

MJS NEWSLETTER

Thursday 23rd October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally reached the end of a long half-term, with a huge amount of effort and hard work put in at the start of the year by both children and staff.

Well done to you all this week for navigating the awful weather, particularly at pick up time when the 3pm downpour seems to always arrive. Our school drains are cleared regularly but the sheer volume of rain does mean that they do overflow, causing big puddles on the playgrounds.

Thank you for the food donations that came in this week as part of our Harvest assemblies - Crawley Open House are extremely appreciative of this and we are pleased to support their hard work.

A new half-termly feature in the newsletter will be book recommendations for each group, based on upcoming topics. Miss Awcock has kindly created this and we hope that you find this helpful.

We hope that you have an enjoyable half-term break and that the weather clears up to allow you to be outside as much as possible.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike
Headteacher

**Together
Everyone
Achieves
More
at MJS**

Monday 3rd November 2025

***Closing Date to order School Photographs**

Y6 Bikeability

Forest School session - 5GK

Boys Football - 4AW, 4JM & 4OC

Girls Football - Y3 & 4AW

Netball Club - Group 2

Y6 Math Art Club

Tuesday 4th November 2025

Y4 Space VR Experience & Dress up day

Forest School session - 4OC

Girls Football - Y5 & Y6

Let's Dance Club

Y3 Craft Club Group 2 - 3SR & 3ST

Y5 Hockey Club

Wednesday 5th November 2025

Forest School session - Launchpad

Swimming - 4AW & 4OC

Y6 Boys Football

Y4 Chess Club - Group 2

Choir Club

Thursday 6th November 2025

Forest School session - 3SR

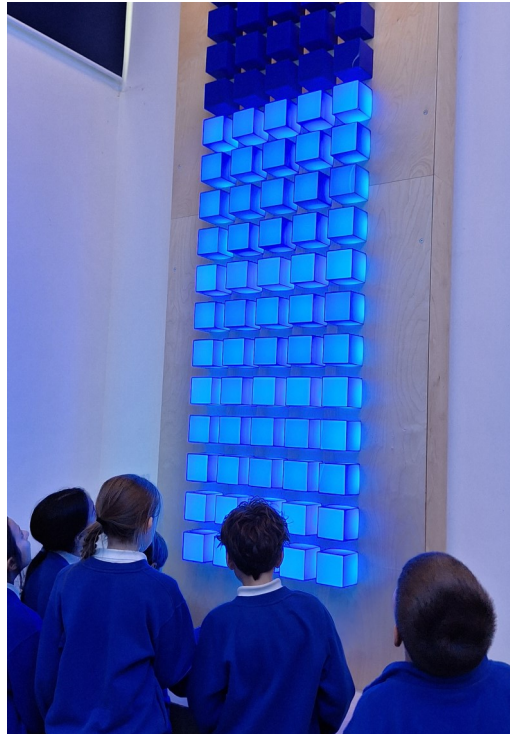
Friday 7th November 2025

Forest School session - 6BM

MJS Firework Event



YEAR 5 BOUGH BEECH TRIP





FIREWORKS NIGHT - TICKETS NOW ON SALE

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.

The link to tickets is here:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/maidenbowerjuniors/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=105211>

YEAR 5/6 HOCKEY

Congratulations to our hockey team who took part in their first competition of the year yesterday. This was the first time the team had played together so they should be extremely proud of their efforts and for finishing in 4th place, out of 10 teams.



MISSING SCOOTER

A scooter has been taken from the bike shed near the car park in the last couple of days. It has the child's name on it and looks very similar to the one in the picture. If you have seen it, please contact the school office so we can return it to its owner.



SCHOOL PHOTOS REMINDER

The Closing date to order your child's school photograph is

TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2025.



CHRISTMAS 4 SCHOOLS FUNDRAISER

We have signed up to an art fundraising event which involves children creating some festive artwork which you will have the opportunity to have printed on gifts in time to use as Christmas presents (e.g. cards, calendars, mugs, bags, etc)

What happens?

Children will (or already have) produce some lovely artwork and will bring this home, along with an accompanying letter. Fill in required information on the back of the artwork. You will then return the artwork to school by 10th November and we will post them.

If this has not come home yet, it will in the first few days after half-term.

Then what?

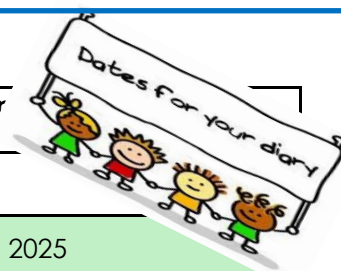
The artwork is scanned and you will receive an email directing you to an online portal where you can order any items within 5 days. Items will be delivered to school where we will distribute them.

How does school benefit?

School will receive £1 for every item purchased.



Week	Date	Ever
8	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.



RECOMMENDED READING - (LINKED TO NEXT HALF-TERM'S TOPICS)

YEAR 3 - SOUND

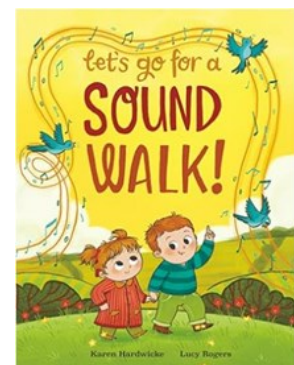
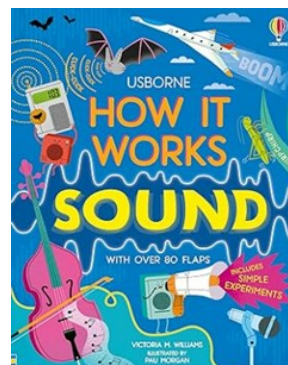
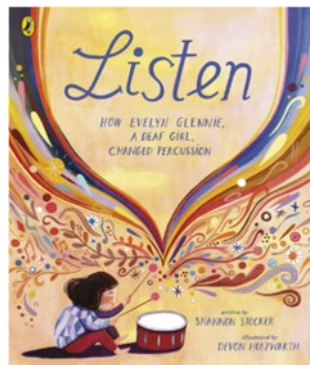
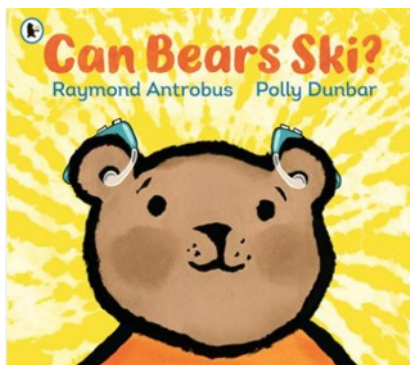
Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a deaf girl, changed percussion by Shannon Stocker

Can Bears Ski? by Polly Dunbar

Let's go for a sound walk! by Karen Hardwicke

Can you feel the noise? by Stewart Foster

How It Works: Sound by Usborne Books



YEAR 4 - SPACE

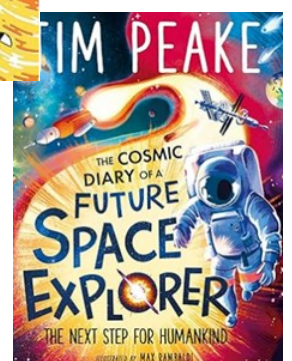
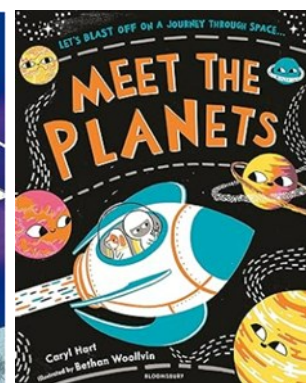
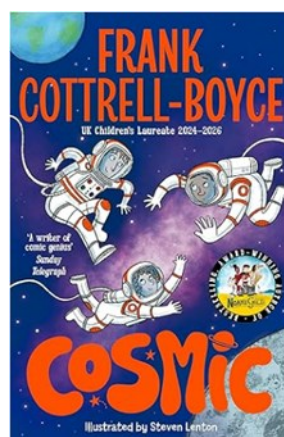
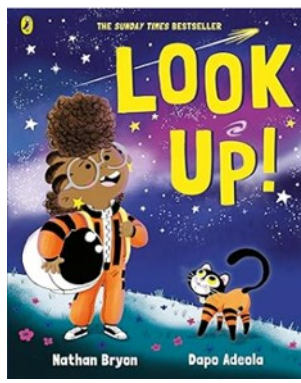
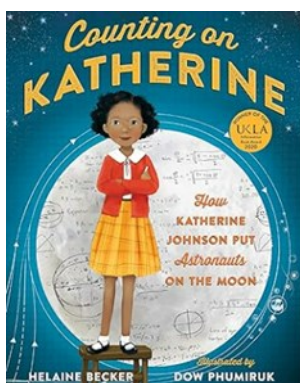
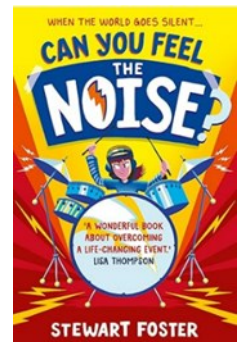
The Cosmic Diary of a Future Space Explorer by Tim Peake

Meet the Planets by Caryl Hart

Counting on Katherine by Helaine Becker

Look Up! by Nathan Bryan

Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce



RECOMMENDED READING - (LINKED TO NEXT HALF-TERM'S TOPICS)

YEAR 5 - THE HUMAN BODY

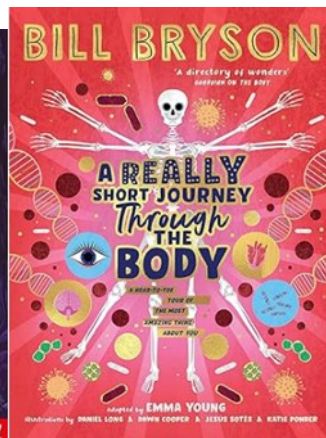
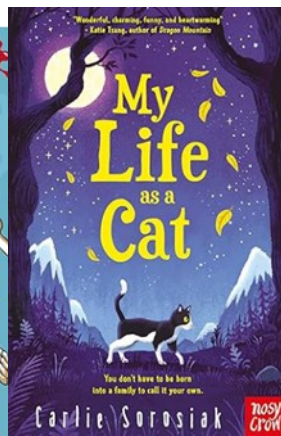
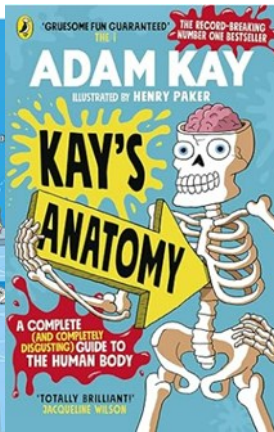
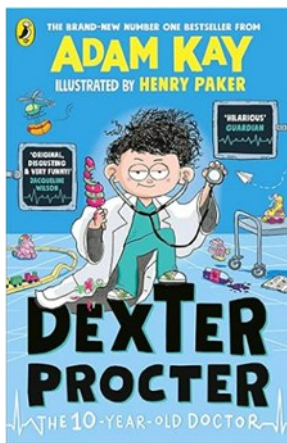
Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman

A Really Short Journey Through the Body by Bill Bryson

My Life as a Cat by Carlie Sorosiak

Kay's Anatomy by Adam Kay

Dexter Proctor: The 10-Year-Old Doctor by Adam Kay



YEAR 6 - EVOLUTION

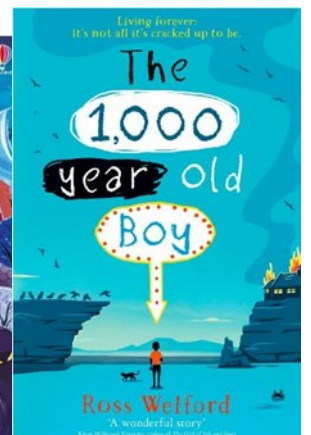
Darwin's Dragons by Lindsay Galvin

The 1,000 Year Old Boy by Ross Welford

Charles Darwin's On the Origin of Species by Sabina Redeva

Amazing Evolution: The Journey of Life by Anna Claybourne

The Light Thieves by Helena Duggan





UK Health
Security
Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox

at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over

Diarrhoea and Vomiting

48 hours after their last episode

Cold and Flu-like illness
(including COVID-19)

they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.

Impetigo

their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics

Measles

4 days after the rash first appeared

Mumps

5 days after the swelling started

Scabies

they've had their first treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after they started taking antibiotics

Whooping Cough

48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth

Glandular fever

Head lice

Tonsillitis

Threadworms

Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



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



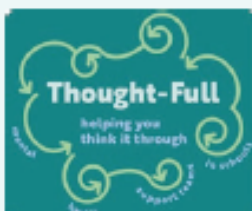
SHARE QUICK WINS



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



SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

**£1 per
week**

**Weekly
cash prizes**

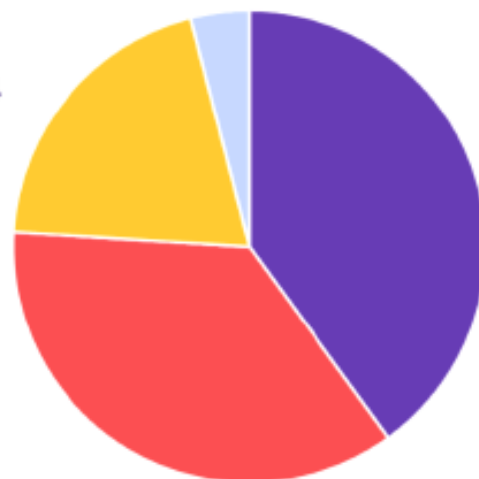
**£25,000
jackpot**



**YOUR
SCHOOL
LOTTERY**



Splitting the £1.00



- 40p** goes to our school
- 36p** goes to cash prizes
- 20p** goes to admin costs
- 4p** goes to VAT

How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Maidenbower Junior School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Maidenbower Junior School

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means
= **£30** weekly cash prize
= **£2,080** a year for our school



Buy A Ticket

GambleAware





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 😊

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GCSE and A-LEVELS Speaking Exams at a Secondary School

ML Spanish Tutor



martaleiva.bru@gmail.com

Tlf: 07936482815

WARD HOLIDAY CLUB

FUN OFSTED REGISTERED MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB AT:

FORGEWOOD PRIMARY / MAIDENBOWER INFANTS.

AGES: 5-11. TIMES: 08:45-14:45. LATE PICK UP-UP TO 5PM.

DATES: OCTOBER 27TH - 31ST OCTOBER

🍕🍷 **FUN FRIDAY HALLOWEEN PARTY INCLUDES PIZZA LUNCH & FACE PAINTER** 🍷🍕

🏆🏆 **TROPHY & MORE DAILY PRIZES** 🏆🏆

🍌🍌 **FREE FRUIT DAILY FOR EVERYONE** 🍌🍌



ACTIVITIES ON OUR DAYS INCLUDE

NERF WARS & TARGETS / DODGEBALL / ARTS & CRAFTS / SOFT ARCHERY / FOOTBALL / FREE TIME / HALLOWEEN PARTY & GAMES / FACE PAINTER & MUCH MORE..

WE ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING BOOKING METHODS:
TAX FREE CHILD CARE & CHILD CARE VOUCHERS.
PLEASE EMAIL TO BOOK ONE OF THESE WAYS.

SCAN 'QR' CODE FOR BOOKING PAGES
& SCHEDULE OR VISIT OUR SOCIALS FOR BOOKING LINK

FACEBOOK: WARD HOLIDAY CLUB
(PLEASE SEE OUR 5* REVIEWS ON FB)

INSTAGRAM: WARD HOLIDAY CLUB

E: dan@wardholidayclub.co.uk



PRICE LIST: SINGLE DAYS £24. FUN FRIDAY £28.
Monday-Thursday block booking: £90.

FUN FRIDAY Inc Pizza lunch: £28.

LATE PICKUP, UP TO 5PM + £6 A DAY, PER CHILD.
(10% SAME DAY SIBLING DISCOUNT APPLIED)



October Half Term Tech Camps

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For detailed camp locations and dates please head to:

www.codecamp.co.uk/camps



Get in touch at hello@codecamp.co.uk

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SPOOKY MOVES

MJ GROOVES

**A Halloween Half-Term Dance
Camp Inspired by the King of Pop**

Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th October

9.00am - 5.00pm

Ages 5-11 years

Autumn Camp fee - £80

INCLUDES MORNING & AFTERNOON SNACK

LOCATION:

HORLEY:

Strawson Community Hall

156 Albert Road

Horley

RH6 7HZ



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OR
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