



MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

10TH APRIL 2025



As we approach the Easter break, it's been fantastic to see the continued commitment and enthusiasm from both children and staff. With longer days and brighter weather, Masefield has been buzzing with energy and activity this week.

We've had a wonderfully busy end to the term, packed with highlights such as Knowledge Day, parent conferences, Easter Bingo, and our music showcase. It's been a real joy to share these moments with you — all of our pupils have been a credit to both the school and their families.

A particular highlight this week was welcoming a group of educators from America. They spent the day observing lessons, chatting with our children, and even experiencing our brilliant playtimes first-hand! Their feedback was incredibly positive, and we're so proud of how confidently and warmly the children represented our school.

We're also excited to let you know that we've moved our social media presence to Facebook. Be sure to follow us, like our posts, and leave a comment — it's a great way to see daily snapshots of the fantastic learning happening across the school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

MESSAGE FROM

MR DONE



HIGHLIGHTS

LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Dexter & Charlotte
Theo & Rory

Year 1 - Bonnie

Year 2 - Finley & Regan
Daisy & Eddie

Year 3 - Penny & Isla
Amelia & Lexi

Year 4 - Asrafle, Ellie & Jacob H

Year 5I - Lucy & Rosie
Violet & Lucas

Year 5R - Joseph J & Gabriella
Louie & Kayden

Year 6 - Sophie & Marley

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

Knowledge Day

Last week, Masefield opened up its classrooms to parents for our Spring term knowledge day. With the weather being so beautiful, Year 4 parents were invited to grab a drink from our Base tuck shop whilst enjoying the sandwiches that the class had made during their DT session in the morning.

Over in forest school, Year 2 parents enjoyed making hedgehog homes out of all the natural resources that could be found in the area.



VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Reception - Harry & Freddie

Year 1 - Noah

Year 2 - Emily & Joshua

Year 3 - Jacob & Isla

Year 4 - Oliver M & Daisy E

Year 5I - James & Amelia H

Year 5R - Zachary & Imogen

Year 6 - Emily

READER OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Xander & Billie

Year 1 - Aliza-Mae & Freya

Year 2 - Theodore & Olivia
Grace

Year 3 - Alvie & Olivia

Year 4 - Ava-Grace & Jessica

Year 5 - Zachary & Fraser

Year 6 - Charlie

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

Spring Fun

Students at Masefield have enjoyed lots of spring activities over the last few days, culminating in two sold out Easter Bingo sessions last night. Thank you for all the support & donations in these events, as they really were a big success.

Over in Year 1, 4 spring chicks have hatched and are growing well. The children have been busy giving their name suggestions in to Mrs Walton and we will soon be officially naming them.

We look forward to watching them grow over the next few weeks.

Reception enjoyed a very sunny trip to Smithills Farm last week where they got to feed lots of animals, ride a donkey and go on a tractor ride up to the top field. They also watched the cows being milked and were able to hold chicks and rabbits. Well done Reception!

MUSIC SHOWCASE

On Thursday, students, parents and Masefield staff were all invited to enjoy a morning of music in the sun. Each class, including Nursery, sang a song or played their instruments and really showcased the musical talent that we have here at Masefield. Thank you to Jo and Alpha Music, and to the staff and parents for their support.



THE BASE

The Base is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school and is well stocked up with afterschool treats. Our School Council have been working hard on this project and we hope that you all enjoy this new community space run by our pupils.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday - Year 5 Rounders Club
Tuesday - Year 4 Rounders Club
Tuesday - Year 6 Maths booster
Thursday - Year 3 Football
Thursday - Year 3-6 Vocal Band

All of these clubs run until 4:15pm.





ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception - 97%
Year 1 - 96%
Year 2 - 96%
Year 3 - 96%
Year 4 - 98%
Year 5I - 93%
Year 5R - 91%
Year 6 - 95%



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:

95.5%

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 'Trolling and Online Abuse'. Trolling is a form of 'cyber-aggression'. It involves the sending of malicious, abusive or derogatory messages by one user (a 'troll') to another user online with the intention of upsetting or harassing them or damaging their reputation. It is often anonymous and does not meet the definition of bullying yet might develop into online bullying.

If you are a victim of 'trolling' NOS advocate: Reporting the incident to the platform, collecting as much evidence as possible and seeking professional advice.

SAFEGUARDING



Social Media

Recently, there has been media discussion about the new Netflix drama Adolescence, which explores the 'incel' movement (involuntary celibacy). Incels believe they cannot form relationships due to factors like appearance or societal structures. Some online forums promote this ideology and even encourage violence against women. It's important to monitor the content children access and have open conversations about their online activity. Staying informed helps keep them safe.

For more guidance, visit <https://www.educateagainsthate.com/>

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



Become A Borrower

Renting and borrowing items instead of buying them can reduce the amount of personal items that end up in the landfill.

With increasing numbers of toy libraries, tool libraries, and online clothing rental services, this is easier than ever.



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.



**27 APRIL
2025**

Miss Tyrer and Mrs Walton are running the 2025 Manchester Marathon!

We are running the adidas Manchester Marathon in aid of the Royal Bolton Hospital to show our gratitude and support for the care the hospital has provided to our families and our wider community. We hope to raise vital funds that will help the hospital continue its important work, ensuring that future patients receive the best possible treatment and care.

In support of

**our
Bolton
NHS charity**

**Donations are greatly
appreciated! Click the button
below if you would like to
donate.**

DONATE ❤️



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

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

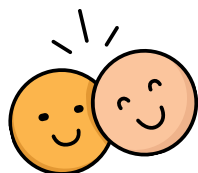
I would like to thank Miss Illingworth and all of the amazing staff at Masefield who have helped Jenson with the progress he has made up to now. As you know he struggled alot with his reading and writing, but he is now engaging in his lessons and I do not think he could have done it without of your patience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



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

TAP to THANK

