

MJS NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. The first week back has been eventful with some extreme weather conditions - thank you for navigating yourselves carefully around the ice and floods.

The children have come back refreshed and excited and we have been so impressed with the levels of resilience, kindness and hard work that has been clear to see. 3JD epitomised this yesterday when they arrived back from their forest school session, probably the wettest and muddiest class I have seen!

It has been busy week in school, with year groups beginning their new topics. Spring Term is the term for most of our history topics and lots of year groups have had topic immersion days this week. These are great fun and set the scene for the learning that awaits, bringing a sense of curiosity to children's learning. A fun historical term awaits.

Wishing you a lovely weekend - stay warm and safe.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike

Headteacher

**Together
Everyone
Achieves
More
at MJS**



Monday 12th January 2026

Yr3 Portals from the Past Workshop
5HW Forest Schools
Girls Football League @ ICC
French Club
Netball Club
Rhythm Masters Club

Tuesday 13th January 2026

Yr3 Portals from the Past Workshop
4AW Forest Schools
Yoga Bugs Club
Y5 & 6 Girls Football
Let's Dance Club (4.45pm finish)
Craft Club (Group 3)
Book Club

Wednesday 14th January 2026

Launchpad Forest schools
Y4 Swimming (4GH & 4PG)
Y5 Boys Football
Chess Club (Group 3)
Choir Club

Thursday 15th January 2026

3JD Forest Schools
Boys Football Utilita Cup @ K2
Spanish Club
Y3 & 4 Girls Football
Dare Dance Club
Mindfulness Club

Friday 16th January 2026

6SC Forest Schools
Storm Basketball & Chenele Musical Theatre

YEAR 3 STONE AGE IMMERSION DAY



School uniform reminder

A reminder that full school uniform should be worn every day, unless it is a PE day.

This includes school shoes and not trainers alongside polo shirt, jumper, skirt/shorts/trousers.

BOYS	GIRLS
Dark Grey Trousers or shorts	Dark Grey Tailored Trousers or shorts Dark Grey Skirt / Pinafore Blue striped / checked dresses in summer (optional)
White Shirt / White Polo Shirt with School Logo *	White Shirt / White Polo Shirt with School Logo *
School Tie can be worn with white shirt only.	School Tie can be worn with white shirt only.
School Sweatshirt or cardigan with School Logo *	School Sweatshirt or cardigan with School Logo
Zip-up Fleece with School Logo * (optional Outdoor Wear only)	Zip-up Fleece with School Logo * (optional Outdoor Wear only)
Grey Socks	White Socks / Grey or Black Tights (plain)
Black School Shoes – No Boots or converse shoes	Black School Shoes – No Boots or converse shoes

We are recruiting

Term time contract and school friendly hours.

ID will be required for an enhanced DBS and Right to Work UK.

Contact us at
westsussex@chartwells.co.uk



Date	Event	Dates for your diary
SPRING TERM 2026		
Wednesday 11th February	School disco	
Monday 16th—Friday 20th Feb	HALF-TERM	
Wednesday 18th March	Parents Evening, with afternoon sessions in this fortnight	
Thursday 26th March	Last day of term. 1:15pm finish	
Friday 27th March	INSET DAY	
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS	
SUMMER TERM 2026		
Monday 11th May	Y6 SATs Week	
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	HALF-TERM	
Monday 1st June	INSET DAY	
Wednesday 20th May	Early Closure at 1.15pm due to Open Evening 4pm—6.30pm	
Thursday 25th June	Lower School Sports Day am	
Friday 26th June	Upper School Sports Day am	
Wednesday 1st July	Transition Day	
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of term 1:15pm finish.	

INSET DAYS 2026/27

We have recently set INSET Days for next academic year, in conjunction with The Brook and Maidenbower Infants. The following dates are INSET days:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

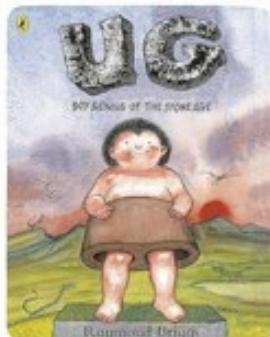
Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

Recommended Reading List

Spring 1

Year 3 – Stone Age



[The Wild Way Home by Sophie Kirtley](#)

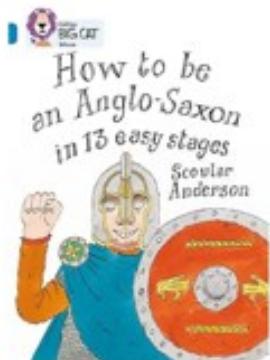
[The Whispering Stones by Savior Pirotta](#)

[The Secrets of Stonehenge by Nick Manning](#)

[24 Hour in the Stone Age by Ian Cook](#)

[UG: Boy Genius of the Stone Age by Raymond Briggs](#)

Year 4 – Anglo Saxons



[Anglo-Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman](#)

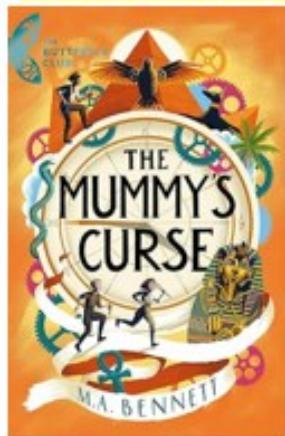
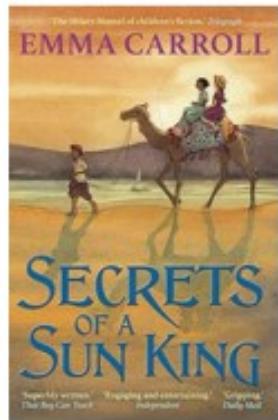
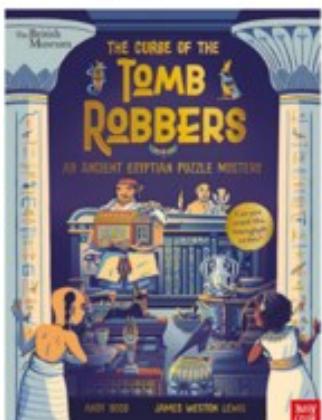
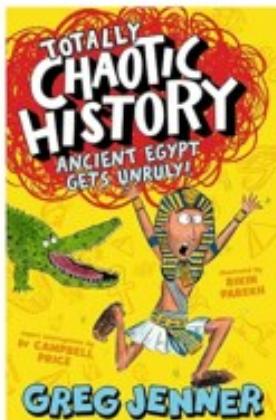
[Arthur: High King of Britain by Michael Morpurgo](#)

[Beowulf by Rob Lloyd Jones](#)

[Smashing Saxons by Terry Deary](#)

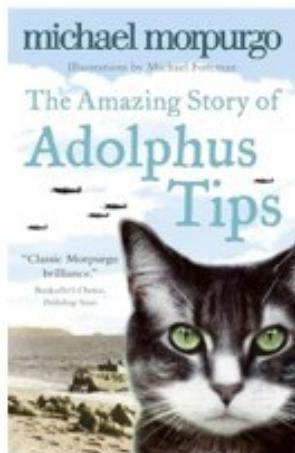
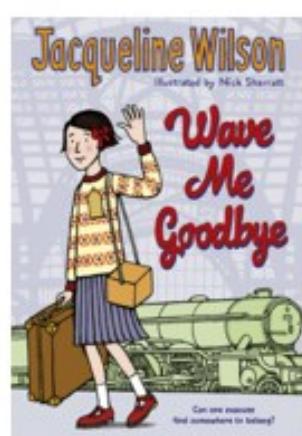
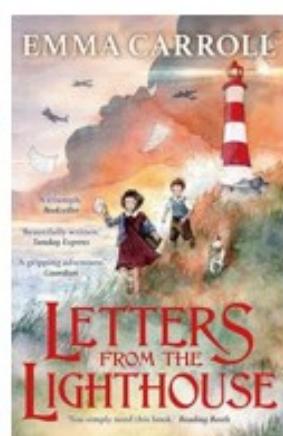
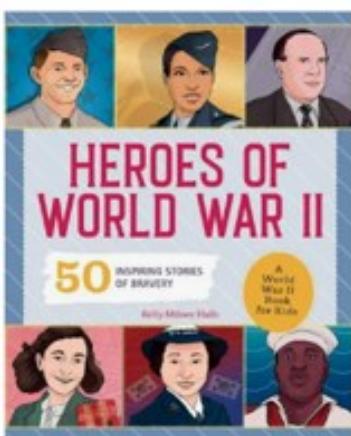
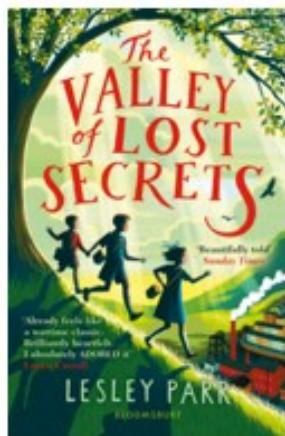
[How to be an Anglo Saxon by Scoular Anderson](#)

Year 5 – Ancient Egypt



Ancient Egypt Gets Unruly by Greg Jenner
The Curse of the Tomb Robbers by Andy Seed
The Hunt for the Golden Scarab by M.G. Leonard
Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll
The Mummy's Curse by M.A. Bennett

Year 6 – World War 2



The Valley of Lost Secrets by Lesley Parr
Heroes of World War II by Kelly Milner Halls
Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll
Wave Me Goodbye by Jacqueline Wilson
Amazing Adolphus Tips by Michael Morpurgo



Spanish Club MJS

Spring Term
2026

Thursdays at lunchtime
at the Studio.

Group 1: 12.00pm-12.30pm

Group 2: 12.30pm-1.00pm

Parents will be informed about the group before the club starts.

Fees: £65.00 (Spring Term 2026)

From 15th January to
26th March (Term time only)



Your children's first Spanish words, that will give them grounding for future learning at Secondary School with confidence and enthusiasm. Children will learn through games, activity sheets and songs, in a non-formal way, just having a good time in contact with an experienced native speaker.

Apart from the Spanish Language, I will show them that there is a whole world out there full of traditions, festivals, culture and interesting facts for them to discover.

If your child would like to join it, please contact me directly for more information, trial session or enrolment form.

Gracias 😊

DBS Checked
First Aid trained

GCSE and A-LEVELS Speaking Exams at a Secondary School

ML Spanish Tutor



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Tlf: 07936482815



Want to play Basketball?
Why not try Storm Basketball. For all information;

[https://stormbasketballclub.com/
want-to-play/school-sessions/](https://stormbasketballclub.com/want-to-play/school-sessions/)





Yogabugs is a fun and creative class that develops confidence and self esteem through embodied movement and expression. The children are introduced to traditional yoga poses, breathing techniques, meditation, mantra, mudras and journaling. The classes are planned around the ancient wisdom and knowledge of Ayurveda, according to the season. I have a love for language and take pleasure in writing original and well known stories. The stories engage the children's imagination and creativity, giving them the confidence to express themselves through the movement.

The class is carefully structured to develop coordination, balance, strength, flexibility taking into consideration the individual needs. Through yoga I teach the children how to calm the nervous system as well as offering tools to support emotional regulation.

Some of the overall benefits of yoga are improved concentration, better sleep patterns, greater self-esteem, reducing stress and anxiety, support emotional regulation and improves low mood, as well as a great form of exercise.

Yogabug Classes.

I am very pleased to offer three classes at Maidenbower Junior School on Tuesday and Wednesday. There are limited number of places available and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. If your child would like to join then please contact me for more information.

Lunch club - Tuesdays 12-1pm After School - Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm

Lunch club - Wednesday 12- 1pm

Tracey Williams 07813187315 or williamst93@hotmail.com insta @thestudioworth

About Me

I am a Primary school teacher and trained in adult and children's yoga. I have been teaching yoga for twenty years in schools and nurseries in and around the locality. I love yoga, walking, sewing, gardening, writing and travelling. I live with my husband, two daughters, a cat, 5 chickens and a tortoise called Winter.

A nurturing, creative, fun

after-school club

for Maidenbower Junior School

For children in Years 1-6

At Mindfulness Club we will:

- Explore our emotions using the arts and play
- Learn new ways to manage and explore feelings
- Have space to de-stress and be creative
- Find calm, peace and support
- Have fun and get to know ourselves and each other!

Mindfulness club will be run by the same child therapist every week.

Day and Time: Thursday's, 3.15-4.15pm

Dates: Spring term, 10 weeks, from 15th January – 26th March 2026

Cost: £9 per child, per week- **First payment deposit of £10**

Bonus for parents and guardians: If your child attends Creative Emotions club you will be given free access to the Your Space Therapies 'Boost the Bond webinar' so you can learn key strategies to support your child's emotional and mental health.

To book please click this Eventbrite link:

[**Maidenbower Mindfulness Club- Book Now!**](#)



N.B We are unable to provide refunds for this club once spaces are booked. After we have received your booking, we will email you from bookings@yourspacetherapies.org with an essential registration form to complete. Thank you.



STREET DANCE

At Maidenbower Juniors School

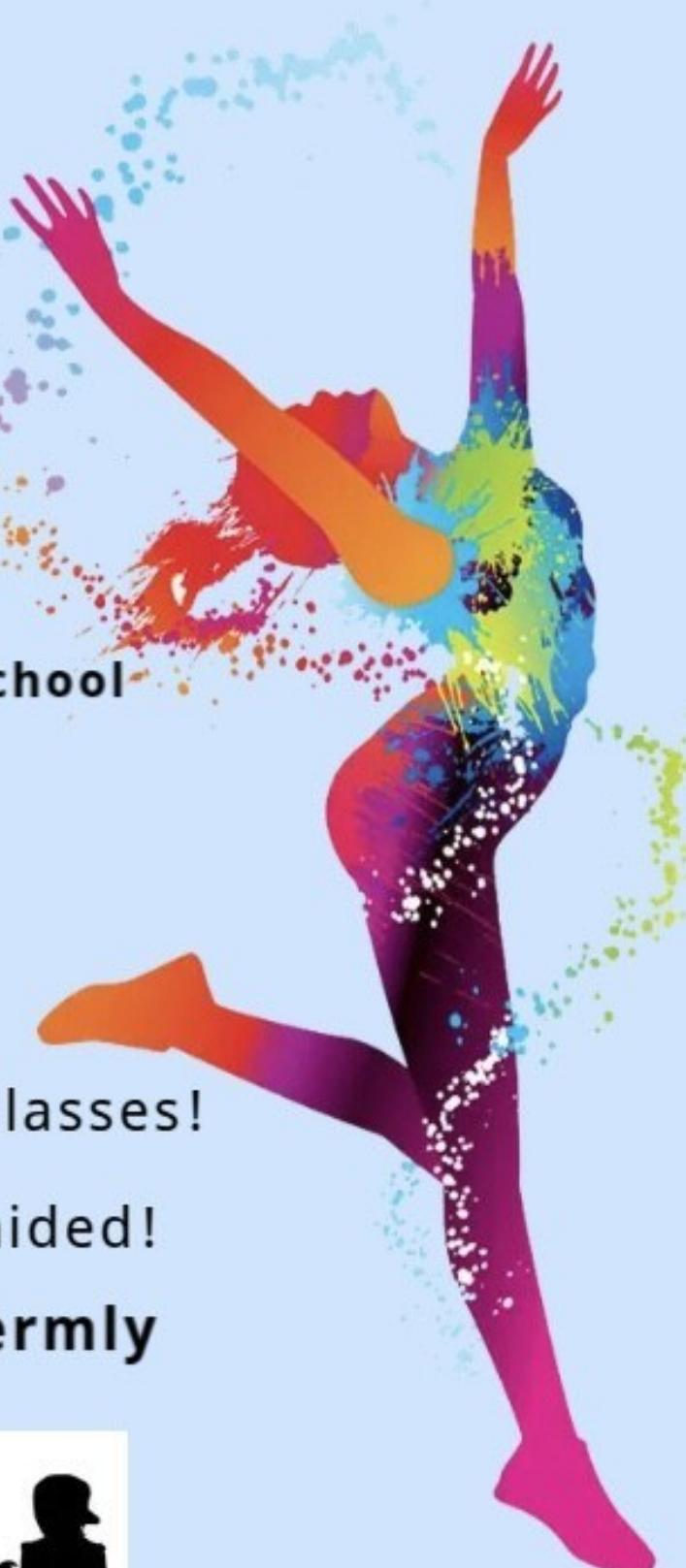
Thursdays
3:15-4:00pm

Upbeat, Energetic, fun classes!

Fully qualified teachers

DBS checked and first aided!

£7 per session paid termly



Sign up now for january!

Contact Miss Callie on 07932240429

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