



MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

12TH FEBRUARY 2026



As we reach the final week of term, it is a perfect time to reflect on what has been another busy, successful, and inspiring few weeks at Masefield Primary School. The atmosphere around school continues to be incredibly positive, with our children showing enthusiasm, confidence, and a genuine love of learning in everything they do.

This week, we are excited to share that our second Masefield podcast has now been recorded. Information on how to access the podcast has been sent out via the school app, and it has been wonderful to see pupil voice continue to grow through this exciting new platform. We are immensely proud of our Year 6 Scholars, who recently graduated at the University of Manchester. This was a truly special moment and a powerful experience for our pupils, celebrating their hard work, ambition, and achievements.

Our sporting successes have continued, with pupils from Years 5 and 6 representing the school at a gymnastics competition at Beth Tweddle Gymnastics. They showed fantastic teamwork, resilience, and determination, and we would like to congratulate all the pupils who took part. Last week, we also celebrated Book Week, a real highlight across school. It was wonderful to see children immersed in reading through a range of exciting activities linked to the government's 'Go All In!' reading initiative. From shared stories to creative tasks, the enthusiasm for reading was clear in every classroom. Building on this, classes have now begun visiting the library, further encouraging a love of books and reading for pleasure.



As we come to the end of term, I would like to thank you for your continued support. We wish all our families a restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the next half term, ready for more exciting learning opportunities.

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 & Alvyn

Year 1 - Charlotte & Harry
Mohammed & Emilia

Year 2 - Stan, Rahma & Ellis

Year 3 - Lola, Alfie B & Ayda

Year 4 - Lexi, Caleb & Olivia

Year 5 - Betty & Jacob
Lennox & Lucas

Year 6T - Fraser & Amelia

Year 6W - Louie, Harley & Jake

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

EYFS

On Monday morning, EYFS were delighted to welcome some very special visitors as part of our Real Superheroes topic. The children had the exciting opportunity to explore how a fire hose works and were thrilled by the flashing lights and sirens on the fire engine. The firefighters explained all about their important job, and the children asked lots of interesting questions. It was a memorable and inspiring experience for everyone!

The nursery children have also been developing their fine motor skills by threading hoops to create bird feeders. We have been talking about how, during the winter, the ground becomes hard and frozen, making it difficult for birds to find worms and other food. The children enjoyed learning how we can help look after the birds by providing food for them.



VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Reception - Sebastian

Year 1 - River & Roman

Year 2 - Naif & Angelica

Year 3 - Oliver & Layla

Year 4 - Albie & Lexi

Year 5 - Daisy & Indie

Year 6T - James

Year 6W - Zachary

READER OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Fern & Jaxson
James

Year 1 - Zoe & Jessa

Year 2 - Aliza-Mae & Elliott

Year 3 - Ria & Jenny

Year 4 - Isla

Year 5 - Oliver & Freddie

Year 6 - Joshua & Jenson

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 - Jack (2) &
Jacob (5)

Isibindi - Faith (6) & Alvie
(4)

Reveur - Noah (5) & Penny
(4)

Sollevare - Lotus (3) &
Toby (4)

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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





HIGHLIGHTS

READING



There has been a real reading buzz going around Masefield over the last 2 weeks, with lots of activities associated with reading happening. Not only was the Book Fair a massive success, with many titles selling out, but Year 4 and 6 have visited Little Lever Library where they were able to browse the shelves, explore different authors and all choose a book to bring back to school. The walk there and back was a great opportunity to enjoy the community, and the excitement really built as they made their selections. When they returned to school, the children in both classes were eager to get stuck into their new reads straight away - a fantastic sight to see such enthusiasm for reading!

Year 4 have also been busy celebrating National Reading Week with Julia Donaldson-inspired poems, creative writing and drawings that bring words to life

KNOWLEDGE DAY



Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our recent knowledge day. The students in Reception loved creating ladybirds with their grown ups, whilst in Year 6 the parents enjoyed taking part in a quiz on the Vikings, linking to their history topic. In Year 5 the students worked in groups to create presentations on their History and RE topics and in KS1 the students enjoyed sharing all their learning with their grown ups.



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



A big shout out to our Year 5 & 6 Masefield Gymnastics and Athletics teams who have taken part in local tournaments over the last week. A special mention to Lana who won Bronze for her advance 2 routine, at the Beth Tweddle Gymnastics tournament.

At this weeks Indoor Athletics at Smithills School, our Year 5 & 6 team took part in lots of different individual and team events such as obstacles races, triple jump, ball push and javelin. In all of these sporting tournaments, the students proudly represented Masefield and put 100% effort in to every event. Well done Masefield.





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

Article 12 The Right to be Heard.

What could adults do to help children's voices be heard?



THE BASE



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

All other items are priced at 50p each.

After half term, hot drinks will also be able to be purchased from the BASE, 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 -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 - 96.3%
- Year 1 - 97.5%
- Year 2 - 95.8%
- Year 3 - 97.8%
- Year 4 - 96.1%
- Year 5 - 96.9%
- Year 6T - 95.5%
- Year 6W - 96.9%

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:

96.7%

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 loot boxes and in-game purchases.

Many games popular with primary-aged children include in-game purchases such as coins, skins, characters or "loot boxes". Loot boxes are virtual items that can be bought with real money but contain random rewards, meaning children don't know what they will receive. This can encourage repeated spending and make it difficult for children to understand the real cost involved.

What parents can do:

Check whether games your child plays include in-game purchases and use parental controls to block or limit spending. Make sure payment details are protected with passwords and talk to your child about the difference between virtual rewards and real money. Agree clear rules about spending and encourage children to ask permission before buying anything in a game.

SAFEGUARDING



Keeping Children Safe When Using Technology at Home

Technology is a big part of children's everyday lives, but clear boundaries and open conversations help keep them safe. Helpful reminders for families include:

- Shared spaces – encourage children to use devices in family areas rather than bedrooms, where possible.
- Time limits – agree screen-time rules together and balance online activities with play, reading and rest.
- Talk regularly – ask your child what they enjoy doing online and who they talk to, and remind them they can tell you if anything worries them.
- Use parental controls – make use of filters and controls on devices and apps to support safe use.

For further guidance, parents may find the UK Safer Internet Centre website helpful.

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 Water Every Day

Small changes at home can save a surprising amount of water. Encourage children to turn off the tap while brushing their teeth, take shorter showers, and only run the washing machine or dishwasher when they're full. These simple habits help protect an important natural resource and can also reduce household bills.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

23rd Feb - 6th March
Year 5
Swimming lessons

24th - Online Safety Parent Workshop - 3.30pm



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

13th - Comic Relief

16th - Year 4 BSICT visit

17th - Year 3 BSICT visit

18th - Year 2 BSICT visit

18th - Year 1 Assembly - 2.45pm

WC 23rd - Parent conference

24th - Year 6 BSICT visit

25th - Knowledge Day - 3:30pm

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

22nd - Year 2 trip to Smithills Hall



JUNE



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