



MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

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As we reach the final week of the Summer 1 term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been another fantastic half term at Masefield Primary School. Our children have been absolutely amazing, continuing to make excellent progress both academically and socially. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow, friendships strengthen, and learning flourish across every year group. The enthusiasm, resilience, and positivity shown by our pupils each day make Masefield a truly special place to be.

Last week, our Year 6 pupils completed their SATs assessments. We were incredibly proud of the maturity, determination, and resilience they showed throughout the week. They approached each day with a positive attitude and worked exceptionally hard. To celebrate the completion of SATs week and recognise all of their efforts this year, the children enjoyed a well-deserved trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach on Wednesday, creating some fantastic memories together.

Our pupils have also continued to benefit from a range of enriching learning experiences beyond the classroom. Year 5 visited the mosque as part of their RE learning, helping to deepen their understanding of different faiths and communities. They are also taking part in an exciting Vikings workshop with History Alive, which will bring their History topic to life through hands-on experiences and interactive learning.

Later this week, Year 2 will be visiting Smithills Hall to support their History learning, while we are also looking forward to our very first parent and carer Forest School session for Nursery and Reception families. We are excited to strengthen these links between home and school and share these valuable outdoor learning experiences together. Thank you, as always, for your continued support this term and for being part of our ongoing mission of excellence, where every child can believe, achieve, and succeed. We look forward to finishing the half term strongly and continuing this fantastic journey 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!

Reception - Frankie & Lyla
Ruth & Fern

Year 1 - Blake & Zoe

Year 2 - Cody & Sapphire
Oakley B & Grace

Year 3 - Layla & Eddie
Aria & Oliver

Year 4 - Lola & Rosco
Lexxa & Caprice

Year 5 - Daisy E & Noah
Emily & Niamh

Year 6T - Charlie & Fraser
Archie & Aila

Year 6W - Frankie & Muhammad Ibraheem
Gabriella & Faith

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

Thrive

Lot's has been going on in the Thrive Nest this half term with Mrs Willett and Miss Harris. As the weather is getting better, the groups have been able to spend more time outside where sunshine naturally boosts mindfulness and wellbeing. One way the children were able to do this was to take part in a scavenger hunt, where they were given a list of items to find and enjoyed exploring the outside area in groups whilst the sun was shining.

Within the Nest, there has been lots of joy being spread around the school with hand decorated chocolate biscuits being given out to staff after one of their sessions. They were very yummy and greatly appreciated by all of the Masefield staff.

Thrive sessions in class are also an important part of our learning here at Masefield and in Key Stage 1 they have been learning about all the different emotions that we feel and how to manage them. Thrive at Masefield is integral in children's social and emotional development to help improve mental health, behaviour, and academic attainment and our Thrive team at Masefield make sure that this is embedded in all we do.



VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Reception - Ruth & Harvey

Year 1 - Pearla

Year 2 - Josie

Year 3 - Emily & Poppy

Year 4 - Albie & Regan

Year 5 - Oliver M & Jake

Year 6T - James, Archie & Bobby

Year 6W - George & Joshua

READER OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Rosie & Frankie

Year 1 - Prabkeerat

Year 2 - Oakley B & Aliza

Year 3 - Alfie Y & Aoife

Year 4 - Toby & Annabelle

Year 5 - Daisy E & Kayden

Year 6 - Georgia & Jackson

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 - Jacob (Yr6W)
Miller (Yr4)

Isibindi - Annabelle (Yr4)
Theo (Yr4)

Reveur - Jake B (Yr6T)
Myla (Yr4)

Sollevare - Lola (Yr4)
Frankie (Yr6W)
Toby (Yr4)

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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





HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR 6!!



Year 6 have had a very busy couple of weeks and we are all so proud of the resilience and determination that they have shown.

Last week, they all showed immense maturity whilst sitting their SATs papers. It was lovely to see them all come in early and enjoy their SATs breakfasts and then head into class, relaxed, recharged and ready to show what they are able to achieve.

To mark the end of this milestone, Miss Wilson and Miss Tyrer invited them to a celebration in the hall and gave them all their Year 6 leavers hoodies. They enjoyed eating cupcakes and chocolate, speaking with their teachers and drinking lemonade out of champagne flutes. We are sure that you are all as proud of the resilience and determination that the year group have shown over the last few months in preparation for this and agree that it was definitely time to let them let their hair down and celebrate in style at Blackpool Pleasure Beach. The class (and staff) had a fantastic day on the rides at the Pleasure Beach and although the weather wasn't as summery as we had hoped, it didn't stop them having fun. The daredevils went off to try the Big One, Icon and the new ride Aviktas whilst others enjoyed the fun and themed rides in Nickelodeon Land. The whole year group had a fantastic rewards day and it was the perfect way to end the half term.

Well done Year 6!

YEAR 1



To help bring their Science learning to life, Year 1 visited Brockholes nature reserve last week. The day was filled with lots of exploration of different areas and examining different plants. After they arrived and met their educational guide Ruth, they set off to the Lookout to learn about all the different wildlife that they might be able to see during the day. Then they walked across to the ponds where they were able to take turns dipping their nets in to find the different creatures living in the water.

The children were experts at examining the different living things and Roman caught a newt!! After putting them back and having their lunch, they explored the Viking Woods where they played games and identified the different trees and plants. The class (& staff) were all tired after their day but enjoyed every minute!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Summer 2 Half Term

Tuesday - Year 1 Multi-sports

Wednesday - Year 2 Multi-sports

Thursday - Year 6 BWFC session
Vocal band - Year 3-6

All clubs finish at 4:15pm



CHARITY

We are incredibly proud to support the amazing work of [Great Minds Bright Futures](#) through our in-school donations of preloved uniform and clothing. Seeing our children's donated uniform being worn by children in Malawi is a powerful reminder that small acts of kindness can make a huge difference across the world.

This week, we are excited to welcome the founder of the charity, Dave, onto our school podcast who will share more about the wonderful impact their work is having.

After half term, we will also be holding more charity days where families can donate any unwanted clothing or uniform to help support even more children. Your generosity can make a real difference!





SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

LITTLE CHATS BIG RIGHTS



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

We're proud to share that we as a School Council are working towards achieving the Rights Respecting Schools Award and can share that we are progressing well and have now been awarded the **Bronze Unicef award!**



This means we are embedding our learning on children's rights as set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and thinking about how these rights are respected in our school.

Each newsletter will include a short discussion point focusing on a different Article, giving families the chance to talk together about children's rights and what they mean in everyday life.

The focus for this fortnight is taken from

Article 24 – Right to health, food, and clean water



Why is it important that all children around the world have access to clean water, healthy food, and medical care?

THE BASE



ICE POPS - 2 for 50p!!!

Yogurt tubes for 20p!!!

Hot drinks - £1 each!

All other items are priced at 50p each.

The BASE is open most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school.



Don't forget to share any ideas you have of how we can make Masefield even better with your class representative.



 1 DEFINITION OF A CHILD	 2 NO DISCRIMINATION	 3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD	 4 MAKING RIGHTS REAL	 5 FAMILY GUIDANCE AS CHILDREN DEVELOP	 6 LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT	 7 NAME AND NATIONALITY
 8 IDENTITY	 9 KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER	 10 CONTACT WITH PARENTS ACROSS COUNTRIES	 11 PROTECTION FROM KIDNAPPING	 12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS	 13 SHARING THOUGHTS FREELY	 14 FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND RELIGION
 15 SETTING UP OR JOINING GROUPS	 16 PROTECTION OF PRIVACY	 17 ACCESS TO INFORMATION	 18 RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS	 19 PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE	 20 CHILDREN WITHOUT FAMILIES	 21 CHILDREN WHO ARE ADOPTED



ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

- Reception - 98.4%
- Year 1 - 97.4%
- Year 2 - 93%
- Year 3 - 97%
- Year 4 - 97.6%
- Year 5 - 95.1%
- Year 6T - 98.9%
- Year 6W - 98.7%

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:

96.8%

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

96.4%

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 cyberbullying.

Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place online or through digital devices. It can happen through messaging apps, online games, social media or group chats. Unlike face-to-face bullying, cyberbullying can happen at any time of day and may involve hurtful messages, exclusion from groups, sharing embarrassing images or repeated unkind comments. For children, this can have a significant impact on confidence and wellbeing.

What parents can do:

Talk regularly with your child about their online experiences and encourage them to speak up if something worries them. Remind them never to respond to hurtful messages and show them how to block, mute or report users on apps and games. Saving evidence, such as screenshots, can also help if support from the school or platform is needed.

Creating an open and supportive environment at home makes it more likely children will seek help early.

SAFEGUARDING



Keeping Personal Information Safe

Children are growing up in a digital world where sharing information online can feel normal. Helping them understand what should stay private is an important part of staying safe.

Key reminders for families include:

- Protect personal details – remind children not to share their full name, address, school, phone number or passwords online.
- Use strong passwords – encourage the use of unique passwords and explain why they should never be shared with friends.
- Be careful with gaming chats – children should know that people online may not always be who they say they are.
- Talk openly – encourage children to tell a trusted adult if someone online asks for personal information or makes them feel uncomfortable.

For more guidance, families can visit the Childnet website.

SUPPORTING LEARNING



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



Create a Clothes Swap

Children grow quickly, which means lots of clothes are only worn for a short time. Consider organising a clothes swap with friends or family, or donating items that no longer fit. Passing clothes on to others helps reduce waste, saves money, and gives perfectly good items a second life.

Remember uniform can be donated at the school office which is then put on our online preloved uniform shop, Uniformd or donated to Great Minds, Bright Futures.

<https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/masefield-primary-school>



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.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY

22nd - Year 2 trip to Smithills Hall

JUNE

9th - Curious Critters visiting Nursery

12th-14th - Year 6 PGL

16th-17th - Year 5 London Trip

19th - Year 3 trip to Eureka!

23rd - KS1 Sports Day - 9:30am

23rd - KS2 Sports Day - 1:30pm

24th - Nursery Sports Day - 2pm

24th - Reception Sports Day - 2:30pm

24th - Class photographs

26th - Macmillan Events and Bake Off

30th - Year 4 trip to Hindu Mandir

JULY

2nd - Summer Fair

7th - Year 4 trip to Hollingworth Lake

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

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





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/>