



# MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

15TH JANUARY 2026



Welcome back and happy New Year! It has been a pleasure to welcome our children back to school following the Christmas break. They have settled quickly into their routines, and it has been wonderful to see how confidently and positively they have returned to their learning. Classrooms are already full of focus, enthusiasm, and that familiar Masefield buzz as we begin our journey together in 2026.

This term offers an exciting opportunity to build on the strong foundations already in place. Our pupils continue to show curiosity, resilience, and a genuine love of learning, and we are very much looking forward to seeing how they grow and develop over the coming weeks and months. On Friday, we are excited to hold our second Spirit Day of the year. This is a fantastic chance for children to work together in their house teams, strengthening friendships, teamwork, and our strong sense of school community. Spirit Days are always a highlight, and we know the children will embrace the opportunity with enthusiasm and pride.

I am also delighted to welcome Lauren Whittle to the Masefield team. Lauren has joined us as a Teaching Assistant in Reception, and we are thrilled to have her supporting our youngest pupils as they begin their learning journey.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to an exciting and successful start to 2026 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!

Reception - Aria & Lincoln

Year 1 - Penny & Theo

Year 3 - Holly & Hallie

Year 4 - Sammy & Miller

Year 5 - Noah & Freddie

Year 6T - Lucas & James

Year 6W - Leo & Imogen

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

### Year 2

On Friday, Year 2 visited Staircase House in Stockport to help them bring their history topic on the Great Fire of London to life.

The class explored the 15<sup>th</sup> century house and dressed up in clothing and as people from the time of the fire. They travelled through the different rooms of the house, where they retold the events from the viewpoint of Samuel Pepys, King Charles II and the people of London. In the afternoon, they took part in workshops where they created fire marks and learnt how houses were constructed with wattle and daub and had a go at creating their own walls.

The class enjoyed every minute and were excited to continue their learning back at school.



## VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Reception - Bobby

Year 1 - Harry

Year 3 - Joshua

Year 4 - Olivia

Year 5 - Nkateko

Year 6T - Lucy

Year 6W - Joshua



## READER OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Eddie

Year 1 - Zoe

Year 3 - Layla

Year 4 - Jack

Year 5 - Daisy E

Year 6 - 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 - Caleb

Isibindi - Freddie G

Reveur - Grace H

Sollevare - Lana



## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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





# HIGHLIGHTS

## PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

Please can we remind parents not to park or drop off/pick up on the school site unless they have permission from Mr Done. We have had staff unable to park in a morning due to parents parking in staff spaces or blocking areas and also unable to leave at the end of the day. The site is very congested and we understand that the surrounding roads can also be busy, but unfortunately we do not have the space to allow parents to drive and park on site. Many thanks for your support in this.

## YEAR 1

Year 1 have been busy working on their English skills this week. They visited the school library where they took part in a drop everything and read session and have also been working really hard on their handwriting.

Well done Year 1!



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

### Spring 1 half term

Tuesday - Year 3&4 Gymnastics.

Wednesday - Year 2 Gymnastics.

Thursday - Year 5&6 BWFC  
Vocal band - Year 3-6

All clubs finish at 4:15pm

## SHOUT OUTS

A huge well done to our new nursery children who we welcomed after the Christmas break. They have settled in well and have been enjoying playing in the snow and all the other indoor and outdoor activities within the nursery provision.  
Well done Nursery.





# ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception - 99%

Year 1 - 94.5%

Year 2 - 96.8%

Year 3 - 97.8%

Year 4 - 97.5%

Year 5 - 97.1%

Year 6T - 95%

Year 6W - 91.4%

## 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!

**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 Minecraft.

Minecraft is a creative sandbox game that allows players to build, explore and survive in virtual worlds. It can be played alone or with others online. While Minecraft encourages creativity and problem-solving, online play can introduce risks such as chatting with strangers, exposure to inappropriate language, and unmoderated servers where rules and safety standards may vary. Some versions also allow players to download add-ons or mods, which may not always be suitable for children.

#### What parents can do:

Check which version of Minecraft your child is using and whether they are playing online or offline. Use privacy and communication settings to limit who can contact them, and encourage play on trusted, moderated servers only. Talk to your child about never sharing personal information and remind them to tell a trusted adult if something they see or hear in the game makes them feel worried or uncomfortable.

### SAFEGUARDING



#### Fire Safety at Home

Fire safety is an important topic for all families, and simple conversations at home can help children know what to do in an emergency.

Key messages to share include:

- Smoke alarms – check that smoke alarms are fitted on every level of the home and test them regularly together.
- Plan an escape – practise a simple fire escape plan so children know the quickest way out and where to meet safely outside.
- Stop, Drop and Roll – teach children what to do if their clothes catch fire.
- Never hide – remind children that if there is a fire, they should get out quickly and never hide under beds or in cupboards.

For further advice, parents can visit the NSPCC or their local Fire and Rescue Service website for child-friendly safety guidance.

### 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



#### Grow Something Together

You don't need a big garden to start growing. Try planting herbs on a windowsill, salad leaves in a pot, or flowers in a container outside. Growing something together helps children understand where food comes from, encourages patience and responsibility, and supports wildlife like bees and butterflies — all while bringing a little more green into everyday family life. 🌱





# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## JANUARY



20<sup>th</sup> - SEND Coffee morning - 9am  
21<sup>st</sup> - Year 3 Assembly - 2.45pm

## FEBRUARY

2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> - Bookfair  
(afterschool)

4<sup>th</sup> - Knowledge Day -  
3.00pm

11<sup>th</sup> - Year 2  
Assembly - 2.45pm

24<sup>th</sup> - Online Safety  
Parent Workshop -  
3.30pm

## MARCH

5<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day  
(Dress as a book  
character)

9<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 BSICT visit

11<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 BSICT visit

13<sup>th</sup> - Comic Relief

16<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 BSICT visit

17<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 BSICT visit

18<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 BSICT visit

18<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 Assembly -  
2.45pm

WC 23<sup>rd</sup> - Parent  
conference

24<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 BSICT visit

25<sup>th</sup> - Knowledge Day -  
3:30pm

## APRIL

1<sup>st</sup> - Non-Uniform  
(Egg donations)

1<sup>st</sup> - Easter Bingo  
3:30pm & 5pm

2<sup>nd</sup> - Music  
Showcase - 9.00am

2<sup>nd</sup> - Aspirations  
and Individuality

Day (Dress as  
something you'd like  
to be when you are  
older or something  
that makes you  
unique)

29<sup>th</sup> - Reception  
Assembly - 2.45pm

## MAY

6<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 trip to  
Chester

20<sup>th</sup> - Knowledge  
Day - 3.00pm

22<sup>nd</sup> - Year 2  
trip to Smithills  
Hall

## JUNE

12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 PGL

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 London Trip

19<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 trip to Eureka!

23<sup>rd</sup> - KS1 Sports Day - 9:30am

23<sup>rd</sup> - KS2 Sports Day - 1:30pm

24<sup>th</sup> - Nursery Sports Day - 2pm

24<sup>th</sup> - Reception Sports Day -  
2:30pm

24<sup>th</sup> - Class photographs

26<sup>th</sup> - Macmillan Events and  
Bake Off

## JULY

2<sup>nd</sup> - Summer Fair

7<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Production - 3.30pm

8<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Production - 5.00pm

9<sup>th</sup> - Music Showcase - 9.00am

13<sup>th</sup> - Meet The Teacher - 3.30pm and  
4.00pm

14<sup>th</sup> - Transition Day

16<sup>th</sup> - Nursery Graduation - 9.00am

16<sup>th</sup> - Presentation Evening (invite only) -  
6.00pm

17<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 9.00am

17<sup>th</sup> - School closes at 1.30pm

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