



# MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

15TH DECEMBER 2025



As we come to the end of 2025 and approach the Christmas break, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredible year for Masefield Primary School. Since the summer, our children have shown exceptional commitment, enthusiasm, and resilience. Classrooms have been alive with curiosity and creativity, and it has been inspiring to see pupils across the school so deeply engaged in their learning. Their confidence has grown, their skills have strengthened, and they continue to reach new heights in every area of school life. It truly has been a superb term. This final week of term is always filled with excitement, and we have a wonderful programme of Christmas events ahead. Please keep an eye on the calendar so you don't miss anything. Our EYFS and KS1 Nativity rehearsals have been nothing short of superb—I know our families will be incredibly proud when they see the final performances. Meanwhile, our KS2 carol concert at church promises to be our biggest and best yet, and we cannot wait to share this special event with you.

We also say a heartfelt farewell to Mrs Sech, who is retiring after an extraordinary 26 years of dedicated service to the children and families of Little Lever. Her kindness, commitment, and passion have shaped the lives of countless pupils, and she leaves with our deepest thanks and very best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

A small but important update: Miss Jolly will now be known as Miss Haslam. As we close the year, I want to thank all our families for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. Masefield is the school it is because of the strength of our community and the shared belief that every child can succeed.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for another exciting term of learning and achievement.

## 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 - Isla & Bobby

Year 1 - Jessa & Billie

Year 2 - Harriet B & Olive

Year 3 - Chloe & Finley

Year 4 - Jessica & Lexxa

Year 5 - Millie & Ellie

Year 6T - Jackson & Evie

Year 6W - Oliver & Joshua

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

### Christmas!

There have already been lots of festive activities happening at Masefield over the last week including Vocal Band singing to the shoppers at Tesco and our wonderful Masefield Christmas Markets. The event was a huge success and the children had a great time making lots of craft items during their enrichment time. Thank you to the staff for making this event as magical as ever, Santa for dropping by and to all the parents for supporting it. There are still lots of Christmas activities on this week, so make sure that you check the special Christmas events notice included in this Newsletter and posted around school.



## VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Reception - Arthur

Year 1 - Prabkeerat

Year 2 - Oakley L

Year 3 - Layla

Year 4 - Caleb

Year 5 - Emily

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 - Ellis

Year 1 - Roman H

Year 2 - Aliza

Year 3 - Daisy

Year 4 - Lola

Year 5 - Jake

Year 6 - George



## 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 C

Isibindi - Hope T

Reveur - Noah C

Sollevare - Rahma U-A



## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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





# HIGHLIGHTS

## KNOWLEDGE DAY

On Wednesday, Masefield welcomed parents/carers of children in Year 2 - 6 to come in and find out what their classes have been learning about over the last term. Lots of different activities were going on in each year group and the children enjoyed explaining to their grown ups what they had been learning about.

Over in Reception, they welcomed parents to a stay and play session and all the parents engaged in lots of fun activities with the children.

## YEAR 4

On Monday, Year 4 went on a rivers walk linked to their Geography unit. They explored the local area, conducted fieldwork studies and applied their knowledge learnt in class... all part of 5 mile hike!



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There are no extra curricular clubs are on this week.

## SHOUT OUTS

A huge thank you to DRUMH who came in to school to get all the children drumming on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. However, these weren't your traditional drums, they were created out of exercise balls and large tubs! What a fantastic experience for all the children at Masefield.





# ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception - 99%

Year 1 - 99%

Year 2 - 91.8%

Year 3 - 96.4%

Year 4 - 94.2%

Year 5 - 92.9%

Year 6T - 94%

Year 6W - 92.4%

## 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:

**95.1%**

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

**96.4%**

## 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

## 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.

## 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 Snapchat. Snapchat is a messaging app where photos and videos are designed to disappear after being viewed. Its playful filters and "Snapstreaks" make it appealing to children, but the disappearing messages can give a false sense of security. Risks include contact from strangers, pressure to maintain streaks, sharing images without thinking, and location sharing through the Snap Map feature, which can reveal where a child is in real time.

#### What parents can do:

If your child uses Snapchat, ensure Snap Map is set to Ghost Mode so their location is hidden. Encourage them only to connect with people they know in real life and explain that screenshots or third-party apps can save messages — meaning snaps aren't truly temporary. Regular conversations about respectful behaviour, safe sharing, and what to do if someone makes them feel uncomfortable can help children develop good digital habits.

### SAFEGUARDING



#### Safe Playdates and Visiting Other Homes

As children spend more time with friends outside school, it's important that parents feel confident about their safety when visiting other homes.

Helpful things for families to consider include:

- Share key information – let the other parent know about any allergies, medical needs, or worries your child may have.
- Check supervision – it's okay to ask who will be at home and whether an adult will be present throughout the visit.
- Set clear boundaries – talk to your child about what to do if they feel uncomfortable, and agree simple rules such as staying in communal areas and not going online without permission.
- Keep communication open – make sure your child knows they can always call home if they need you.

For more guidance, the NSPCC provides clear advice on building children's confidence and keeping them safe in different settings.

### 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



#### Walk or Wheel for Short Trips

For school runs or local errands, try swapping short car journeys for walking, cycling, or scooting where possible. It reduces emissions, improves air quality around school, and gives children a healthy, active start to the day. Even doing this once or twice a week can make a meaningful difference — and it's a great chance for families to chat and enjoy the fresh air together.

# Christmas Events at Masefield

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Own clothes day for chocolate donation.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Masefield Christmas Fair 3:40pm-5pm.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Jumper day, Masefield Christmas Dinner & Reindeer Run (donations for Bolton Hospice due today)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Masefield's Got Talent FINAL!

- EYFS Nativity - 2pm
- Nursery Craft session 2:30pm
- Key Stage 1 Play 3:40pm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Whole school party day  
( Party dress/ own clothes)  
- Key Stage 1 Play 2pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at St Matthews Church 5pm

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Masefield Pantomime in School

**SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1:30pm**







# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## JANUARY

- 9<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 trip to Staircase House - Stockport
- 13<sup>th</sup> - EYFS and KS1 Maths Parent Workshop - 3.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Maths Parent Workshop - 3.30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Year 3 Assembly - 2.45pm



## FEBRUARY

- 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
- BOOK FAIR - DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

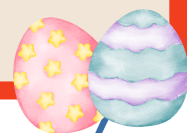
## MARCH

- 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



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

## 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

