

MJS NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading came to life on Wednesday this week with the visit of M.G Leonard, for a second successive year. She captivated the children, talking about her ideas and inspiration, with particular focus on her new book which many children bought and had signed. A big thanks to the Book Nook, who work closely with us and organise our author visits.

We cannot stress how important reading is, and how both school and parents have a role to play in helping each child read regularly at home and foster a love of reading, which opens up the curriculum and a world of imagination. We are always looking for any helpers to come into school listen to readers, even if it is just for 20 minutes after morning drop-off - please speak to class teachers if you would like to do this.

Thank you to our Year 3 parents for engaging so positively with this week's parent meetings - we are keen to get your feedback on the transition from Y2 to Y3 and a quick survey will be sent out next week to capture your thoughts and experiences.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike

Headteacher

**Together
Everyone
Achieves
More
at MJS**

Monday 6th October 2025

Forest School session 5DO

4PG & 4GH Boys Football

Y5 & Y6 Group 1 Netball Club

Tuesday 7th October 2025

Y4 Herstmonceux trip

Y5 & Y6 Girls Football

Let's Dance Club

Y3 Craft Club Group 1

Y6 Hockey Club

Wednesday 8th October 2025

Swimming 4AW & 4OC

Forest School session Launchpad

Y5 Boys Football

Y3 Chess Club Group 1

Choir Club

Thursday 9th October 2025

Forest School session 3SL

Y6 Math Art Club

4GH, 4JM & 4OC Girls Football Club

Friday 10th October 2025

Forest School session 6EA

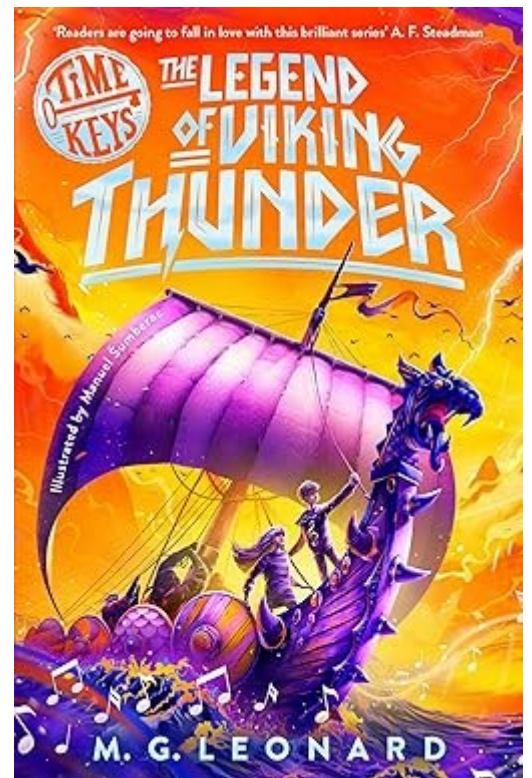
THOUGHT-FULL

We are continuing to work with Thought-Full, the West Sussex Mental Health Support Team. As well as supporting pupils in school, there are some FANTASTIC parent workshops coming up to support parents with their child's anxiety, worries, resilience and emotional well-being.

Further details are shared later in the newsletter.



M.G. LEONARD AUTHOR VISIT



PARENT GOVERNOR

We are currently looking to appoint a Parent Governor to join the Governing Body of Maidenbower Junior School. This is a fantastic opportunity for a parent or carer to play a vital role in shaping the strategic direction of the school, supporting its continued improvement, and ensuring that every child receives the best possible education.

As a Parent Governor, you will bring a valuable parental perspective to discussions and decisions, helping to ensure that the views and needs of our families are heard at the highest level. No prior experience is necessary—just a genuine interest in education, a willingness to learn, and a commitment to supporting the school community. Full training and support are provided, and you'll work alongside a dedicated team of governors and school leaders who share a passion for making a difference. If you're enthusiastic about supporting Maidenbower Junior School and want to help shape its future, we'd love to hear from you.

Deadline for applications is midday on Thursday 10th October. Please speak to Miss J Szczotok, Clerk of Governors, at the School Office for more information.



FIREWORKS NIGHT

It is only a few weeks until the Maidenbower Schools Firework Night and more information will follow in the next couple of weeks. But, save the date - **Friday 7th November**. It is a great evening that makes much-needed funds for each school which is spent on the children.



YEAR 4 TAG RUGBY

Well done to the children from Year 4 who represented the school in a tag rugby festival yesterday. The players took part in a range of drills and friendly matches and had a great time.





Week	Date	Event
6	Tuesday 7 th October	Y4 Herstmonceux trip
8	Monday 20 th October	Pizza Day Y3, Y5 and LP
	Tuesday 21 st October	Pizza Days Y4 and Y6 Bough Beech (for next 3 days)
	Friday 24 th October	INSET Day
HALF-TERM – MONDAY 27 TH OCTOBER – FRIDAY 31 ST OCTOBER 2025		
9	Monday 3 rd November	Year 6 Bikeability (all week)
	Tuesday 4 th November	Y4 VR Space Day
	Friday 7 th November	Fireworks Night
11	Monday 17 th November	Y6 Bikeability (all week)
12	Monday 24 th November	Y4 Parent Meetings (1 – 3pm)
	Tuesday 25 th November	Y5 Parent Meetings (1 – 3pm)
	Wednesday 26 th November – Flu vaccinations	
	Thursday 27 th November	Parents Evening (3:30 – 6:00pm)
13	Monday 1 st December	Y6 Parents Meeting
15	Monday 15 th December	Y3 End of Term Show 2pm
	Tuesday 16 th December	Y4 End of Term Show 2pm
	Wednesday 17 th December	Y5 End of Term Show 2pm
	Friday 19 th December	Last day of term. 1:15pm finish.

Parking—7th October

We ask all parents/carers not to park in the coach layby next to the school at drop off and pick up on this day. This is so that the coaches for the Year 4 trip can park safely.

Thank you.

No Nut Policy

An unopened peanut “Brunch” bar was found on the school playground this week. A polite reminder that we have a strict “no nut” policy, due to severe allergies that some pupils have.



Supporting your child with fears, worries and emotional resilience



Online Parent Workshops



by Thought-Full MHST

Does your child **worry**? About a variety of themes?

Do you feel they worry **a lot?** or **too much?**

If so, this course is for you!

Thought-Full mental health support team is hosting a series of online parent workshops which use evidence-based approaches to help you to better understand your child's fears and worries and support their emotional wellbeing.

Thursdays



 **5:30-6:45pm**

SESSION TITLES

13/11 Understanding anxiety & worries

20/11 Strategies to support Session 1

27/11 Strategies to support Session 2

4/12 Emotion Coaching

11/12 Encouraging Resilience



LEARN ABOUT THE BRAIN



GAIN IDEAS



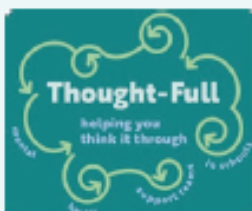
SHARE QUICK WINS



CONNECT WITH OTHER FAMILIES



PROBLEM SOLVE TOGETHER



How?

To secure your place, email these details:

1. Your full name
2. Your child's school
3. Your preferred contact email address to Thought-full@westsussex.gov.uk





Spanish Club MJS

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: £68.00 (Autumn Term 2025)

From 11th September to
11th December (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
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GCSE and A-LEVELS Speaking Exams at a Secondary School



ML Spanish Tutor

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AFTER SCHOOL KARATE AT...
MAIDENBOWER JUNIOR

EVERY MONDAY 5-6PM

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£6.50 Pay As You Go Club Starts 29th Sept 2025

No Monthly Payments

No Direct Debits

We are pleased to announce our Karate club for the children of **Maidenbower junior**.

We are well recognized in Hampshire, West Sussex & Surrey and run clubs in over 125 schools teaching **Non Contact Karate**. Our full time team of dedicated professionals are now offering spaces to new members in **Year Groups 1-6**.

Our club will run in the main hall... **Every Monday 5pm - 6pm**

You are more than welcome to come and try the club. There are no monthly payments or direct debits in place - we run a **£6.50 per lesson PAY AS YOU GO policy - all year round**. All our instructors are DBS checked, First Aid trained & have all the relevant insurances to teach within schools. New members can try the club for 4 weeks wearing PE kit or similar before a £30 Membership fee is payable and a £25.50 uniform is required. Please make all payments directly to our class instructors. **If you wish your child to take part, then please contact us using the details below ASAP**. Spaces may be limited and are on a first come first serve basis. If you do not get a space, then a waiting list will be in place. We will contact everyone confirming availability of spaces.

If you would like a space for your child please contact us on 07983 532167 with:

- Your child's full name
- Any Medical Conditions
- Their class/Year group and school
- 2 Emergency Contact Numbers

Please also state if your child will:

- Be collected after the class
- Go to after school club
- Walk home alone

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October Half Term Tech Camps

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY & WRAP AROUND CLUBS

OCTOBER HALF TERM
27TH - 31ST OCTOBER 2025

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