

MJS NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

This time last week, the school was getting ready for our fireworks event. Despite the rain, over 2000 people attended with each school raising approximately £5000 each, which goes back into events/provision for the children. The library and outdoor classroom are big purchases in recent years using PTA funds. Thank you to everyone involved.

Although we are all used to the 3pm rain shower at pick up, there have been a few days recently where extremely heavy rain has fallen during the afternoon, flooding parts of the playgrounds. The drains are not blocked but the drainage system struggles to cope with such huge volume of rain which is why it floods. We will continue to monitor this and we appreciate your understanding.

Thank you to all families who took part in our class social media contract initiative. **370** families opted in to sign the contract. This is a fantastic response – and a clear sign of your shared desire to help children wait until they are ready to join social media. A letter is going out today to give further information .

Wishing you a dry and relaxing weekend.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike

Headteacher

**Together
Everyone
Achieves
More
at MJS**

Monday 17th November 2025

Year 6 Bikeability week

Forest School session - 5GK

Boys Football - 4AW, 4JM & 4OC

Girls Football - Y3 & 4AW

Netball Club - Group 1

Y6 Math Art Club

Tuesday 18th November 2025

Forest School session - 4OC

Girls Football - Y5 & Y6

Let's Dance Club

Y3 Craft Club Group 2 - 3SR & 3ST

Y5 Hockey Club

Wednesday 19th November 2025

Forest School session - Launchpad

Swimming - 4AW & 4OC

Netball Festival @ K2

Y6 Boys Football

Y4 Chess Club - Group 2

Choir Club

Thursday 20th November 2025

Forest School session - 3SR

Dare Dance Club

Friday 21st November 2025

Forest School session - 6BM

Storm Basketball

Cheneler Musical Theatre

SOCIAL MEDIA AGREEMENT

Thank you to all families who took part in our class social media contract initiative.

Two-thirds of families (370 families) opted in to sign the contract. This is a fantastic response – and a clear sign of your shared desire to help children wait until they are ready to join social media.

Parents who opted in can now confidently tell their children that many of their friends also don't yet have access to apps such as WhatsApp, Instagram, TikTok, or Snapchat. For families who chose not to opt in, we hope this information is still helpful when discussing online life at home.

This contract is an agreement between parents, not a school rule, and the school will not be monitoring or enforcing it. Our shared goal is simply to reduce social pressure, give children more time to grow, and make online life a little calmer for everyone.

YEAR 4 HOCKEY

Well done to a team of Year 4 hockey players who represented the school this week in a hockey festival. The children learnt new skills, took part in drills and played some friendly matches. As always, they represented the school brilliantly and had a great time.



ENGLAND ROCKS—TT ROCKSTAR CHALLENGE

Next week is England Rocks—a national school competition on TT Rockstars.

From 7:30am on Tuesday 18th November to 7:30pm on Thursday 20th November, any correct scores on TTRS will go towards a class score and school score, and these totals go in competition against classes and schools around the country. Children will be given some time in school but can access this from home too.

Rules:

Every correct answer that a student gives, in any game type, between the hours of 7:30am to 7:30pm each day will contribute to their class and school score.

There is a 60-minute limit playtime per player, per day.



MAIDENBOWER FIREWORK 2025



Waterproof Clothing

Due to the inclement weather please can we request that you send your child to school with a waterproof coat for playtimes. Thank you

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER - NON UNIFORM DAY

This date will be a non-uniform day. There is no cost for this day but we do ask for a voluntary bottle donation that will be used at the tombola the following week at the Xmas Fair (Saturday 6th December).

Bottles can be brought in any time in the week beginning 24th November, but please can bottles be unopened. Please ensure any alcoholic bottles are handed in to a member of staff,

Thank you for your support with this.

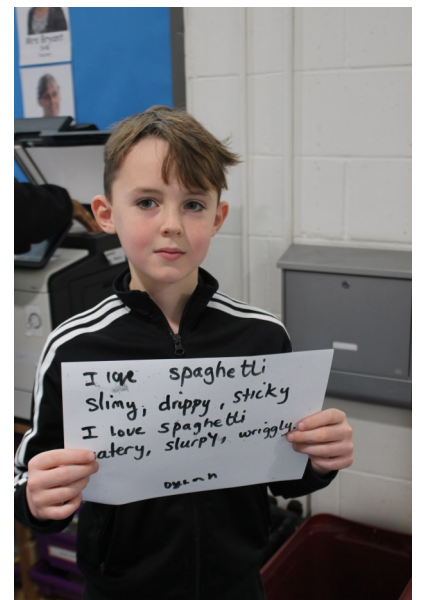
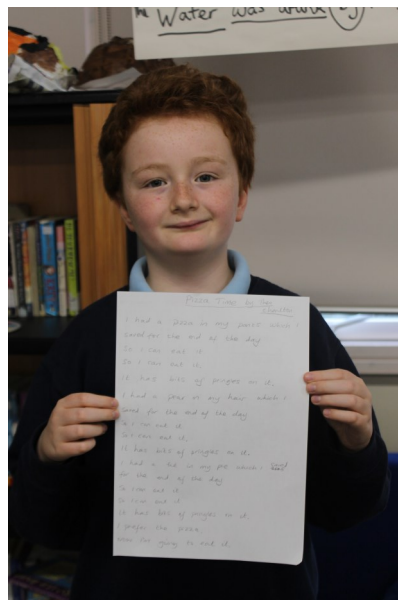
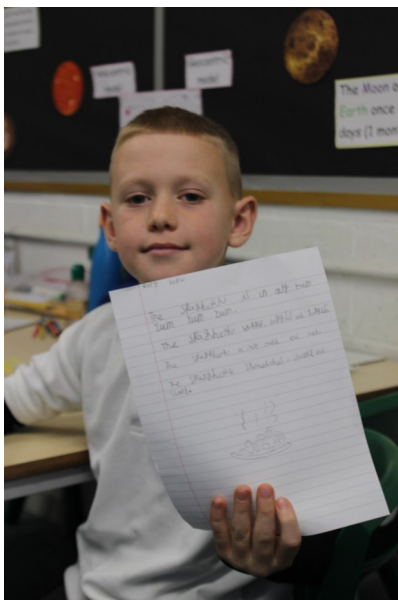
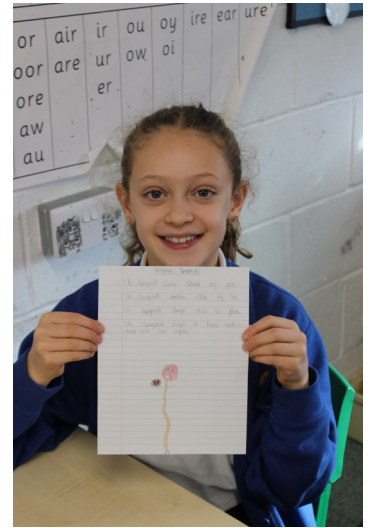
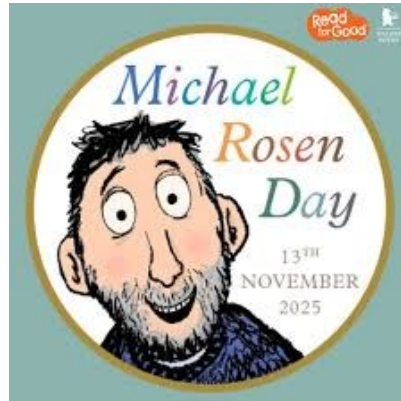
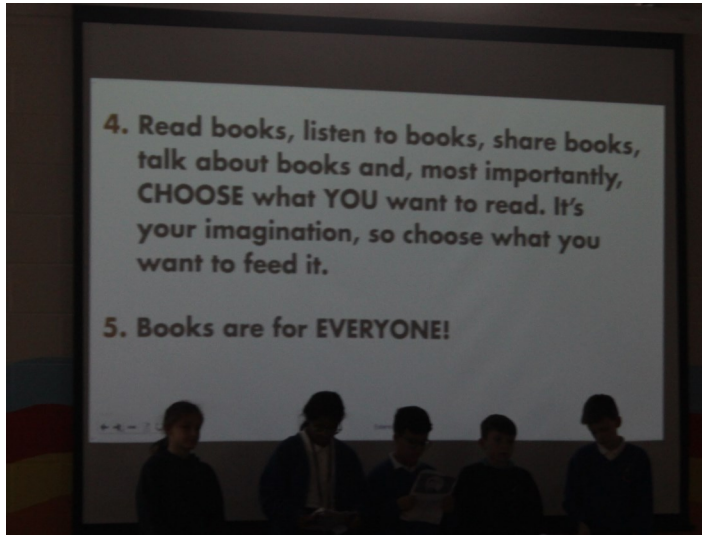


MICHAEL ROSEN DAY

FUNNY FOOD



MICHAEL ROSEN DAY



PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS—YEAR 3-5

This term's parent meetings are approaching for Years 4, 5 and 6. Year 3 has recently had separate dates for this.

The booking system to book an appointment with your child's class teacher went live on Monday 10th November at 10am. You will receive an email to link you to this site.

The dates for meetings are as follows:

Year 4 - Monday 24th November (1-3pm)

- Thursday 27th November (3:30 - 6:30pm)

Year 5 - Tuesday 25th November (1-3pm)

- Thursday 27th November (3:30 - 6:30pm)

Year 6 - Thursday 27th November (3:30 - 6:30pm)

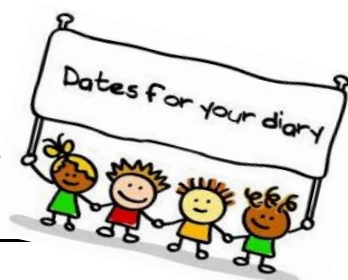
- Monday 1st December (1-3pm)

*Please note that communication to 6SB parents about this will go out next week to confirm exacts dates and times.

The Launchpad - Thursday 20th November (9am - 3pm)

- Thursday 27th November (3:30 - 6:30pm)

Parents Evening



Week	Date	Event
11	Monday 17th November	Y6 Bikeability (all week)
12	Monday 24th November	Y4 Parent Meetings (1 – 3pm)
	Tuesday 25th November	Y5 Parent Meetings (1 – 3pm)
	Wednesday 26th November	Flu Vaccinations
	Thursday 27th November	Parents Evening (3:30 – 6:00pm)
13	Monday 1st December	Y6 Parents Meeting
	Saturday 6th December	Christmas Fair 1-4pm
14	Wednesday 10th December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
15	Monday 15th December	Y3 End of Term Show 2pm
	Tuesday 16th December	Y4 End of Term Show 2pm
	Wednesday 17th December	Y5 End of Term Show 2pm
	Friday 19th December	Last day of term. 1.15pm finish.



MAIDENBOWER SCHOOLS CHRISTMAS FAIR

HARVEST ROAD, CRAWLEY RH10 7RA

JOIN US
1-4PM

SATURDAY
6TH
DECEMBER

Meet Santa in the Grotto

FOOD, DRINK AND MULLED WINE

Arts and Crafts

MARKETPLACE

Elfridges gift room

RAFFLE & GAMES

Book your tickets for the grotto



Santa's Grotto

Saturday
6th
December

at Maidenbower Junior School

1-4 pm

£4 per child
Gift included*

*Gift only included with a purchased ticket

Santa's Grotto

Booking essential via
Online or QR code



<https://pta.events/juniors-grotto25>



Christmas Lunch

Serving on Wednesday 10th December

MAINS

Roast Turkey
Or
Quorn Roast

SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Stuffing,
Mini Sausage, Gravy,
Broccoli & Carrots

DESSERTS

Festive Chocolate Brownie

Order on ParentPay.com no later than
Thursday 27th November.
Book in advance to avoid disappointment



www.ParentPay.com



Chartwells

<https://www.chartwells.co.uk/west-sussex/>

Mindfulness Club

*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.

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

YEAR 3 - SOUND

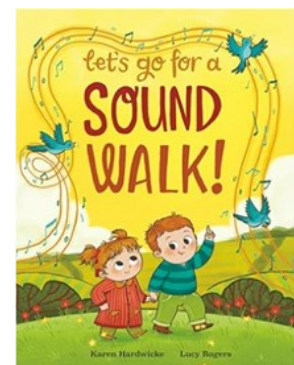
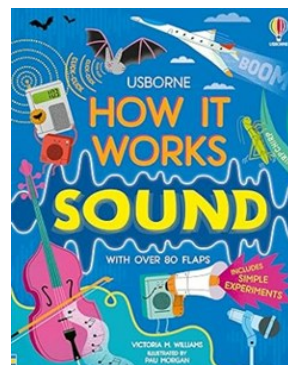
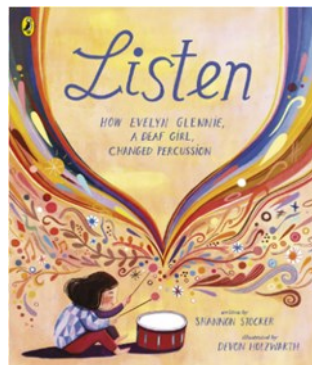
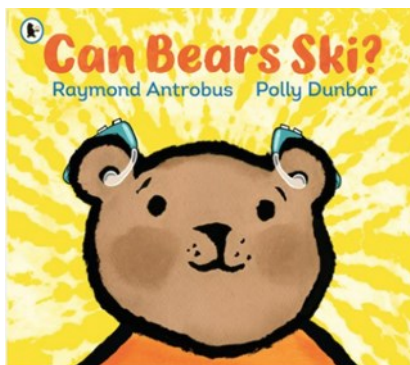
Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a deaf girl, changed percussion by Shannon Stocker

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

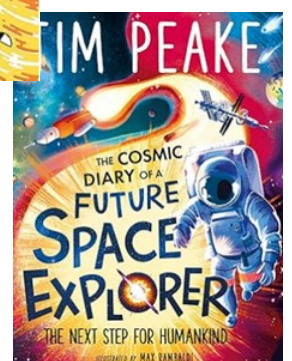
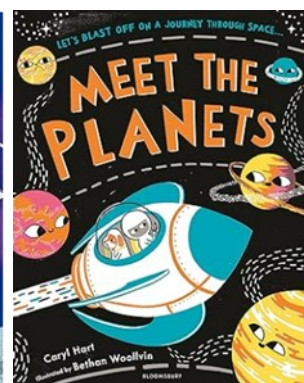
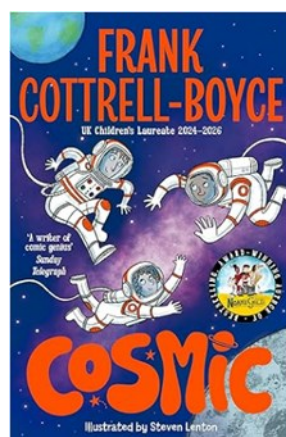
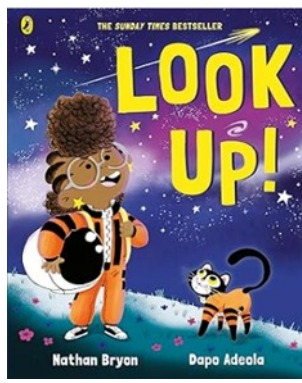
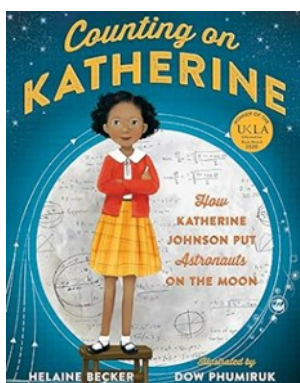
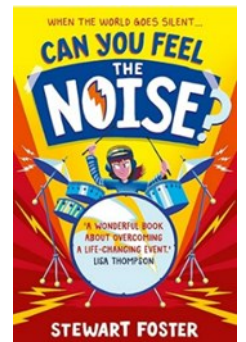
The Cosmic Diary of a Future Space Explorer by Tim Peake

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

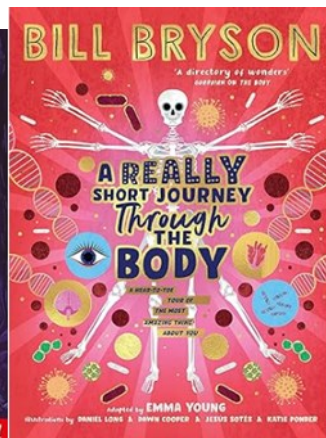
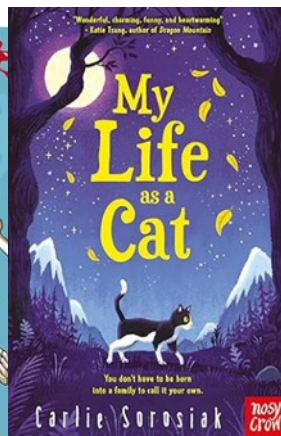
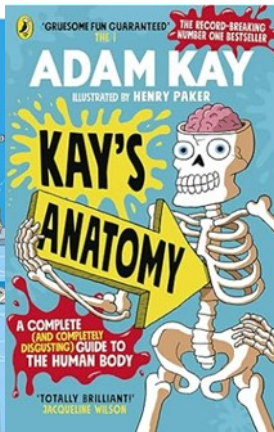
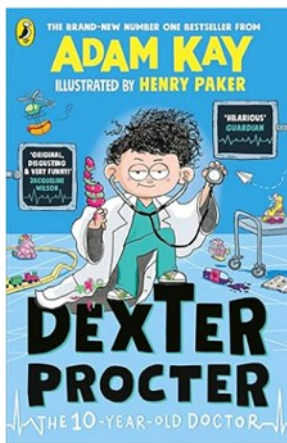
Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman

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





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

