



MASEFIELD NEWSLETTER

27TH MARCH 2025



It's been another wonderfully busy week at Masefield, filled with a fantastic range of activities, from exciting visitors to engaging lessons.

We are thrilled to announce that our new café/tuck shop in the playground, The BASE, is now open! The BASE is a vibrant community space, café, and tuck shop, designed and run by our pupils. This initiative is part of our mission to ensure every child at Masefield has a voice, and we're excited to see how it will continue to develop. During our soft opening phase, The BASE will be open after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

This week, more of our classes visited Bolton SICT to enhance their Computing knowledge, connecting their learning to their topic on Computer Science.

Earlier this term, we were honoured to host Sir Kevan Collins, Special Advisor to the Education Secretary, who visited to see the wonderful work we're doing to ensure that all children succeed through a well-rounded curriculum.



In the final week of term, we'll be welcoming visitors from America to share best practices and showcase the incredible talents of our pupils.

Don't forget to check out the diary dates for the next two weeks, as there's lots going on, and stay connected with us through our school Facebook page for all the latest updates. Thank you for your continued support.

MESSAGE FROM

MR DONE



HIGHLIGHTS

LEAD LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Alfie & Maisie
Ollie & Mohammed

Year 1 - All of Year 1!

Year 2 - Joshua & Ayda
Ria & Aoife

Year 3 - Lola & Toby
Roman & Lexxa

Year 4 - Jacob T & Emily
Lovie & Clara-Rose

Year 5I - Bobby & Charlie
Aila & Jake

Year 5R - Jake & Jamie
Georgia & Muhammad Ibraheem

Year 6 - Beckah & Liana

IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK...

At Masefield, we love reading. As part of our drive to promote a love of reading for pleasure, we have recently launched our Reading Scrapbooks! Our children are encouraged to review their book in a creative and entertaining way.

In Year 4, these amazing children have risen to the challenge and produced these wonderfully original reviews, some even using their artistic skills to bring their reviews to life in three dimensions. Superb! #spreadtheword



VISION AND VALUE AWARD WINNERS

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

Reception - Roman & Emilia

Year 1 - Oakley L

Year 2 - Lucie & Hollie

Year 3 - Olivia & Toby

Year 4 - Lennox

Year 5I - Jackson & Amelie

Year 5R - Oliver & George

Year 6 - Ronnie

READER OF THE WEEK

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

Reception - Charlotte & Wilf

Year 1 - Jack & Josie

Year 2 - Mekail & Grace

Year 3 - Hope & Penny

Year 4 - Daisy E & Matthew

Year 5 - Frankie & Faith

Year 6 - India

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

YEAR 5

Year 5 have been engaging in a variety of different learning activities over the last couple of weeks.

In PE they have been learning different netball skills and enjoyed a game in the sun, whilst in DT they have been practising their sewing skills in preparation for creating their own pencil cases.

In Bright Leaders, 5R have been working on activities to help them overcome monsters that might get in their way when they are faced with challenging situations & a group of students visited Spindle Point Primary with Bright Leaders to continue on their music concert development.
Fantastic work Year 5, well done!

MUSIC

This half term in music, Key Stage 2 have been learning to play the steel drums along to some very famous songs including 'Under the Sea' from the Little Mermaid.

Year 6 have made the most of the sunshine with an impromptu music lesson outside so that everyone could hear their wonderful playing.



THE BASE

The Base is opening on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school from next week and is well stocked up with afterschool treats. Our School Council have been working hard on this project and we hope that you all enjoy this new community space run by our pupils.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- Monday - Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball
- Tuesday - Year 5 Netball
- Tuesday - Year 6 Maths booster
- Thursday - Year 2 Football
- Thursday - Year 3-6 Vocal Band

All of these clubs run until 4:15pm.





ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

- Reception - 96%
- Year 1 - 97%
- Year 2 - 95%
- Year 3 - 96%
- Year 4 - 96%
- Year 5I - 95%
- Year 5R - 95%
- Year 6 - 94%



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:

96.1%

OUR ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR TO DATE:

95.3%

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



Welcome to our 'Online Safety Tip of The Week'. On each newsletter, we will provide you with some useful hints, tips, guides and fact sheets from the National College that you as parents and carers will be able to use to help keep your child safe whilst online. This week's free online safety guide focuses on free messaging app, 'Whatsapp'.

Whatsapp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means that messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even Whatsapp can read them. In the UK, the minimum age of use for WhatsApp is 16 years old. It had previously dropped to 13 years old but in April 2018 returned to 16, as a response to data-protection legislation.

SAFEGUARDING



Child Criminal Exploitation

This week, we are highlighting the importance of tackling child criminal exploitation. A new crime and policing bill, currently in Parliament, aims to prosecute adults who exploit children for criminal activities. It will also make 'Cuckooing'—taking over a vulnerable person's home for illegal purposes—an offence.

The most common form of exploitation is county lines, where gangs recruit and coerce children into transporting drugs.

These young people are often manipulated and blackmailed into crime.

Protecting children from such dangers is crucial.

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



Shop Online Where Possible

A traditional shopper has almost twice the carbon emissions as an online shopper.

While ethical online shopping can cut carbon emissions, rushed delivery can break the benefit of shopping online due to more delivery trucks and packaging.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



MARCH

- 21st - Comic Relief
- 19th - Year 1 Assembly - 2.45pm
- 25th - SEN coffee morning 9:00am
- 26th - Year 1 trip to Bolton SICT
- 28th - Year 6 trip to Bolton SICT

APRIL

- 1st - Reception trip to Smithills farm
- 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
- 30th - Year 4 trip to Swaminarayan Gadi Temple
- 30th - Little Barn Mobile Farm visiting Nursery

MAY

LET'S GO

ADVENTURE

- 5th May - school closed
- 6th - Year 1 trip to St Matthews Church
- 7th - Year 3 trip to Bury Hebrew Congregation
- 19th - Year 5 Trip to Zakariyya Jame Masjid Mosque
- 21st - Knowledge Day - 3.00pm
- 21st May - Year 2 trip to Tatton
- 21st May - Year 6 trip to Blackpool

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
- 16th - Creepy Crawly Dan in to visit Nursery
- 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

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

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.



**27 APRIL
2025**

Miss Tyrer and Mrs Walton are running the 2025 Manchester Marathon!

We are running the adidas Manchester Marathon in aid of the Royal Bolton Hospital to show our gratitude and support for the care the hospital has provided to our families and our wider community. We hope to raise vital funds that will help the hospital continue its important work, ensuring that future patients receive the best possible treatment and care.

In support of



Donations are greatly appreciated! Click the button below if you would like to donate.





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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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

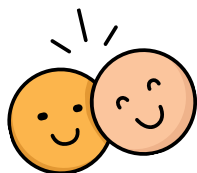
I would like to thank Miss Illingworth and all of the amazing staff at Masefield who have helped Jenson with the progress he has made up to now. As you know he struggled alot with his reading and writing, but he is now engaging in his lessons and I do not think he could have done it without of your patience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

