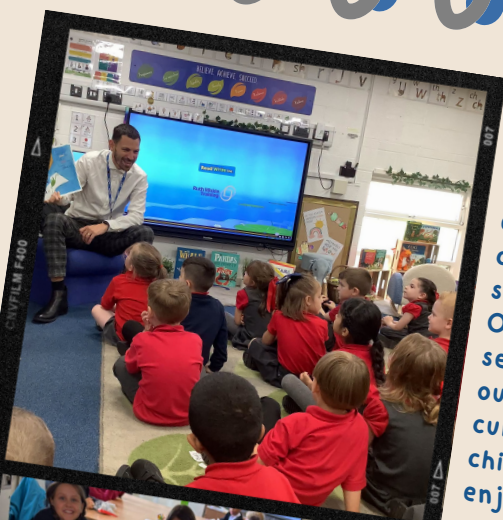




MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

17TH SEPTEMBER 2026



What a fantastic start we have had to the new academic year! There is something truly magical about the beginning of a new school year—the excitement of new beginnings, new friendships, new challenges, and the opportunity to discover something new every single day. Over the past fortnight, it has been wonderful to see the Masefield buzz return. Our classrooms and outdoor spaces have been full of laughter, curiosity, creativity, and learning. Whether children have been exploring new ideas in lessons, enjoying time with friends at playtimes, or taking part in activities beyond the classroom, there has been a real sense of excitement across school. I am particularly pleased with how quickly all of our children have settled into their new classes and routines. Walking around school, it has been a pleasure to see pupils so engaged in their learning and teachers creating purposeful and exciting opportunities across the curriculum. We have already seen some fantastic examples of children asking questions, developing their knowledge, working together, and having those all-important “lightbulb moments” as new learning begins to click into place.



Our wider curriculum opportunities have also got off to a great start. The children have begun their PE lessons with Miss Jones, developing their physical skills, teamwork, and confidence. Miss Hudson has started Music lessons, bringing plenty of rhythm, creativity, and musicality into our classrooms. In Years 3–6, Mrs Harris has also begun Spanish lessons, giving our pupils the opportunity to develop their language skills and learn more about another culture. There is already so much happening inside and outside our classrooms, and this is only the beginning. We have an exciting year ahead, with countless opportunities for our children to learn, grow, discover their talents, and reach new heights. Thank you, as always, for your continued support as we begin another year together. It is a privilege to see our children start their new journey with such enthusiasm, and I can't wait to see what they achieve. Here's to another fantastic year at Masefield—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.

MESSAGE FROM

MR DONE



HIGHLIGHTS

LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

Year 1 - Ellie & Harvey

Year 2 - Blake & Roman

Year 3 - Freya & Sadie

Year 4 - Emily & Ivar

Year 5 - Harper & Tessie

Year 6 - Joseph & Phoebe

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

YEAR 5 FOREST SCHOOL

Our forest school sessions started back this week and Year 5 had a fantastic time in the lovely September sun, embracing the mud, exploring the outdoor forest school area and enjoying working together. They focused on Anglo-Saxon life; how they would have made structures in this period and created their own structures using resources they could find. They then began to explore the process of wattle and daub and used willow to weave through their structure, creating shelter from the wind. They really did bring their history learning to life!



VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Year 1 - Ruth

Year 2 - Harry

Year 3 - Eden

Year 4 - Heidi

Year 5 - Cody

Year 6 - Emily



DIGITAL LEADERS

Our new Year 5 Digital Leaders had their training session at Bolton Schools ICT this week. In this session they learnt all about ICT safety and how they can implement the training in their roles in school.

Our new Digital Leaders are:

Jacob B
Toby C
Rossco S
Hope T
Sophia E-S
Amelia W



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 - Wilf C

Isibindi - Ada P

Reveur - Xander W

Sollevare - Dexter C



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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



HIGHLIGHTS

SPORTING SUCCESS

It has been an action-packed start to sporting activities at Masefield!

Year 2 have been developing their football skills in their PE lessons with Miss Jones, especially improving their ball control and dribbling with lots of enthusiasm.

Year 4 ended last week with an exciting dodgeball house competition, where they showed brilliant teamwork and determination.

Year 5 & 6 have started to put their stamina to the test with the weekly cross country competitions starting this week. Miss Rigby was impressed with all their resilience, especially with such a muddy track.

There are plenty more sporting events happening this half term, with two Key Stage 2 tag rugby festivals in Weshoughton over the next two weeks. Well done Masefield!

EYFS

Our youngest and newest starters have had a wonderful first couple of weeks at Masefield. In Reception they have been exploring numbers up to 5, having adventures in the outdoor area and listened to an exciting story from Mr Done.

Our new Nursery children have also settled in wonderfully and have especially enjoyed exploring the outdoor space and taking part in PE sessions.



SCHOOL CLUBS

Tuesday - Year 5 Multi-sports

Wednesday - Year 6 Multi-sports

Thursday - Year 3&4 BWFC

All clubs finish at 4:15pm

Vocal Band

Thursday - 8:20am - 8:50am

SHOUT OUTS

Year 6 Buddies have been re introducing themselves to their Year 1 friends this week. Both classes are really enjoying this initiative and the end of session story was a big hit.

A BIG shout out to our amazing children who took part in the summer reading challenge 'Read to the Beat'. Their fantastic commitment to reading over the summer is something to be incredibly proud of.





ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception - 98.3%

Year 1 - 97.7%

Year 2 - 96.7%

Year 3 - 98.3%

Year 4 - 97.72%

Year 5 - 91.3%

Year 6 - 95.1%

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:

95.6%

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

96.1%

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

18th - Masefield Booknic
23rd - Year 4 Assembly - 2:45pm
29th - Reception phonics workshop (3:30pm)
30th - KS1 phonics workshop (3:30pm)

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

OCTOBER

7th - Harvest Festival
9th - #HelloYellow World Mental Health Day (Wear something yellow)
12th - Year 3 trip to Bolton Museum
13th - Reception & KS1 Reading parents workshop (3:30pm)
14th - KS2 Reading parents workshop (3:30pm)
14th - Year 6 History Alive workshop
16th - Masefield Open Day

NOVEMBER

5th - Year 1 trip to SICT
9th - Individual school photos
W/C 9th - Parent Conference
12th - Year 2 trip to BSICT
16th - Year 5 trip to Bolton Museum
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 - Children in Need
20th - Year 5 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
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 (time subject to change)
18th - School closes at 1:30pm

JANUARY

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

MARCH

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
19th - Comic Relief
23rd - Year 5 trip to RHS Bridgewater
24th - Non-uniform day (Easter egg donation)
24th - Easter Bingo 3:30pm & 5pm
25th - Music showcase - 9am

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

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
10th-13th - Year 6 SATs
19th - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm
21st - RockKidz

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
13th - Year 6 Production - 3.30pm
14th - Year 6 Production - 5.00pm
15th - Music Showcase - 9.00am
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
17th - School closes at 1.30pm



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 – In-App Advertising

This week's free online safety guide, provided by the National College, focuses on in-app advertising.

Children can encounter advertisements while using games, apps, websites and video platforms. Some adverts are clearly labelled, but others can look like part of the game or appear as recommendations from an influencer. Children may be encouraged to click links, download apps, make purchases or provide personal information without realising that the content is advertising.

What parents can do:

Talk to your child about how to recognise an advert and explain that not everything they see online is designed simply to entertain or inform them. Encourage them to check with an adult before clicking unfamiliar links or downloading anything. Where available, use parental controls to restrict purchases and limit access to age-inappropriate content. Most importantly, encourage children to ask questions when something online seems too good to be true.

SAFEGUARDING



Safe and Responsible Use of Social Media

As children get older, social media can become a bigger part of their lives. Helping children understand how to use it safely is an important part of keeping them protected online.

Here are some simple reminders for families:

- Check the age limit – many social media platforms have a minimum age of 13. Check the age requirements before allowing your child to create an account.
 - Keep accounts private – use privacy settings so that children have more control over who can see their posts and contact them.
 - Think before posting – remind children that anything shared online can potentially be copied or saved, even if it is later deleted.
 - Be kind and respectful – encourage children to treat others online in the same way they would at school or at home.
 - Tell someone – if a message, image or interaction makes them uncomfortable, they should stop engaging and speak to a trusted adult.
- For further advice, parents can visit Internet Matters, which provides guidance on social media, gaming and other online safety issues.

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>

SUSTAINABILITY



Donate Unwanted Toys

When children outgrow toys or no longer play with them, consider donating them rather than throwing them away. Local charity shops, community groups and nurseries may be able to give them a new home. It reduces waste, helps others, and teaches children the importance of sharing and reusing what we already have.



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
f @Masefield Primary School



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/>

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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MEDALS: £20 EXTRA FOR 15

FIND YOUR OWN VENUE
OR USE OUR VENUE IN HINDLEY!

BOOK TODAY!

07545115220 | CHEEKY CHAMPS SPORTS PARTIES

Cheeky Champs SPORTS PARTIES
FOOTBALL & GLOW DODGEBALL PARTIES FOR KIDS!

FOOTBALL PARTIES

SUITABLE FOR AGES 3-6 YEARS

FUN FOOTBALL GAMES
SKILLS & DEVELOPMENT
TEAMWORK & CONFIDENCE
PRIZES & MEDALS (EXTRA FOR 15)

PARTY PACKAGES (MAX 15 CHILDREN)

60 MINUTES £150	90 MINUTES £180
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MEDALS: £20 EXTRA FOR 15

FIND YOUR OWN VENUE
OR USE OUR VENUE IN HINDLEY!

BOOK TODAY!

07545115220 | CHEEKY CHAMPS SPORTS PARTIES

LASAGNE BULB PLANTER
24 OCT - 8TH NOV

BASKET PLANTING
26 SEPT - 15TH OCT

GIANTS SEAT AUTUMN WORKSHOPS

CHECK OUT DATES & BOOK TICKETS HERE >>>
OR BOOK THROUGH EVENTRITE
SEARCH 'GIANTS SEAT'

WREATH MAKING
21ST NOV - 6TH DEC

PAINTING & PLANTING FOR KIDS
26TH - 29TH OCT

GIANTS SEAT GARDEN CENTRE
RED ROCK LANE, STONECLOUGH, M26 1EW
0161 723 3462 - INFO@GIANTSSEAT.COM

Bolton Football Development

At St James' High School (Sports Hall)
Lucas Rd, Farnworth, Bolton, BL4 9RU
Starting on Thursday 24th September 2026
In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1
School years - Year 2 & Year 3
School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

6:00pm - 6:45pm
6:45pm - 7:30pm
7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,
Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Thursday at St James' High School, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is FUN through Football, building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a ball per player for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Preston North End, Blackburn Rovers, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.67 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £30 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £30 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****
Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including: Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone:
Declan
0161 302 2510 or 07514 316534
www.firstkick.co.uk

We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks.
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked.

Leaflets available
at the school
office