



MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

16TH JANUARY 2025



As we settle into the new year, I wanted to take a moment to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2025! I hope the festive season was filled with joy, laughter, and precious moments spent with loved ones.



Now, with renewed energy and optimism, I can't help but feel a buzz of excitement as we embark on 2025 together. At times we can face challenges, but within classrooms lies incredible potential, ready to be unlocked and nurtured. And that's why, here at Masefield, we're setting the bar high – aiming for nothing less than excellence as our standard. I'm not talking about simply achieving good outcomes in assessments, although that's important too. It's about instilling a love of learning, a thirst for knowledge, and a drive to go above and beyond. It's about nurturing critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills – the vital tools our children need to navigate the ever-changing world.

This commitment to excellence starts in every classroom, every day. Our dedicated teachers are passionate about creating engaging lessons that spark curiosity, challenge thought, and inspire confidence. We're continuously innovating, exploring new pedagogical approaches, and fostering a dynamic environment where ideas can flow freely. Excellence isn't just about what happens within the four walls of a classroom. It extends to every interaction, every conversation, every decision we make as a school community. It's about fostering a culture of respect, understanding, and inclusivity where all pupils feel valued and supported. So, let's make 2025 the year we truly unlock the potential of every child. Let's work hand-in-hand to create a school where excellence is not just a destination, but a daily adventure. I'm excited to see what we can achieve together in this new year.

MESSAGE FROM

MR DONE



HIGHLIGHTS

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

Masefield were placed as one of the top schools in Bolton for our latest end of KS2 results. We are incredibly proud of our children for achieving such outstanding results, with 87% reaching the expected standard in reading, writing and maths at the end of KS2. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our fantastic staff. We are also immensely grateful to our families and the entire school community for their unwavering support. Together, we continue to ensure that every child at Masefield Primary School can 'Believe, Achieve & Succeed'. You can read the article in the Bolton News here:

<https://www.theboltonnews.co.uk/news/24803216.bolton-primary-schools-key-stage-2-performance-released/>



LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

Year 1 - Noah & Aliza-Mae

Year 2 - Ria & Joey

Year 3 - Annabelle & Amelia

Year 4 - Lana & Asrafle

Year 5I - Evie & Amelie

Year 5R - George & Imogen

Year 6 - Toby & Jessica

VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Year 1 - Josie

Year 2 - Leo

Year 3 - Lexi

Year 4 - Reeva

Year 5I - Lucy

Year 5R - Harley

Year 6 - Beckah

READER OF THE WEEK

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

Year 1 - Harriet

Year 2 - Lucy

Year 3 - Toby

Year 4 - Lottie

Year 5 - Isabella

Year 6 - Rhedalyn

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

TRIPS



Year 2 and Year 5 had a fantastic time this week with trips to Bolton Schools ICT.

Year 2 showed their impressive ICT skills by building robots and programming them to complete different tasks, whilst Year 5 learnt how to program their own computer games using Kodu.

Both year groups represented Masefield perfectly and had a fantastic time!

Please see the updated 'Dates for your Diary' section at the bottom of the Newsletter which includes other trips that are happening over the next two terms.

ATTENDANCE



Children are expected to come to school every day and on time and aim to have 100% attendance. Good attendance is essential to guarantee the highest possible achievement. Lateness and attendance below 100% will have a negative impact on their learning, friendships and life chances. Regular attendance at school enables children to make the best of the educational opportunities available to them.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



Spring Term 1 After School Clubs:

Mon - Year 3-4 Gymnastics

Tues - Year 1 Gymnastics

Thurs - Year 5 Football

Thurs - Year 3-6 Vocal Band

HOLIDAY CLUB



The dates for the May and Summer Holiday Clubs are as follows:

May Half Term:
Tues 27th - Thurs 29th May

Summer Holiday:
Mon 28th - Thurs 31st July
Mon 4th - Thurs 7th August

Booking information to follow.





ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW



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:

95.91%

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

94.5%

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Reception - **96.5%**

Year 1 - **99.84%**

Year 2 - **96.72%**

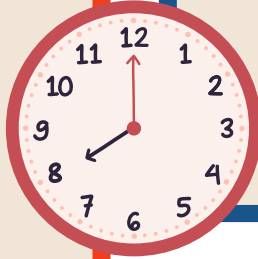
Year 3 - **95.94%**

Year 4 - **95.71%**

Year 5I - **96.5%**

Year 5R - **92.86%**

Year 6 - **93.38%**



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 focuses on

'How to set up parental controls on iPhones to limit content and ensure that is age-appropriate'

The parental controls on iPhones allow you to block or restrict certain apps, features, content, downloads, or purchases. Setting limitations on content ratings, Siri and web searches enables you to filter out age-inappropriate content and vastly reduce the likelihood of your children being exposed to unsuitable material and information.

SAFEGUARDING



Operation Encompass

This week our focus is on Operation Encompass. This is a police and education early information sharing partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support for children experiencing the impact of domestic abuse. Information is shared by the police with a school's trained Key Adult (DSL) prior to the start of the next school day when officers have attended a domestic abuse incident. Children experiencing domestic abuse are negatively impacted by this exposure; with domestic abuse identified as an Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE). Operation Encompass aims to mitigate this harm by enabling immediate support and thus making the child's day better.

SUPPORTING LEARNING



Learning to Read – Our Phonics Scheme

Each week we will share a video to support your understanding of our phonics scheme.

Today's video is 'Sound Blending Books'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhLjXT1jP9M&list=PLDe74j1F52zSCiOMSn3zQDSzgu9TrbQ1c&index=12>

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



Wash On Cold

Approximately 90% of the energy consumed by a washing machine is utilised for water heating. Washing clothes in cold water significantly reduces energy consumption whilst also minimising fabric wear and tear, colour fading, and the formation of wrinkles.



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!



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@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

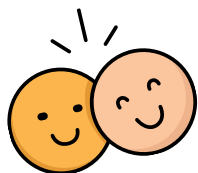
I would like to thank Miss Illingworth and all of the amazing staff at Masefield who have helped Jenson with the progress he has made up to now. As you know he struggled alot with his reading and writing, but he is now engaging in his lessons and I do not think he could have done it without of your patience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





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY

- 14th - Yr 5 Trip to Bolton SICT
- 15th - Yr 2 Trip to Bolton SICT
- 22nd - Year 3 Assembly - 2.45pm
- 28th - Yr 4 trip to Bolton SICT
- 29th - Yr 3 trip to Bolton SICT
- 20th - 31st - Year 5I Swimming

FEBRUARY

- 4th - Year 5I Swimming
- 5th - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm
- 12th - Year 2 Assembly - 2.45pm
- 27th - Online Safety Parent Workshop - 3.30pm
- 24th - 7th March - Year 5R Swimming
- 25th - Year 3 trip to Bolton Museum
- BOOK FAIR - DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

MARCH

- 6th - World Book Day (Dress as a book character)
- 14th - Comic Relief
- 19th - Year 1 Assembly - 2.45pm
- 26th - Year 1 trip to Bolton SICT
- 28th - Year 6 trip to Bolton SICT

APRIL

- 2nd - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm
- W/C 7th - Parent Conference
- 9th - Non-Uniform (Egg donations)
- 9th - Easter Bingo
- 10th - Music Showcase - 9.00am
- 11th - Aspirations and Individuality Day (Dress as something you'd like to be when you are older or something that makes you unique)
- 30th - Reception Assembly - 2.45pm

MAY

- 5th May - school closed
- 21st - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm
- 21st May - Year 2 trip to Tatton

JUNE

- 11th June - Year 3 trip to Eureka
- 13-15th June - Year 6 PGL
- 17th - 18th - Year 5 London Trip
- 23rd - EYFS Sports Day - 10.00am
- 24th - KS1 Sports Day - 9.30am
- 24th - KS2 Sports Day - 1.30pm
- 27th - Macmillan Events and Bake Off

JULY

- 2nd - Year 4 Trip to the Anderton Centre
- 3rd - Summer Fair
- 8th - Year 6 Production - 3.30pm
- 9th - Year 6 Production - 5.00pm
- 10th - Music Showcase - 9.00am
- 14th - Meet The Teacher - 3.30pm and 4.00pm
- 15th - Transition Day
- 17th - Nursery Graduation - 9.00am
- 17th - Presentation Evening (invite only) - 6.00pm
- 18th - Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 9.00am
- 18th - School closes at 1.30pm