MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

12TH NOVEMBER 2026

MESSAGE FROM MR DONE

What a fantastic start we have had to the second half of the Autumn term! We are now two weeks in and there is already a wonderful buzz around Masefield. Our children have returned from the half-term break full of enthusiasm, quickly settling back into their routines and demonstrating the positive attitudes to learning that make our school such a special place. As I walk around school each day, it continues to be a genuine pleasure to see the incredible learning taking place across every classroom. Children are developing their knowledge, asking thoughtful questions, challenging themselves and growing in confidence. Those wonderful 'lightbulb moments', when children make connections and suddenly understand something new, are happening every day. It is fantastic to see the progress our pupils are making, both academically and personally, as we continue our journey of excellence together.

The past fortnight has certainly been busy, with a huge range of opportunities and experiences for our children. We were delighted to welcome our school governors into Masefield to monitor our provision, with a particular focus on inclusion. This was an important opportunity to showcase the work taking place across school to ensure every child feels valued, supported and able to succeed. Inclusion is at the heart of everything we do at Masefield, and we are incredibly proud of the inclusive culture we continue to develop, where every child is given the opportunity to thrive.

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils have also enjoyed taking part in the TriKidz Triathlon Challenge. This fantastic fitness experience encouraged children to challenge themselves physically while demonstrating resilience, teamwork and determination. It was wonderful to see pupils encouraging one another, giving their best and celebrating their achievements together.

We have also launched our very first BASE Academy Trust sporting events, hosted here at Masefield! These events will take place every Wednesday after school, bringing children from across our Trust together to compete, collaborate and build friendships. Our first two weeks have focused on Boccia, a fantastic inclusive sport that develops accuracy, strategy and teamwork. It has been brilliant to see children enjoying these opportunities and representing their schools with such pride.

Beyond the classroom, Year 2 and Year 5 have visited Bolton SICT to further develop their computing knowledge and skills. Working alongside computing specialists, the children have been able to deepen their understanding and apply their classroom learning in an exciting environment. Experiences like these are incredibly valuable in bringing our knowledge-rich curriculum to life and helping pupils see how their learning connects to the wider world.

Another significant highlight was hosting a North West EdTech Hub event, welcoming headteachers and academy trust leaders from across the country to Masefield. We were particularly honoured to welcome Sir Kevan Collins, Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for Education. The event provided an opportunity to explore how technology, when used effectively, can enhance teaching, support learning and improve outcomes for children. It was a privilege to showcase our approach at Masefield and contribute to important conversations about the future of education. As always, our children made us immensely proud, demonstrating their confidence, enthusiasm and excellent attitudes to learning.

This week, we also held our Parent Conferences. Thank you to everyone who attended and took the time to meet with their child's teacher. We hope you found these conversations valuable in understanding how your child is progressing, celebrating their achievements and identifying the next steps in their learning. The partnership between home and school is incredibly important, and working together gives our children the very best opportunities to succeed.

Finally, we are delighted that a group of our Year 6 pupils have begun their Scholars Programme, working alongside a PhD tutor to experience university-style learning. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their critical thinking, research skills and academic confidence while exploring challenging new ideas. We are excited to follow their progress as they work towards completing their assignments and experience what it means to be a university scholar.

When I reflect on everything that has happened in just two weeks, it really does highlight the breadth of opportunities available to our children at Masefield. From sporting challenges and educational visits to academic enrichment and leadership opportunities, we remain committed to ensuring that every child experiences an education that is ambitious, inclusive and full of possibilities.

As we move further into November and towards the excitement of the festive season, there is so much more to look forward to. Thank you, as always, for your continued support, encouragement and partnership.

Together, we continue to create a school where every child can Believe, Achieve and Succeed.

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.





HIGHLIGHTS

LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Sienna L & Madison F

Year 1 - Freddie R & Evelyn H-B

Year 2 - Alfie C & Jack B

Year 3 - Gracie F & Rahma UA

Year 4 - Grace H & Sophia B

Year 5 - Isla J & Hope T

Year 6 - Nkateko M & Ava Grace M

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

Remembrance

Over the past two weeks, Remembrance has taken an important role in the learning throughout the school . From creating beautiful poppy artwork to taking part in discussions relating to the improtance of remembering these important events and reflecting on the courange and sacrifices of others, each class has marked this occasion in their own way.
On Wednesday, the school came together to take a moment to pause, reflect and remember those who gave their lives during the two World Wars and other more recent conflicts.
Thank you aswell to all the parents and students who came to the service at the Cenotaph in Little Lever on Sunday. Through out all the activities, our students have shown greate respect and understanding and we are incredibly proud of them.





VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Reception - Hugo P

Year 1 - Maya R

Year 2 - Esme J

Year 3 - Harriet B

Year 5 - Harper I

Year 6 - Lottie R-G

READERS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Jaxon H

Year 1 - Eddie P

Year 2 - Pearla A

Year 3 - Grace L

Year 4 - Chloe L

Year 5 - Jessica B

Year 6 - Clara-Rose P

Class Readers of the week: Year 5

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 - Sophia B (Yr4)

Isibindi - Aoife H (Yr4)

Reveur - Grace H (Yr4)

Sollevare - Albie G (Yr4)

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

HIGHLIGHTS

SPORTING SUCCESS

This half term has seen the start of our BASE Academy Trust/ Thrive Through Physical Education sports tournaments. Over the last two weeks, we have welcomed 36 children from Masefield Primary School, Johnson Fold and Red Lane for our Boccia Festival!

The sessions started with some fun, boccia challenges, where children tested their accuracy by aiming for hoops and knocking down skittles, before finishing with games of traditional boccia!

It was fantastic to see so many smiles, encouragement, and children enjoying the opportunity to represent their schools.

Over the coming two weeks, its the turn of soft archery and two more events will be hosted at Masefield for the three schools within the Trust.

A huge thank you to all three schools, the staff who supported the children and BASE Academy Trust for their continued support.

Every child involved should be incredibly proud of themselves!

BOLTON SCHOOLS ICT

Over this half term, our Year 1 - 5 classes will all be travelling to Bolton Schools ICT to develop their learning and understanding of different ICT applications.

Year 5 had a fantastic time last week learning about programming and were able to use the Kodu application to make their own computer games. They showed fantastic teamwork and resilience during this session and couldn't wait to bring their learning back to class.



SCHOOL CLUBS

Tuesday - Year 2 Multi-Sports (Miss Jones)

Wednesday - BASE/TTPE Tournaments (students will be notified if they are taking part)

Thursday - Year 3&4 Boys Football (BWFC)

Clubs finish at 4:15pm/ Tournaments at 4:30pm

Vocal Band

Thursday - 8:20am - 8:50am

HOLIDAY CLUBS

Masefield Holiday Club was another huge success over the half term holiday! The students were able to experience a range of activities from axe throwing, karaoke and obstacle course races to mask making and chalk drawing outside. The children had a fantastic time making new friends and learning new skills.

Miss Jones also hosted a Thrive Through Physical Education sports camp where the children were able to experience a range of different sports both inside and outside and develop new skills.

Thank you to all the staff for putting on these clubs, and we will keep you updated on future holiday clubs throughout the year.









ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

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:

95.3%

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

96.4%

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

- Reception - 99.5%
- Year 1 - 95.9%
- Year 2 - 93.2%
- Year 3 - 95.5%
- Year 4 - 91.8%
- Year 5 - 95.6%
- Year 6 - 96%

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

13th - Children in Need (date change)
16th - Year 5 trip to Bolton Museum
16th Year 4 History Alive Workshop
17th - Reception & KS1 Maths workshop
17th - Year 4 trip to BSICT
18th - Year 5 Assembly - 2:45pm
18th - KS2 Maths workshop
19th - Year 3 trip to BSICT
20th - Year 1 trip to BSICT

DECEMBER



1st - Online safety workshop (all years)
4th - DRUMH workshop
4th - Year 6 trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelter
4th - Non-Uniform (Bottle donations)
7th - Vocal Band concert at BWFC
7th - Nursery Christmas Crafts session - 2pm
9th - Knowledge Day/ Stay & Play - 2:50pm
10th - Non-Uniform (Chocolate Donations)
10th - Christmas Fair
14th – Christmas dinner and Reindeer Run
14th - Christmas Jumper Day
15th – EYFS Nativity – 2.00pm
15th – KS1 play - 3:30pm
16th – KS1 play - 2.00pm
17th - Bolton Pantomime (morning)
17th – KS2 Carol Concert at St Matthews Church – 2pm
18th - School closes at 1:30pm

JANUARY

11th - Year 2 trip to Staircase House
20th - Year 3 Assembly - 2:45pm

FEBRUARY

3rd - Knowledge Day/ Stay & Play 2:50pm
10th - Year 2 Assembly - 2.45pm
22nd - 5th March
Year 5 swimming lessons - Farnworth

BOOK FAIR - DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

MARCH

1st - 5th March
Year 5 swimming lessons - Farnworth
4th - World Book Day (Dress as a book character)
10th - Year 1 Assembly - 2:45pm
15th - Year 6 trip to BSICT
WC 15th - Parent conferences
17th - Knowledge Day/ Stay & Play - 2:50pm
18th - Little Barn Mobile Farm visiting Nursery
19th - Comic Relief
22nd - Reception visit to Smithills Open Farm
23rd - Year 5 trip to RHS Bridgewater
24th - Non-uniform day (Easter egg donation)
24th - Easter Bingo 3:30pm & 5pm
25th - Music showcase - 9am

APRIL

9th - Aspirations and Individuality Day (Dress as something you'd like to be when you are older or something that makes you unique)

19th-20th - Year 5 Bikeability

28th - Reception Assembly - 2.45pm

MAY

4th - Class and Year 6 individual photos

6th - Year 1 History Alive workshop
10th- 13th - Year 6 SATs
14th - Year 1 trip to Brockholes
17th - Year 2 History Alive workshop
17th - Year 4 trip to Chester
18th - Year 3 History Alive workshop
19th - Knowledge Day/Stay & Play - 2:50pm
20th - Year 6 trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach
21st - RockKidz

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

JUNE

8th - 9th - Year 5 trip to London
11th -13th - Year 6 PGL
18th - Macmillan Day and Bake Off

22nd SPORTS DAY

KS1 - 9:15am
Nursery - 10:30am
Reception - 11am
KS2 - 1:30pm

25th - Non-uniform (coloured hamper donation)

JULY

1st - Non-uniform (bottle in a bag donation)
1st - Summer Fair
2nd - Year 3 trip to Eureka
9th - Year 4 trip to Hollingworth Lake
13th - Year 6 Production - 3.30pm
14th - Year 6 Production - 5.00pm
15th - Music Showcase - 9.00am
15th - Curious Critters visiting Nursery
19th - Meet The Teacher -3.30pm and 4.00pm
WC 19th - Optional parent conferences
20th - Transition Day
22nd - Nursery Graduation - 9.00am
22nd - Presentation Evening (invite only) - 6.00pm
23rd - Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 9.00am
23rd - School closes at 1.30pm

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!

UNICEF UK RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS 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 2 - No discrimination

Should every child be treated fairly, even if they look different, speak a different language or have a disability?

THE BASE

BASE is now open for business on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays after school!







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





MASEFIELD MINDS



Big questions.
Brilliant conversations.

Think it.
Talk it.
Explain it.

At Masefield, we want every child to become a Confident Communicator. Masefield Minds gives families a chance to stop, talk and explore some big (and sometimes unusual!) questions together.
Remember, there isn't always a right answer. What matters is being able to share your ideas, explain your reasons and listen to what somebody else thinks.



TALK TOGETHER

🐣Early Years

If you could make it rain anything instead of water, what would you choose?

🌈Key Stage 1

Would you rather have a robot that did all your tidying or a magic pencil that could draw anything and make it real? Why?

🌍Lower Key Stage 2

Would the world be a better or worse place if nobody could tell a lie? Why?

🚀Upper Key Stage 2

If you could know the answer to one question about the future, what would you ask? Would knowing the answer always be a good thing?

This fortnight, encourage children to go beyond their first answer. Try asking: "What makes you think that?", "What might someone else say?" and "Is there anything that could change your mind?"

Great conversations aren't about everyone agreeing. They're about being curious, listening carefully and explaining your thinking.

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LET'S TALK

SAFETY PRACTICES AT MASEFIELD

At school, the safety and wellbeing of all children is always our highest priority.
Throughout the year, we regularly practise both evacuation and invacuation procedures so that children and staff know exactly what to do in different situations



WHAT IS AN EVACUATION?

An evacuation is when everyone leaves the building safely and calmly, for example in the unlikely event of a fire alarm.

WHAT IS AN INVACUATION?

An invacuation is the opposite of an evacuation– it means children and staff move inside the building and remain indoors safely if there is ever a concern outside the school grounds.

These procedures are practised in a calm, age-appropriate way so that children feel confident and reassured.

Staff carefully guide pupils through each practice, helping them understand the importance of listening, staying calm and following instructions.

By rehearsing these routines regularly, we can ensure that everyone is prepared and able to respond quickly and safely should the need ever arise.



TOP TIPS

FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD

ONLINE SAFETY



Online Safety Tip – YouTube and Family Vlogging

This week's online safety guide focuses on family vlogging and YouTube influencers. Many primary-aged children enjoy watching YouTubers and family vloggers who share videos about their daily lives, challenges, toys and adventures. While much of this content is entertaining, children may not always recognise when videos contain paid promotions, unrealistic lifestyles or carefully staged situations. Some influencers also encourage viewers to purchase products, subscribe to channels or take part in online challenges.

What parents can do:
Take an interest in the YouTubers your child watches and discuss the difference between real life and content created for entertainment. Explain that influencers may be paid to promote products and that not everything shown online is genuine. Encourage children to question what they see and remind them that they do not need to buy products or copy online trends to fit in. Watching videos together occasionally can provide valuable opportunities for conversations about advertising, online influence and making sensible choices.

SAFEGUARDING



Keeping Children Safe During Darker Evenings

As the evenings become darker, it is important to remind children about staying safe when walking home, playing outside or visiting friends. Reduced visibility can make it harder for drivers to see pedestrians, particularly during busy times.

Here are some simple safety reminders for families:

- Be bright, be seen – encourage children to wear bright or reflective clothing, especially when walking near roads.
- Use safe crossings – remind children to use pedestrian crossings wherever possible and always stop, look and listen before crossing.
- Plan ahead – ensure children know their route home and agree a time to return before it gets too dark.
- Stay together – younger children should be accompanied by a responsible adult, particularly near busy roads.
- Avoid distractions – remind children to put phones away and remove headphones when crossing roads.

For further advice, families can visit the Brake website, which provides helpful resources on keeping children safe near roads.

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



Keep Warm Without Wasting Energy

As the colder weather arrives, small changes can help keep your home cosy while reducing energy use. Try closing curtains when it gets dark, keeping radiators clear of furniture and using draught excluders to stop cold air coming through gaps. Encourage children to put on an extra layer before turning up the heating. These simple habits can help lower energy bills while protecting the environment.

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 in class.

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UPDATED FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY



Do you receive Universal Credit?

Did you know that from September 2026, families in receipt of Universal Credit will be able to claim for free school meals for their children?

To make this process easier, Masefield can do this on your behalf.

If you think that you are eligible, please complete a form from the school office or apply online through our Online Free School Meal checker at;

https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims

More information on the changes can be found at;

https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/06/expanding-free-school-meals-what-parents-need-to-know/

Bolton Council


Cheeky Champs
SPORTS PARTIES
FOOTBALL & GLOW DODGEBALL PARTIES FOR KIDS!
GLOW DODGEBALL PARTIES
SUITABLE FOR AGES 5-13 YEARS
UV LIGHTS & GLOW DODGEBALL
FLUORESCENT BIBS
UV FACE PAINTS
GAMES, PRIZES & MEDALS (EXTRA 20 FOR 15)
NON-STOP FUN!
PARTY PACKAGES (MAX 15 CHILDREN)
60 MINUTES £180
90 MINUTES £230
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60 MINUTES £150
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FREE
PARENT, BABY & TODDLER CLUB
A new look club with the same warm welcome
Little FISHES
PLAY • LEARN • GROW • TOGETHER
Hosted in KING'S CHURCH LITTLE LEVER
EVERY MONDAY in Term time 1 - 3PM
LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES FOR YOU AND YOUR LITTLE ONE!
NEW BABY ZONE
A calm space to relax, connect and meet others
MESSY PLAY
Explore, create and have fun!
ROLE PLAY
Little worlds, big imaginations
EARLY LEARNING ACTIVITIES
Hands-on learning through play
DANCE SESSION
Move, groove and have fun together!
NURSERY RHYME TIME
Songs, rhymes and stories we all love
EARLY LEARNING GOAL ADVISE
Friendly advice and support for your child's next steps
ALL PARENTS, CARERS, BABIES AND TODDLERS WELCOME!
A friendly, safe and welcoming space to play, learn and make lasting memories together.
COME ALONG... WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!
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