



# MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

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It's been a wonderful fortnight at Masefield since the last newsletter, there is a real sense of pride and excitement across school. The energy around school continues to be incredibly positive, with our children fully engaged, motivated, and embracing new opportunities with confidence and enthusiasm.

One particularly exciting milestone has been the recording of our very first Masefield podcast. This new venture gives pupils a platform to share their voices and experiences of school life, and we are thrilled to be launching it soon. We will share full details on how to access the podcast across all major platforms once it is released, and we hope this will be the first of many podcasts recorded this year.

We are also extremely proud of our Year 6 Scholars, who recently received their assignment results. Every pupil achieved either a 2:1 or a First, which is a fantastic accomplishment. They will graduate next week at the University of Manchester, a truly special moment and a powerful experience that reflects their hard work, ambition, and resilience.

Our sporting successes have continued too, with pupils from Years 1-4 representing the school at a gymnastics competition at Beth Tweddle Gymnastics. They showed great determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship, and we are very proud of every child who took part.

Finally, we were honoured to receive a letter from the Education Secretary, recognising the exceptional outcomes achieved by our pupils at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Being acknowledged as among the very best schools nationally is a testament to the dedication of our staff and the determination of our pupils, and it is something we are immensely proud of as a school community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. These achievements belong to everyone at Masefield, and we look forward to finishing the term with the same positivity and momentum.

## 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.

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# HIGHLIGHTS

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

### Year 6

On Tuesday morning, our Year 6 pupils took part in a powerful national literacy webinar with Ruth Barnett, who shared her remarkable life story.

Ruth spoke about her experiences as a refugee during World War II, coming to England on the Kindertransport. The children were completely fascinated by her story and showed great curiosity, asking thoughtful and respectful questions throughout the session.

It was a truly moving opportunity to bring history to life and to deepen our pupils' understanding of resilience, courage and compassion.

An experience they will not forget.



## LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Ethan & Harvey  
Daisy & Ellis

Year 1 - Xander & Emilia  
Ada & Roman

Year 2 - Alfie & Avaya  
Harriet W & Cody

Year 3 - Alfie Y & Lucie  
Oliver & Jenson

Year 4 - Jacob & Annabelle  
Jake & Alvie

Year 5 - Hollie & Jaxson M  
Reeva & Caitlyn

Year 6T - Archie & Violet  
Rosie & Charlie

Year 6W - Jacob & Muhammad  
Gabriella & Faith

## VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Reception - Louie & Harvey

Year 1 - Jack & Blake

Year 2 - Sadie & Isabella

Year 3 - Daisy & Lucie

Year 4 - Niall & Art

Year 5 - Oliver M & Noah

Year 6T - Alfie & James

Year 6W - Leo & Isabella



## READER OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Frankie & Rosie

Year 1 - Ellis & Charlotte

Year 2 - Elliott & Alfie

Year 3 - Theodore & Alfie

Year 4 - Lexxa & Hope

Year 5 - Jacob & Dougie-Lee

Year 6 - Aila & Oliver

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

## 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 - Amelia H & Josie E

Isibindi - Mekhail, Louie H-B & Harriet B

Reverur - Jake B & Charlie F

Sollevare - Amelie T & Toby C





# HIGHLIGHTS

## THRIVE

Lots has been going on in Thrive since we have returned from the Christmas break.

In particular there has been a focus on Mindfulness as this gives our children such a beautiful gift; the ability to pause, breathe and understand their feelings. We learn to calm our minds, manage big emotions and stay focused in the moment.

Thrive supports children to understand their feelings, feel secure in relationships, and develop the emotional skills they need to thrive in school and in society.

## NURSERY

In Nursery, the children have been using chunky marker pens to make lines, shapes and patterns.

The large surface encourages big arm movements, supporting gross and fine motor development whilst encouraging their artistic flow.

Excellent mark making Nursery!



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Spring 1 half term

Tuesday - Year 3&4 Gymnastics.

Wednesday - Year 2 Gymnastics.

Thursday - Year 5&6 BWFC  
Vocal band - Year 3-6

All clubs finish at 4:15pm

## SHOUT OUTS

A big shout out to our Masefield Gymnastics teams who are taking part in tournaments at Beth Tweddle Gymnastics. Last week, our KS1 team came an amazing 4<sup>th</sup> overall with Olive receiving a gold medal in the Beginner category. Our two KS2 teams are taking part over the next 2 weeks and we are sure that they will represent Masefield as wonderfully as the KS1 team did. Well done and good luck to all of our Gymnastic superstars!





# SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

## LITTLE CHATS BIG RIGHTS



We're proud to share that we as a School Council are working towards achieving the Rights Respecting Schools Award. This means we are learning about 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 31 which is the right to play, rest and leisure...



Why do you think play is important for children?

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

1 -18 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

## THE BASE



New to the BASE are yogurt tubes for 20p!!!

All other items are priced at 50p each.

The BASE is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school





# ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception - 97.3%

Year 1 - 96.3%

Year 2 - 96.7%

Year 3 - 95.8%

Year 4 - 97.5%

Year 5 - 95%

Year 6T - 97.3%

Year 6W - 97.9%

## 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:

**96.6%**

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 in-game chat and voice chat.

Many popular games used by primary-aged children include text or voice chat features that allow players to communicate with others in real time. While this can make games more social and enjoyable, it can also expose children to inappropriate language, unkind behaviour, or contact from people they don't know. Voice chat, in particular, can feel more personal and may encourage children to share information without thinking.

### What parents can do:

Check whether chat features are enabled in the games your child plays and consider turning them off or limiting them to friends only. Use parental controls to manage communication settings and remind your child never to share personal details such as their real name, school, or location. Encourage them to mute or block other players and to tell a trusted adult if anything they hear makes them feel uncomfortable or upset.

## 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



### Keeping Children Safe Around Water

Water can be fun but also dangerous, so it's important that children understand how to stay safe around baths, paddling pools, rivers and lakes.

Simple safety messages for families include:

- Always supervise – young children should never be left alone near water, even for a moment.
- Know the rules – remind children not to run near pools, push others, or play near open water without an adult present.
- Learn what to do – teach children to shout for help and use a floating object if someone is in trouble, rather than entering the water themselves.
- Be weather-aware – cold water and fast-flowing rivers can be dangerous at any time of year.

For more advice and child-friendly resources, parents can visit the Royal Life Saving Society UK website.

## SUSTAINABILITY



### Cut Down on Food Waste

Plan meals for the week and get children involved in using up leftovers creatively – yesterday's vegetables can become today's soup or pasta sauce.

Check portion sizes, store food properly, and freeze extras when you can. Reducing food waste saves money and helps protect the environment by cutting down on unnecessary landfill.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## FEBRUARY

2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> - Book Fair (afterschool)

3rd - Year 6 visit to Crucial Crew

4th - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm (Not Year 4)

11th - Year 2 Assembly - 2.45pm

23rd Feb - 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 5 Swimming lessons

24th - Online Safety Parent Workshop - 3.30pm



## MARCH

2nd-6<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Swimming lessons

2<sup>nd</sup> March - Non uniform day for Bolton Hospice

5th - World Book Day (Dress as a book character)

9th - Year 1 BSICT visit  
11<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 BSICT visit

13th - Comic Relief

16th - Year 4 BSICT visit

17<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 BSICT visit

18<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 BSICT visit

18th - Year 1 Assembly - 2.45pm

WC 23<sup>rd</sup> - Parent conference

24th - Year 6 BSICT visit

25th - Knowledge Day - 3:30pm

31st - Reception visit to Smithills Farm

## 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

6<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 trip to Chester

20th - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm

22nd - Year 2 trip to Smithills Hall



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

## JUNE

12th-14<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 PGL  
16th-17th - Year 5 London Trip

19<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 trip to Eureka!

23rd - KS1 Sports Day - 9:30am

23rd - KS2 Sports Day - 1:30pm

24th - Nursery Sports Day - 2pm

24<sup>th</sup> - Reception Sports Day - 2:30pm

24<sup>th</sup> - Class photographs

26th - Macmillan Events and Bake Off



## 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



# BOOK FAIR

The countdown is officially on — just a few days until our Scholastic Book Fair arrives!

We'll have an amazing range of fantastic books for all ages, from much-loved classics to the latest page-turners, plus exciting new authors and series your children will be buzzing about. Whether your child is a reluctant reader or a total bookworm, there'll be something to spark their imagination.

Best of all, every purchase helps our school. Supporting the Book Fair means we earn rewards and resources that go straight back into our classrooms and library — helping us put even more great books into the hands of our students. So start making those wish lists and get ready to celebrate reading with us. We can't wait to see you there!

**JOIN US FROM MONDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 3:30pm!**

 SCHOLASTIC  TRAVELLING BOOKS

**COME TO OUR  
BOOK FAIR**

and earn  
**FREE BOOKS**  
for our school!

**GO  
ALL  
IN.**

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Reading  
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