortnight at Masefield as we continue our journey of excellence together. Across school, the children have made great strides in their learning and have settled superbly back into the routines of school life following the Easter break. It has been wonderful to walk through classrooms and see pupils so focused, engaged, and enthusiastic about their learning. Their confidence continues to grow, and we are seeing so many fantastic "lightbulb moments" as children deepen their understanding and challenge themselves to achieve even more.

Over the past few weeks, we have also enjoyed a huge range of sporting opportunities, including netball, swimming, and cross country events. A huge well done to all the children who have represented Masefield with such pride, determination, and excellent sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of the way our pupils support one another and always give their very best.

A particularly special achievement came at the Panathlon County Championships in Oldham, where our team achieved an incredible victory and were crowned champions! This is a fantastic accomplishment and a reflection of the teamwork, resilience, and spirit shown by all involved. They will now go on to represent our region across the whole of the North of England—an amazing opportunity. We wish them the very best of luck and know they will continue to do Masefield proud.

Our Year 4 pupils also enjoyed a fantastic trip to Chester, linked to their History topic. The visit was a great success and provided children with the opportunity to bring their classroom learning to life through real-world experiences. It was wonderful to hear about their excitement, curiosity, and the knowledge they gained throughout the day. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The positivity, ambition, and sense of community across Masefield continue to make our school a very special place to be.

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

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

Year 4

To compliment their exciting history learning on the Romans in Britain, Year 4 went to visit the Roman city of Chester this week.

When they arrived they were greeted by a Roman soldier who armed them with shields and took them to the Ampitheatre. Whilst there, they learnt about its importance and practiced their formations. The class were very brave and strong and even the teachers couldn't break their defences!

After this they marched confidently back to the museum singing their Roman legion song.

After lunch, they were able to take part in a hands on workshop where they were able to handle Roman artifacts and even dress up in Roman armour. They learnt all about different sources of information and how this shapes our learning of Roman Britain.

Before leaving back for school, the class had time to examine the different exhibits in the museum galleries and answer questions relating to what they had learnt throughout the day.

Year 4 had a fantastic time and really enjoyed their day in Roman Chester.



LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Aria & Eddie
Sebastian & Isla

Year 1 - Jack & Wilf
River & Emilia

Year 2 - Avaya & Harriet
Eden & Poppy

Year 3 - Theodore & Emily
Leo & Regan

Year 4 - Kyla & Amelia
Jessica & Sophia

Year 5 - Clara-Rose & Jacob T
Jaxson M & Betty

Year 6T - Lucy & James
Bobby & Violet

Year 6W - Louie & Isabella
Imogen & Joshua

VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Reception - Alvyn & Ellis

Year 1 - Luka & George

Year 2 - Ellis & Harriet B

Year 3 - Daisy & Grace

Year 4 - Hope & Art

Year 5 - Daisy E & Jacob H

Year 6T - Amelia & Annabelle

Year 6W - Joseph & Isabella

READER OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Aria & Freddie

Year 1 - Rory & Dexter

Year 2 - Rahma & Grace

Year 3 - Sophia & Daisy

Year 4 - Isla & Rossco

Year 5 - Indie & Matthew

Year 6 - Gabriella & Faith

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 (Yr4)
Sophia (Yr3)

Isibindi - Louie (Yr2)
Daisy (Yr3)

Reveur - Charlie (Yr6)
Jake B (Yr6)
Harley (Yr6)

Sollevare - Lola (Yr4)
Alfie (Yr3)

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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





HIGHLIGHTS

SPORTING SHOUT OUTS!!!



Another super shout out to some very important Masefield sporting superstars!

Starting with our amazing Key Stage 2 Cross Country teams. A huge congratulations to the Year 3/4 team for coming first in their category - an incredible achievement and a true testament to all the hard work, determination, and team spirit shown by every runner, and an extra special shout-out to Lola & Indie on coming 1st & Lexxa & Toby on coming 3rd in their age ranges! Well done to all the runners who took part in this very challenging event.

Our Year 5 class all took part in Bikeability last week and we are all incredibly proud of the determination that they showed. All of the students who were non riders on Monday, were confidently riding around the playground by the end of the day and the students who progressed to Level 2, were safely riding around the local area. They not only impressed Masefield staff with their exceptional behaviour but also the instructors who came in. Well done Year 5!

A netball competition at St. Josephs High School, saw our Year 6 team achieve two wins and a draw and they showed fabulous team spirit and incredible energy in very hot conditions. Year 6 also competed in a Swimming Gala at Ladybridge High School this week and showed great sportsmanship by championing their teammates in their races.

Last, but definitely not least, is our incredible Panathlon team. As Bolton winners they were invited to the County finals in Oldham where they showed off their exceptional sporting and teamwork skills and came away County Champions!! They will now head to the Regional competition in June, where they will battle it out for the Regional Championship title!

What an incredible achievement!!
Well done to all of our Key Stage 2 students!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Summer 1 Half Term

Tuesday - Year 3&4 Tag Rugby

Wednesday - Year 5&6 Tag Rugby

Thursday - Year 1 BWFC Football Club
Vocal band - Year 3-6

All clubs finish at 4:15pm



EYFS



Lots has been happening over in the EYFS unit over the last couple of weeks.

Nursery had a very special visit from Stopes Farm, who brought some of their animals for the children to learn about and handle. The children loved every minute and were very gentle with the different farm animals that visited.

Reception showed exceptional confidence last week when they performed their first assembly in front of the school and their grown ups. Their assembly linked to their learning on animals and the children confidently talked about what the different animals eat and where they live.

They also proudly showed off their tiger pictures that they have created in their art lessons where they have been learning about the artist Henri Rousseau.



RE

RE has really taken a forefront in learning in Key Stage 1 and 2 this week.

The children in Year 1 walked up to St Matthews church on Tuesday where they met Father Robert to explore the church. Father Robert discussed the different Christian features and their importance and the children asked insightful questions about what they were learning. In KS2, Year 3 had a visit from Mandy from Whitefield Shul, who came in to speak to them about Judaism and the Synagogue. They showed incredible respect and interest in the different aspects of the Jewish faith & in particular enjoyed learning about Shabbat & different Jewish festivals.

Our Key Stage 1 and 2 classes have the chance to visit different religious buildings over their time at Masefield and in the coming weeks, Year 5 will be visiting the Zakariyya Jaam'e Masjid Mosque to link to their learning on Islam and Year 4 will be visiting the Shree Swaminarayan Mandir to compliment their learning on the Hindu faith.





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 and can share that we are progressing well and have now been awarded the Bronze Unicef award!



This means we are embedding our learning on 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

Article 12 – Respect for children's views

What is one decision you would like adults to listen to you more about, and why is your opinion important?



THE BASE



ICE POPS - 2 for 50p!!!

Yogurt tubes for 20p!!!

Hot drinks - £1 each!

All other items are priced at 50p each.

The BASE is open most 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 -18 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 - 95.6%
- Year 1 - 97.8%
- Year 2 - 97.2%
- Year 3 - 91.4%
- Year 4 - 98.3%
- Year 5 - 96.2%
- Year 6T - 98.8%
- Year 6W - 97.4%

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:

96.4%

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

96.4%

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.

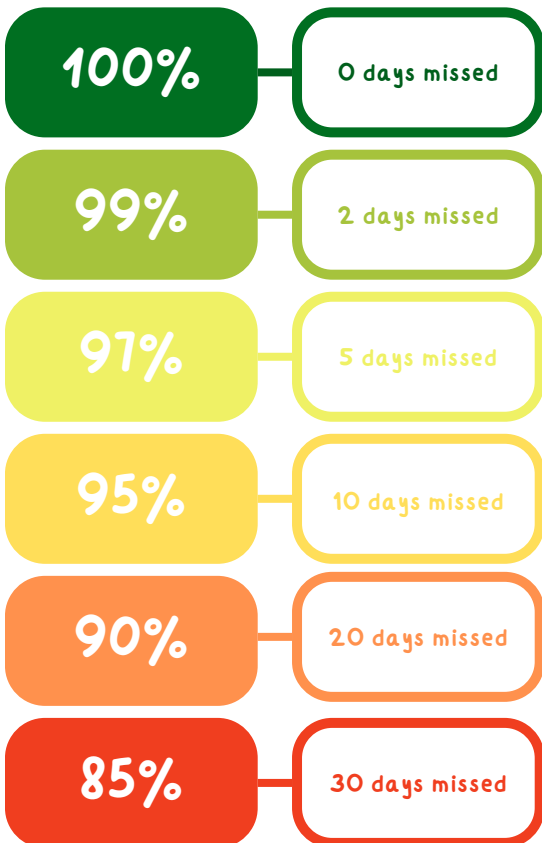
If there are concerns about how much time your child is missing, proof of medical appointments will be required.

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.

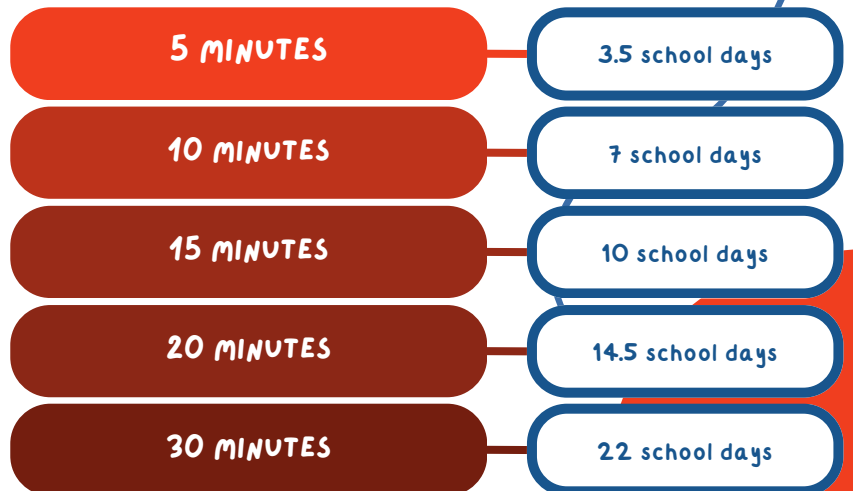
Make each day count!



Being on time really matters

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

You would lose approximately...





TOP TIPS

FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD

ONLINE SAFETY



This week's free online safety guide, provided by the National College, focuses on fake online identities.

When children play games or use apps online, they may chat with people they believe are other children. However, it's important to remember that people online are not always who they say they are. Some individuals may pretend to be younger in order to gain a child's trust. This can happen through games, messaging apps or social platforms that include chat features.

What parents can do:

Remind your child that they should only communicate online with people they know in real life. Encourage them never to share personal information such as their age, school, address or photos. Talk openly about the importance of telling a trusted adult if someone online asks strange questions, wants to move chats onto another app, or makes them feel uncomfortable. Regularly checking privacy settings and supervising online activity can also help keep children safe.

SAFEGUARDING



Helping Children Identify Trusted Adults

One of the most important parts of safeguarding is helping children know who they can turn to when they need help or feel worried. Families can support this by:

- Creating a trusted adult network – encourage children to identify several adults they can talk to, both at home and at school.
- Practising conversations – remind children that they can speak up about anything, even if it feels embarrassing or difficult.
- Listening without judgement – children are more likely to share concerns if they know they will be listened to calmly and taken seriously.
- Checking in regularly – simple daily conversations can help children feel safe, supported and connected.

For more advice about talking to children and building confidence, parents can visit the NSPCC 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/parentsandcars/?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>

SUSTAINABILITY



Reuse Everyday Containers

Before throwing away jars, tubs, or boxes, think about how they could be reused around the home. Glass jars can store snacks or craft supplies, while sturdy containers are perfect for organising small toys or leftovers. Reusing what you already have reduces waste and encourages children to see everyday items in a more creative way.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

11th - 14th - Year 6 SATs

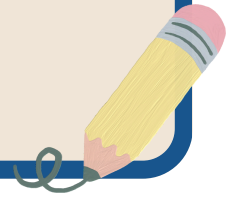
15th - Year 1 trip to Brockholes

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

20th - Knowledge Day - 2:50pm

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

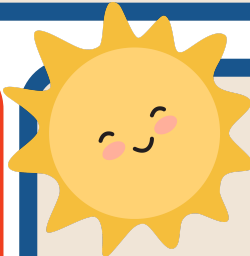
24th - Nursery Sports Day - 2pm

24th - Reception Sports Day - 2:30pm

24th - Class photographs

26th - Macmillan Events and Bake Off

30th - Year 4 trip to Hindu Mandir



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

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

Kings
COMMUNITY

FUNDRAISING CONCERT

THE EDEN SINGERS

A LIVE TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES

Taking you back to the 60's to
hear some of their greatest
hits!

Plus... a little bit of country for a
foot-stomping, hand-clapping
kinda show!

All proceeds go
towards Listening
Sessions for local young
people.

Friday 12th June 2026. 7:30pm
Kings Church, Market Street,
Little Lever, Bolton, BL3 1HN

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valued, and supported.

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