



# MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

18TH SEPTEMBER 2025



Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break. It has been fantastic to see our children settling so well into their new classes. Watching happy and excited families walking through the gates was a real joy. As I've walked around school each day, it has been brilliant to see our pupils engaged in their learning and genuinely delighted to be back. Being amongst our staff and children again reminds me what a privilege it is to lead such an amazing school.

## Attendance

Attendance will remain a high-profile focus this year as we aim to achieve – or even surpass – our 97% target. This allows for only five days of absence across the whole year. A huge thank you to the majority of parents and carers who make sure their children attend school regularly. We've made a fantastic start, with attendance at 98% since the beginning of term. Please continue this great effort so that children don't miss out on valuable learning. Remember: good attendance is closely linked to high attainment, strong friendships, and future success.

## Morning Procedures

In the first week we shared information about our new lining-up routines. These changes are designed to ensure all children are calm, focused, and ready to learn as soon as they enter the classroom. They also allow our pastoral team to support pupils quickly and for morning interventions to begin promptly. We appreciate that some families with children in multiple year groups have found drop-off a little tricky. To help, please follow this order:

- Year 4–6 children first
- Year 1–3 children next
- EYFS children last (the EYFS gate is open 8.40–8.50am)

From now on, Years 1–3 will hold back for a few minutes to give parents time to drop older children off first. We hope this makes mornings easier and will continue to monitor how it works.

## 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. We have an exciting year ahead, and I can't wait to see all that we achieve together.

MESSAGE FROM

MR DONE



# HIGHLIGHTS

## LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

Year 1 - Luka & George

Year 2 - Oakley L & Oakley B

Year 3 - Emily & Layla

Year 4 - Cody & Penny

Year 5 - All of Year 5!

Year 6T - Jake & Lucy

Year 6W - Jacob E & Joseph

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

### YEAR 5

Last Friday, Year 5 went to RHS Bridgewater to investigate plants and explore the gardens.

Firstly they took part in a workshop where they examined different plant types and learnt how to take cuttings to create new plants.

After lunch, they explored the greenhouses and investigated the different exotic plant varieties and then had time to walk through the different gardens and areas of this beautiful place. The rain didn't stop them making dens, playing in the forest and enjoying the outdoors.



## VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Year 1 - Zoe

Year 2 - Gracie

Year 3 - Chloe

Year 4 - Sophia

Year 5 - All of Year 5!

Year 6T - Amelia S

Year 6W - Gabriella

## READER OF THE WEEK

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

Year 1 - Wilf

Year 2 - Bonnie

Year 3 - Jenny

Year 4 - Art

Year 6 - Harley

## TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Each week, 3 children from each class in Year 2 and above receive an award for 'the biggest increase in coins' on Times Tables Rockstars.

Knowing your times tables off by heart is so important – keep practising at home to win this award and certificate!



## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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







# HIGHLIGHTS

## ENRICHMENT

Masefield enrichment sessions got underway last week with lots of exciting activities on offer.

In Key Stage 1, the children have been engaging in PE, Maths and Thrive activities where they have been looking at what their dreams and goals are and celebrating what they are good at.

In Key Stage 2, Forest School, Art, Spanish, Games, Geography, Mindfulness, Computing, Orienteering and BWFC have all been making a start and the children have shown fantastic maturity from moving from one activity to another.

Well done Masefield.

## SPORTING SUCCESS

All classes have made a great start in their PE sessions, learning new skills and developing their teamwork. EYFS have been playing active games and KS1 have been developing their football skills.

In Key Stage 2 they will be engaging in tennis activities this half term and have already been showing off their serving skills.



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Tuesday - Year 5 & 6 Multisports

Wednesday - Year 3 & 4 Multisports

Thursday - Year 2 BWFC

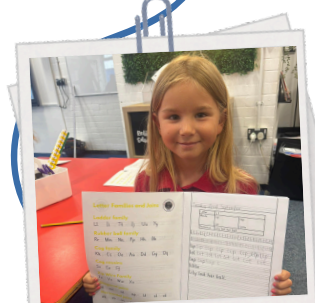
Thursday - Vocal Band - Year 3-6

All clubs finish at 4:15pm

## SHOUT OUTS

Year 6 Buddies have been re-introducing themselves to their Year 1 friends this week. Both classes are really enjoying this initiative and the welcome back cards were a big hit!

A BIG shout out to our amazing children who have made the biggest increase in coins on TT Rockstars!





# ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception - 98.6%

Year 1 - 98.5%

Year 2 - 99.3%

Year 3 - 99.6%

Year 4 - 97.7%

Year 5 - 98.4%

Year 6T - 95.8%

Year 6W - 97.4%

## 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:

**98.3%**

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

**98.3%**

## 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



#### Online Safety

This week's free online safety guide, provided by the National College, focuses on iPads. Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features - including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device... and how long they spend on it.

### SAFEGUARDING



#### Returning to School

It is common for children to feel nervous about going back to school after the summer holiday or at the start of a new term and you may have noticed that it is taking a while for them to feel happy and comfortable. To help calm their nerves and make sure they are prepared for the school day, you could try:

- Readjusting bedtimes to get into a healthy routine
- Making sure they aren't bringing their mobiles, tablets, or any devices to bed that might stop them sleeping
- Helping them get the correct clothing or uniform and equipment ready the night before and making sure they eat breakfast every morning.

### 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



#### Recycle, Recycle, Recycle

Of the 26 million tonnes of waste produced in the UK, 12 million tonnes are recycled, and 14 million tonnes are sent to landfill sites. This gives us an average recycling rate of 45%. We can all do our bit to reduce this amount by recycling everything that we can at home, at work and at school. Together, we can make a HUGE difference!



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## SEPTEMBER

24th - Year 4 Assembly - 2.45pm  
26th - Year 3 trip to Bolton Museum  
30th - Nursery & Reception phonics workshop - 3:30pm

## OCTOBER

1st - KS1 Phonics Parent Workshop - 3.30pm  
8th - Harvest Festival  
10th - #HelloYellow World Mental Health Day (Wear something yellow)  
22nd - Masefield Open Day

## 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)  
19th - Year 5 Assembly - 2.45pm  
21st - School closed  
24th - School closed

## 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 23rd - 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



# 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

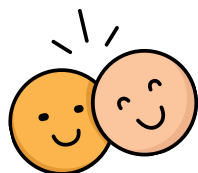
I would like to thank Miss Illingworth and all of the amazing staff at Masefield who have helped Jenson with the progress he has made up to now. As you know he struggled alot with his reading and writing, but he is now engaging in his lessons and I do not think he could have done it without of your patience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



**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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