



# MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

16TH OCTOBER 2025



It's been a wonderful first half term at Masefield Primary School! A real highlight has been our brilliant Harvest Festivals, filled with beautiful singing and joyful celebrations. Our school trips, such as King's Church and RHS Bridgewater, have also stood out—providing our children with exciting, hands-on learning experiences that bring the curriculum to life. We're also incredibly proud of our sporting achievements this term. Our team's victory in the Panathlon was a fantastic accomplishment, and we were thrilled to see one of our pupils qualify for the county cross country championships after finishing in the top four in Bolton—an outstanding personal achievement! We're very much looking forward to our Open Day next Wednesday, which will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase the remarkable journey our school has been on. It will be wonderful to welcome families and visitors to see our learning in action and to celebrate everything that makes Masefield such a special place.

Our class assemblies have also been a joy to watch, giving children the chance to share their learning and progress with pride. It has been heartwarming to see how settled our pupils have become in their classrooms and how enthusiastically they are embracing new challenges and achieving great things. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to an exciting and successful second half term together.

## 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!

Year 1 - Esme & Alfie

Year 2 - Angelica & Freya

Year 3 - Leo & Ria

Year 4 - Hope & Sophia

Year 5 - Indie & Jaxon S

Year 6T - Rosie & Annabelle

Year 6W - Faith & Oliver

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

### THRIVE

Lots has been going on in Thrive this half term and the children have really enjoyed their sessions in and out of the classroom. There has been a lot of work around emotional intelligence, especially in Key Stage 1 where the children have been working on how emotions are feelings inside us that tell us how we're doing or what we need, and understanding that everyone has them - children, grown ups, even animals!

In Key Stage 2, Year 6 have been sharing their dreams for the future and encouraging a few mindful moments within their sessions.



## VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Year 1 - Jessa

Year 2 - Rahma

Year 3 - Lotus

Year 4 - Annabelle

Year 5 - Lottie

Year 6T - Jacob

Year 6W - Lucy

## READER OF THE WEEK

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

Year 1 - Ellis

Year 2 - Josie

Year 3 - Eddie

Year 4 - Olivia

Year 5 - Clara-Rose

Year 6 - Rosie

## HOUSE POINT 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 - Joseph (Yr 6)  
Isibindi - Gabriella (Yr 6)  
Reveur - Sapphire (Yr 2)  
Sollevare - Annabelle (Yr6)

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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





# HIGHLIGHTS

## YEAR 6

On Monday, our Year 6 pupils took on their special buddy role for our Key Stage 1 children, inspired by the lovely story "Misha Makes Friends."

Together they read, talked about kindness and friendship, and enjoyed creative activities linked to the book.

It was wonderful to see our oldest and youngest pupils connecting so positively — a real example of our school culture in action: "It's just what we do around here."

On Tuesday, Year 6 went back in time to wartime Britain. They explored what life was like during rationing and what it meant to be an evacuee, they even handled some fascinating wartime artefacts, which really helped them bring their history learning to life!

## BASE TUCK SHOP

The BASE tuck shop is now open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with all items priced at 50p! There are lots of new products available and our students would love to see you there.



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Tuesday - Year 5 & 6 Multisports

Wednesday - Year 3 & 4 Multisports

Thursday - Year 2 BWFC

Thursday - Vocal Band - Year 3-6

All clubs finish at 4:15pm

## SHOUT OUTS

A HUGE congratulations to Masefield Panathlon team who came first at the event at Little Lever High School last week. Masefield have won this award two years in a row!!!

Well done to all the Year 6 students who took part, we are all incredibly proud of your achievement!





# ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception - 99.7%

Year 1 - 96.7%

Year 2 - 97.2%

Year 3 - 96.6%

Year 4 - 96.9%

Year 5 - 92.6%

Year 6T - 92%

Year 6W - 96.2%

## 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:

96.1%

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

97.1%

## 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 YouTube Shorts.

YouTube Shorts is a feature within YouTube that allows users to create and watch short, vertical videos lasting up to 60 seconds. These quick, catchy clips often appear one after another — encouraging endless scrolling.

While many Shorts are harmless and entertaining, some can contain inappropriate language, music, or themes that aren't suitable for younger viewers. The "auto-play" design also means children can quickly be exposed to unsuitable content without realising.

#### What parents can do:

Ensure your child is using YouTube Kids instead of the main YouTube app, set up restricted mode, and regularly review their watch history. Talking to your child about what they watch and encouraging them to tell you if something makes them uncomfortable are also key ways to keep them safe online.

### SAFEGUARDING



#### Online Safety: Sharing Photos and Videos

With so many apps making it easy to share photos and videos, it's important to remind children — and adults — to think before they post. Once something is shared online, it can be copied, saved or spread very quickly.

Here are a few simple tips to help keep children safe:

- Check privacy settings — make sure your child's accounts are set to private so only friends and family can see what they share.
- Think before posting — talk to your child about not sharing personal information such as school uniforms, addresses, or locations in pictures.
- Ask permission — encourage children to always ask before sharing photos of friends or family.

For more advice, visit the Childnet or UK Safer Internet Centre websites.

### 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



#### Low-Waste Lunchboxes

##### Packing lunch?

Try a few simple swaps: use a reusable water bottle, a washable sandwich wrap or tub instead of cling film, and pop in loose fruit rather than single-use snack packs.

Add a cloth napkin and a set of cutlery that lives in the lunchbox. These changes cut waste (and costs) while making tidying up easier at the end of the day.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## OCTOBER

17th - Year 2 visit to Kings Church  
21st - EYFS/KS1 Spooky Stories 4 - 4:30pm  
22nd - Masefield Open Day  
23rd - Year 3&4 Spooky Stories 4 - 4:30pm  
Year 5&6 Spooky Stories 4:30 - 5pm



## NOVEMBER

4th - EYFS/KS1 Reading Parent Workshop - 3.30pm  
5th - KS2 Reading Parent Workshop - 3.30pm  
W/C 10th - Parent Conference  
14th - Children in Need (Non-Uniform.)  
21<sup>st</sup> - School closed  
24th - School closed  
NEW DATE - 26th - Year 5 assembly - 2:45pm

## DECEMBER



5th - Non-Uniform (Bottle donations)  
10th - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm  
11th - Non-Uniform (Chocolate Donations)  
11th - Christmas Fair  
15th - Christmas Jumper Day  
15th - Christmas dinner and Elf Run  
16th - EYFS Nativity - 2.00pm  
16th - KS1 Nativity - 3:30pm  
17th - KS1 Nativity - 2.00pm  
18th - KS2 Carol Concert - 5.00pm  
19th - Pantomime at Masefield!  
19th - School closes 1.30pm

## JANUARY



13th - EYFS and KS1 Maths Parent Workshop - 3.30pm  
14th - KS2 Maths Parent Workshop - 3.30pm  
21st - Year 3 Assembly - 2.45pm

## FEBRUARY

4th - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm  
11th - Year 2 Assembly - 2.45pm  
24th - Online Safety Parent Workshop - 3.30pm  
BOOK FAIR - DATES TO BE CONFIRMED



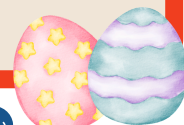
## MARCH



5th - World Book Day (Dress as a book character)  
13th - Comic Relief  
18th - Year 1 Assembly - 2.45pm  
WC 23<sup>rd</sup> - Parent conference  
25th - Knowledge Day - 3:30pm

## 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

20th - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm

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

## JUNE

23rd - KS1 Sports Day - 9:30am  
23rd - KS2 Sports Day - 1:30pm  
24th - Nursery Sports Day - 2pm  
24th - Reception Sports Day - 2:30pm  
26th - Macmillan Events and Bake Off

## JULY

2nd - Summer Fair  
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





# EYFS/KS1 BEDTIME STORIES

**Tuesday 21st October**

4 -4:30 pm

We are excited to invite your  
child to our cosy and magical  
story session at Masefield

£1,50 per ticket (inc biscuit and a  
drink)





# KS2 SPOOKY BEDTIME STORIES

THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER

4 - 4.30 PM YEAR 3/4

4.30 - 5 PM YEAR 5/6

GET READY FOR A SPOOK-TACULAR EVENING!  
WE ARE THRILLED TO INVITE YOUR CHILD TO  
OUR SPOOKY BEDTIME STORY NIGHT AT  
MASEFIELD.

£1.50 A TICKET (INC BISCUIT AND A DRINK)

**PLEASE SHARE WITH FRIENDS & FAMILIES**

# **MASEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **AND NURSERY**



### **Whole School Open Visits**

(for parents/carers of prospective pupils)

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025**

**9.30-11.30am AND 13.30-15.00pm AND 15.30-16.30pm**

Please come along to take a look around and experience our wonderful school.

**“Evidence shows this school is OUTSTANDING”**

“Pupils flourish at this happy and welcoming school. They are extremely well motivated to make the most of the wide range of opportunities on offer to them.”

“The school’s provision for pupils’ wider development is exceptional.”

“Progress at the end of key stage 2 is significantly above that seen nationally.”

“The school has an exceptionally well-designed and ambitious curriculum. Pupils develop a remarkable range of knowledge that prepares them extremely well for their next stages of education.”

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**We are very proud of our school and we can’t wait to show you around!**



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# 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 with us on our social media sites, or send a ClassDojo message to your teacher!


 @MasefieldCP  
 @Masefield Primary School







# THANK AND PRAISE

## TAP

### WHAT IS IT?

Thank and Praise (TAP) is a unique social thanking platform which enables people to send messages of thanks and appreciation to our staff quickly, easily and securely.

Showing your appreciation is a fantastic way to improve the mental well-being of all our wonderful staff and also makes you feel good too. Don't delay, send a message and brighten someone's day!

Here's just a handful of the beautiful messages we have sent and received...

To: Miss Rigby  
Masefield Primary School,  
Little Lever, Little lever

Thank you Miss Rigby for always encouraging the children especially in sports taking your own time to attend events after school hours. You are so amazing, nurturing, fair but firm.

Carolyn Dawson

To: Gemma Walton  
Masefield Primary School,  
Little Lever, Little lever

Thank you for always being a listening ear and a voice of reason. You always know what to say and how to help. Thank you for all that you do!

Zoe Illingworth

To: Mrs Murphy and the EYFS Staff  
Masefield Primary School,  
Little Lever, Little lever

For your hardwork and continued love and support, everything you do is really appreciated nothing is to much trouble and you go above and beyond to help the children thrive. You are the reason my little one is so happy to go in learning everyday and for that I can't thank you enough

Sinéad Riley

To: Mrs Clark  
Masefield Primary School,  
Little Lever, Little lever

We would like to thank Mrs Clark for being amazing! Since our daughter started reception in September she has come on leaps and bounds! Nothing is ever too much trouble and always there to listen and advise. Thank you so much! X

Sophie Konuralp

To: Staff Team  
Masefield Primary School,  
Little Lever, Little lever

Thank you to all the amazing Team at Masefield. You all do an incredible job for our children.

Anonymous

To: Miss Tyrer  
Masefield Primary School,  
Little Lever, Little lever

Thank you Miss Tyrer for taking time out of your busy day to call me and discuss my daughter and listen to me and quickly took time to address concerns and speak to Ava much appreciated

Dee Anderson

To: Miss Illingworth  
Masefield Primary School,  
Little Lever, Little lever

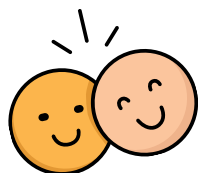
I would like to thank Miss Illingworth and all of the amazing staff at Masefield who have helped Jenson with the progress he has made up to now. As you know he struggled alot with his reading and writing, but he is now engaging in his lessons and I do not think he could have done it without of your patience and understanding. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Siobhan Clark

To: EVERYONE!  
Masefield Primary School,  
Little Lever, Little lever

Thank you and well done to everyone involved in organising the fundraising for the defibrillator! Although we probably all hope, it won't be needed, having it there and ready to use will hopefully prevent us losing a loved one from our school community. "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." Coretta Scott King

Nicole Allcock



Click here to  
send a message  
of thanks to a  
member of our  
dedicated team

TAP to THANK

