



MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM

MR DONE

As we come to the end of another incredible school year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been one of the most successful and memorable years in Masefield's history.

Looking back over the past twelve months, I feel an overwhelming sense of pride in everything our children, staff, and families have achieved together.

Our pupils have been nothing short of exceptional. They have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity, and determination, making outstanding progress both academically and personally. Whether in the classroom, on educational visits, through sporting competitions, musical performances, community events, or leadership opportunities, our children have continually demonstrated the values that make Masefield such a special place. Watching them grow in confidence, develop new skills, overcome challenges, and celebrate success has been a privilege. This year has been filled with so many memorable moments and achievements—from national recognition for our curriculum and inclusion, to outstanding sporting success, inspiring trips and residential, creative performances, and countless everyday "lightbulb moments" in classrooms across the school. Every success has been built upon the hard work, resilience, kindness, and ambition of our children, supported by the dedication of our incredible staff and the unwavering encouragement of our families.

To our wonderful Year 6 pupils, we wish you every success as you begin the next chapter of your education. You leave Masefield with so many happy memories, lifelong friendships, and the confidence to take on new challenges. Remember to always believe in yourselves—we know you will go on to achieve great things.

Finally, I would like to thank every member of our school community for your continued support throughout the year. The partnership between home and school plays such an important role in ensuring that every child can flourish, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you do. I hope you all have a wonderful, safe, and relaxing summer holiday, filled with special moments with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming all of our children back to school on Thursday 3rd September, ready for another exciting year of learning, opportunity, and success.

Thank you for being part of another remarkable year at Masefield Primary School. Together, we continue to ensure that every child can believe, achieve, and succeed. Have a fantastic summer! ☀️

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

EYFS



This year has been filled with exciting learning, memorable experiences and wonderful achievements for our Nursery and Reception children. Reception enjoyed taking part in their Christmas Nativity performance and also a class assembly, where the children confidently performed in front of their grown ups and the whole school.

Throughout the year, they explored the world around them through a visit to Smithills Farm as well as welcoming special visitors to school including the police, fire and ambulance services and over in Nursery, they had visits from Stopes Farm and Dan from Curious Critters. These visits allowed the children to have hands on opportunities to learn about animals and the people who help us.

EYFS ended the year with a very special Nursery Graduation, celebrating the children's incredible progress, growing independence and readiness for the exciting adventures that lie ahead in their Reception classes. We are so proud of everything that they have achieved this year.



LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Evelyn & Ellis

Year 1 - Ada & Ellis

Year 2 - Angelica & Thomas

Year 3 - Hollie & Hallie

Year 4 - Caprice & Toby

Year 5 - Nkateko & Jacob H

Year 6T - Jake B & Alfie

Year 6W - Georgia & Jacob

VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Reception - Vienna

Year 1 - Wilf

Year 2 - Naif

Year 4 - Cody

Year 5 - Dougie-Lee

Year 6T - Aila

Year 6W - Louie



MASEFIELD BAKE OFF WINNERS

On Friday 26th June, we hosted our annual Macmillan coffee morning and Bake Off competition. Well done to all the students below who won one of the different Bake Off categories.

Lottie G
Amelia S
Theo W
Zoe S
Daisy & Annabelle M
Rosie C
Sebastian B
Emilia & Lola H
Georgia G



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 - Odin (Y1)

Sollevare - Blake & Roman (Y1)

Isibindi - Pearla A (Y1)

Reveur - Ellis E (Y1)



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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



HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic year filled with learning, growth and exciting experiences. One of the highlights was their visit to Brockholes Nature Reserves in the Summer term, where the class explored the outdoors, discovered wildlife (including catching a newt) and developed their understanding of the natural environment.

Throughout the year, they have made excellent progress in their phonics, maths and English, showing increasing confidence, resilience and independence with their learning. We were delighted to welcome parents to our Forest School session, where everyone enjoyed learning together outdoors and taking part in a range of hands-on activities including toasting marshmallows on the camp fire.

It has been wonderful to see how much each child has grown, both academically and personally and we wish them every success as they move on to Year 2 in September.

YEAR 2

Year 2 have had a busy and exciting year, enriched by a range of educational visits that brought their learning to life. In History, the children visited Staircase House to investigate and re-enact the Great Fire of London of 1666. They also enjoyed a trip to Smithills Hall, where they stepped back in time to experience what life was like for Victorian children and compared it to their own school experiences. To aid in their computing topic, the class visited Bolton Schools ICT, where they started to develop their computer programming skills through a variety of engaging, hands-on activities. These memorable experiences have supported their learning across the curriculum, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence, curiosity and enthusiasm grow throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of all that they have achieved and wish them every success as they move on to Year 3 and the start of their Key Stage 2 journey.



YEAR 3

Year 3 have had a great year, full of exciting learning opportunities and enriching experiences. In the Autumn term, they visited Bolton Museum where they took part in an engaging workshop about Samuel Crompton and the Industrial Revolution, bringing their history learning to life.

The class also welcomed Whitefield Hebrew Congregation into school to deepen their understanding of Judaism through first hand experiences and artefacts. In Science, they enjoyed a visit to Eureka! where they explored a range of interactive exhibits, including a 'Chew to Poo' show, which supported their learning in a fun and memorable way.

Year 3 have really embraced their Key Stage 2 enrichment activities, which have included sessions with BWFC, which enabled them not only to develop their sports skills but also how they communicate and work as a team. Their Ancient Egypt topic was made even more exciting when Jane from History Alive visited the school, immersing the children in the sights, sounds and stories of this fascinating civilisation. Well done Year 3, we look forward to watching your development in Year 4.



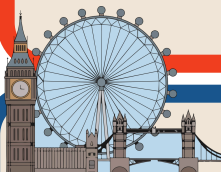


HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 4



What a year our Year 4 class have had!! During their visit to Chester, the children stepped back in time to become Roman soldiers and enjoyed touring the amphitheatre and marching in formation around the Roman ruins. To aid in their RE topic on Hinduism, they visited the Shree Swaminarayan Mandir in Bolton, where they developed their understanding of the Hindu beliefs, traditions and places of worship, all within this beautiful building. They also ended the year on a high with an action-packed day at Hollingworth Lake, where they took part in 4 exciting water activities; giant paddleboarding, kayaking, bell boating and sailing. These experiences helped them to build confidence and work as a team in some tricky situations all whilst having lots of fun and splashing in the water. Well done Year 4 and good luck in Year 5.



YEAR 5

Year 5 have enjoyed an unforgettable year filled with exciting memories that have enriched their learning both in and beyond the classroom. In the Autumn term, they visited RHS Bridgewater, where they explored the beautiful gardens and investigated a wide variety of plants to support their science learning. As part of their RE topic on Islam, the children visited the Zakariyya Jaam'e Masjid, gaining a deeper understanding of Islamic beliefs, traditions and worship. A true highlight of the year was their unforgettable residential trip to London, where they experienced breath-taking views from the London Eye, enjoyed a spectacular performance of The Lion King, had a magical Harry Potter Studio tour and had the incredible opportunity to meet and sing with Jessie J at Hampton Court Palace! We are incredibly proud of all that they have achieved this year and wish them every success as they begin their final year at Masefield.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have experienced a memorable final year at Masefield, filled with achievement, celebration and lasting memories. They worked incredibly hard throughout the year in preparation for their SATs in May, showing determination, resilience and a positive attitude throughout. After completing their assessments, they celebrated their success with an exciting trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach before heading off on their residential to PGL Winmarleigh, where they challenged themselves with a range of adventurous activities, including climbing, raft building and many other team-building games that developed their confidence. The year ended in style with their wonderful, heartfelt leavers performance, 'The Story of Us', which gave everyone the chance to reflect on their time at Masefield and the special memories that they have made. Well done Year 6, we wish you every success and happiness as you begin your next step at high school.





ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR

Reception - 97.4%

Year 1 - 97.2%

Year 2 - 97.1%

Year 3 - 96.4%

Year 4 - 96.3%

Year 5 - 95.1%

Year 6T - 95.8%

Year 6W - 95%

END OF YEAR ATTENDANCE



Our attendance target for the year was **97%**
Next year we can achieve this if we all work together to ensure that children are in school **EVERY** day and are not missing any learning.

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR WAS:

96.3%

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 AI chatbots.

AI chatbots are becoming increasingly popular and can answer questions, generate stories, help with homework and have conversations with users. While these tools can be useful, children may not realise that AI can sometimes provide incorrect information, make mistakes or generate content that is not appropriate for their age.

Some AI apps also collect personal information or encourage users to create accounts.

What parents can do:

Encourage your child to use AI tools alongside a trusted adult and remind them not to share personal information such as their name, school or address. Explain that AI responses should always be checked against reliable sources and that it is okay to question what they read online. If your child is using AI for learning, use it as an opportunity to discuss critical thinking and responsible technology use, rather than relying on it for every answer.

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

SAFEGUARDING



Knowing What to Do in an Emergency

While emergencies are rare, helping children know what to do can make a big difference and give them confidence to act safely.

Here are some useful reminders for families:

- Learn key information – ensure children know their full name, home address and a parent or carer's phone number where appropriate for their age.
- Know how to get help – teach children how and when to call 999, and explain that it should only be used in a genuine emergency.
- Stay calm – encourage children to move to a safe place and find a trusted adult if they need help.
- Practise together – talk through simple emergency scenarios at home so children know what they should do without feeling frightened.

For more advice on helping children prepare for emergencies, families can visit the British Red Cross website.

SUSTAINABILITY



Switch to LED Bulbs

If you're replacing a light bulb, choose an LED instead of a traditional one. LED bulbs use much less electricity, last far longer, and can help reduce your energy bills over time. It's a simple change that benefits both your household and the environment.



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.

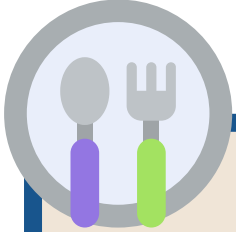
Staff carefully guide pupils through each practice, helping them understand the importance of listening, staying calm and following instructions.

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





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/>