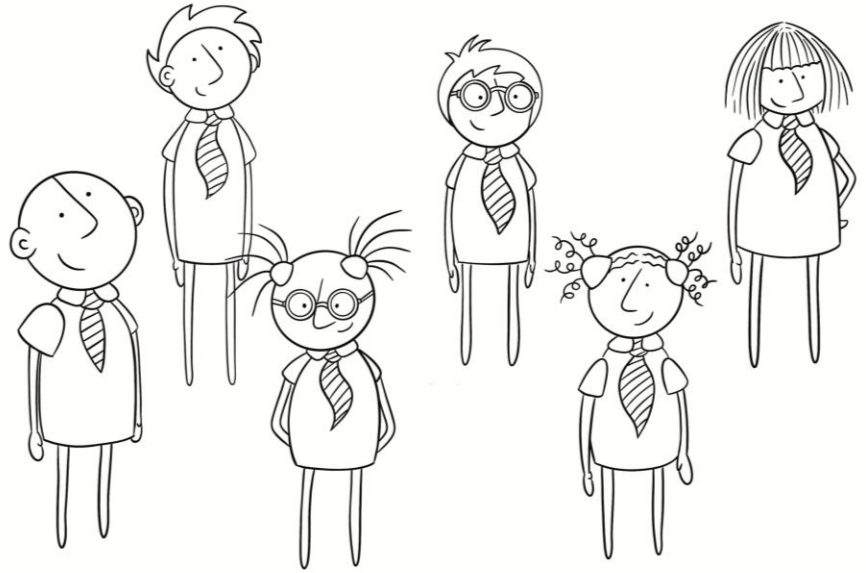
YEAR 6
PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2026

MJS School Values

- Responsibility
- Respect
- Curiosity
- Tolerance
- Resilience
- Growth





Mrs Cummins



Mr Haigh



Miss Awcock



Mr McLoughlin



Mr Davies
Year Lead

The Year 6 Teaching Team



Mrs Harper



Mrs Thistleton



Miss Gillett



Mrs Hollens



Mrs Teale



Mrs Hill

The Year 6 Teaching Assistants

Other key staff



Mr Pike
Headteacher
DSL



Miss Negus
Deputy Head
Lead DSL



Mr Footman Williams
Deputy Head
DSL



Mr Turnbull
Inclusion Manager
DSL



Mrs Webb
Welfare Officer



Miss Szczotok
Front office



Mrs Porter
Front Office

What will we be teaching each half-term?

Autumn 1- Ancient Greece. Greek Myths

Autumn 2- Where do we come from? Darwin's Dragons

Spring1- War, what is it good for?

Spring 2- Crawley, wasn't built in a day.

Summer 1- How do we see things?

Summer 2- Transition Topic

What will we be teaching?

- English
  - Spelling
  - Grammar
- Mathematics
- Science
- Computing
- Religious Education
- History & Geography

- French
- Music
- Art
- Design Technology
- PE & Games
- PSHE including RSE

Personal, social, health education and relationship and sex education

Homework – Preparing you for Year 7

- Reading four times a week – to be recorded in your own journal and brought into school daily.
- Weekly spellings to learn (tested on a Monday).
- TT Rockstars
- Rollama
- SATs Buster 10 minute activities may also be set.

- Homework is put onto the website on Mondays.
- Homework to be handed in by Monday. If there are any problems completing your homework, you must let your teacher know by Friday break-time at the latest.
- Homework club:
  - Monday break time for anyone who does not hand in homework on time.
  - Tuesday break time for those who have not done Rollama and/or TT Rockstars.
  - Golden Time for those who have not read 4 times in a week.
- If homework is missed 3 weeks in a row – parents will be contacted.

Reading

- You are expected to read a minimum of 4 times a week. One of these is to be out loud, to an adult.
- You should choose a book which will challenge you and expand your vocabulary – no Diary of a Wimpy Kid/Dork Diaries/DogMan style books.
- You should reflect upon what you have read and note new words you've read in your reading journal. The reading journal can be a notebook you buy yourself, or school will provide one for you.

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<u>Accelerated reader</u>

- Teachers will be monitoring your quizzing and checking that you are reading books appropriate to your ZPD level
- You will be expected to be able to discuss your reading and show your teacher your reading journal on a weekly basis.

Uniform

- No jewellery except for a wristwatch and one pair of stud ear-rings
- Earrings to be taken out for PE and Games
- Hair tied back
- Games kit to include trainers. Should be dark coloured – not patterned. Shorts should be just above the knee.
- Tracksuit or long leggings for colder weather
- Correct shoes – black – NOT trainers
- Cardigans and sweatshirts can be worn
- Everything must be named please! (including pencil cases and water bottles)

Stationery

Supplies you may find useful this year:

- Pencils (HB)
- Yellow, green and pink coloured pencil
- Eraser (rubber)
- Sharpener
- 30cm Ruler - not the bendy or foldable kind
- Scissors
- Purple Biro
- Glue Stick (have some spare at home)
- Whiteboard Pen (have some spare at home)
- In ear earphones

(Please make sure all pencil cases are small enough to be put in trays)

Please do not spend lots on stationery and do not bring in anything that is too precious to you. Anything that is expensive or could get mixed up should be named. You bring in any stationery at your own risk.

Yearly events

- **Autumn Term**

- Portals to the Past- Ancient Greece – 15th/16th Sept
- Junior Citizen Event - 23rd Sept
- DT- Greek Dips

- **Spring Term**
- Wings Museum trip - TBC
- Portals to the Past – WWII – 13th /14th Jan
- Crawley Trip (date TBC)

- **Summer Term**
- SATs week – w/b 10th May
- Bikeability - w/b 7th June and 14th June
- Y6 Show – w/b 5th July
- DT- Steady Hand Games
- Y7 transition
- Swanage Residential/Activities Week w/b 12th July

Year 6 Residential

- 3 day/ 2 night trip to Swanage
- Camping
- Outdoor activities, including water based activities such as paddle-boarding and raft-building.
- Half a day visit to a waterpark.
- Woodland activities – archery, cooking, etc.
- All meals, activities and transport included.

Assessment

Children are tested in reading, SPaG and maths.

Writing and science are teacher assessed.

There will be half-termly assessments taking place throughout the year, with thorough analysis.

There will be a mock SATs Week to familiarise the children with how the week operates.

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe is our priority.

Picking up / walking home

- Teachers will only let pupils go to a family member *unless parents have let the school know in advance. This can be via email to the school office or telling TAs at drop off.*
- Upper school – many children start going home by themselves at some point in year 5 or year 6. Parents will decide when their child is ready for this. Please let your child's teacher know if you want your child to leave school independently.

Safeguarding / social media

- The Computing curriculum provides a fantastic opportunity to develop our school's approach to online safety.

- Online safety is included in the Programmes of Study for all Key Stages to help ensure that young people are "responsible, competent, confident and creative users of information and communication technology."

- A lot of this starts at what children can access at home.

- All social media apps, including Instagram and Tiktok are aged rated 13+.
- WhatsApp is 16+.
- Children should not be using these without parental consent or careful monitoring. We cannot stress this enough.
- On the **Google Play** store, most social media apps are rated 'Parental Guidance Recommended' by PEGI. This symbol comes up as an exclamation mark. This rating recommends that parents carefully consider whether these apps are suitable for children under 18.

NSPCC

More online safety advice for parents



Talking to your child about online safety

Advice on how to start the conversation and get support if you're worried.

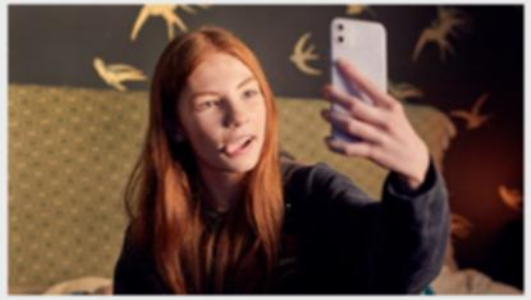
Learn more



Parental controls

Get advice on setting up parental controls to help keep your child safe online.

Learn more



Livestreaming and online video apps

Information and advice to help you understand the challenges and keep your child safe.

Learn more

OUR MESSAGE TO CHILDREN ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA:

- Age restrictions – 13 years old.
- If you are allowed to use it, be kind in all forms of communication. Would your family be happy to read everything that is sent?
- If you do allow your child to use group chats, do not join a big group, only use with close friends.
- Information/photos can't be recovered after being sent.

Reminders

*Full uniform needed on non PE days, including school shoes.

*No jewellery except for a wristwatch and one pair of stud ear-rings (taken out or taped for PE and Games)

*Make sure emergency contact details are up to date.

*If your child is unable to come in to school, please call the office as soon as possible and each day that they are off school.

Pleas from us …

*Breaktime snacks need to be healthy – no chocolate, sweets, crisps, etc. Healthy snacks such as fruit, veg, cereal bars, breadsticks, etc, are healthy snacks.

* Please name jumpers and cardigans!

PTA

- We are actively recruiting!
- Please contact pta@maidenbowerjunior.co.uk if you would like to support.
- Pizza Days, Christmas Fair, Midsummer Madness, Fireworks, etc.

How can you help?

- Homework
- Reading
- Times tables
- Encouraging independence & organisation
- Any concerns or worries – please come in and discuss with school as soon as possible. Either face to face, by phone or email.

Contact Us

- Your first port of call is your child's class teacher.
- If you need to email you child's class teacher please use office@maidenbowerjunior.co.uk

- If you need to contact the school for a specific purpose please use the following emails:
  - SEN- inclusion@maidenbowerjunior.co.uk
  - Pastoral- pastoral@maidenbowerjunior.co.uk
  - All other enquiries- office@maidenbowerjunior.co.uk