

# MJS NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th April 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Science has been in the spotlight this week with our Science Week created huge buzz around school. The whole school have taken part in the Stroop Test, which is a test to find out whether the brain works better after exercise, as research suggests. We have had electric cars being built, dentists, parademics and geoscientists, to name just some of our visitors. A big thank you to volunteers who helped us with this and well done to Mr Gander for organising such a great week.

Please can we remind all parents of the need to drive carefully down Harvest Road. Hundreds of children and parents walk along or cross this road and it is vital that drivers that fully aware and considerate of this. Once again, we also ask that Bancroft Road is not used to park or collect pupils - residents have shared of the dangerous situation after school, including cars parked on resident's driveways and pavements. There is a lot of parking at the Frogshole Pub and Maidenbower Park so please use these areas. Anti-social driving or parking can be reported at Operation Crackdown - :

<https://operationcrackdown.org/>

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike

Headteacher

**Together  
Everyone  
Achieves  
More  
at MJS**

## Monday 27th April 2026

Forest Schools—5HW

Piano Lessons

French Club

National Comp' Prep Club Cancelled

Cricket Festival @ Ifield Cricket Club

## Tuesday 28th April 2026

Forest Schools—4AW

Maidenbower Mile

Yoga Bugs Club

Y6 Athletics Club

Y5 Coding Club

## Wednesday 29th April 2026

Forest Schools—Launchpad

Y4 Swimming 4JM & Launchpad

Choir Club

Y5 Striking & Field Club

Y3 & 4 Girls Football

Y6 Board Games

Rounders (Group 1)

## Thursday 23rd April 2026

Spanish Club

Forest Schools— 3ST

Lower Sch Cricket Club

Dare Dance Club

## Friday 24th April 2026

Forest Schools— 6CP

Storm BasketBall Club

Cheneler Musical Theatre

## YEAR 4 BOYS' FOOTBALL

Following getting through to the final of the Crawley round of the competition, a team of Year 4 boys travelled to Chelsea's training ground at Cobham for the finals of the Chelsea competition. Playing in a 9 team league, after a slow start, the boys kicked into gear brilliantly to win four successive matches and finished the league in second place. It was a great morning for the boys and they represented the school extremely well.



## MAIDENBOWER MILE

On Tuesday 28th April, it is the Maidenbower Mile for all groups. On this day, children need to wear their PE kits to school. This is a fun house competition where children have the opportunity to run/walk at a competitive level or simply go round with friends on a more social level. All runners/walkers earn points towards their house.

Year 3 cover 2 laps of the field (1/2 mile).

Year 4 cover 3 laps of the field (3/4 mile).

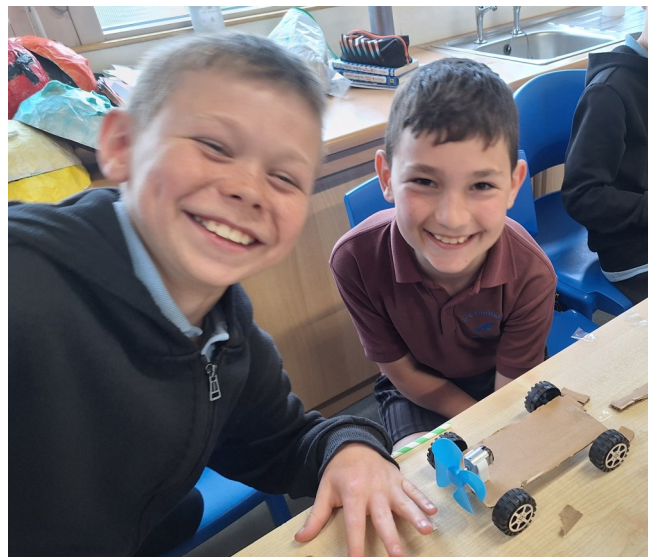
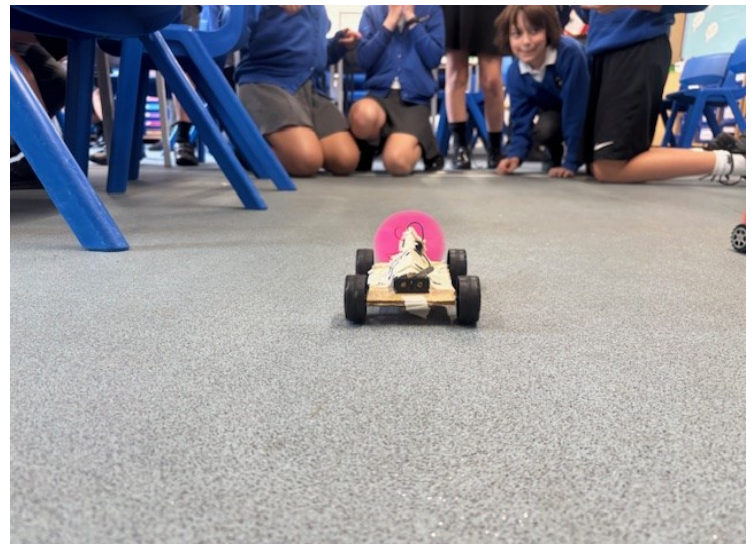
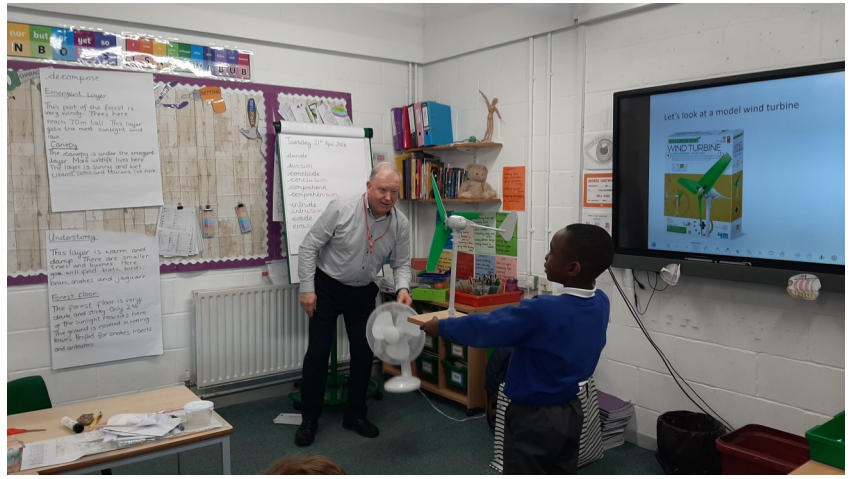
Year 5 and 6 cover 4 laps of the field (1 mile).



## FOREST SCHOOL REMINDER

Just a quick reminder that children need to come to Forest School with arms and legs covered (long sleeves and full length trousers/leggings). This helps protect them from scratches (e.g. brambles and sticks), stings like nettle, insect bites (including ticks), and general outdoor hazards. It also gives an extra layer of protection when using tools. Even in warmer weather, lightweight long sleeves and trousers are best. Thank you for your support!

# SCIENCE WEEK 2026



## OPEN EVENING SHOWCASE

As part of Open Evening, we welcome pupils and groups to showcase any creative arts that can be performed to parents, e.g. dance, music, gymnastics, etc. If your child would like to perform, please inform Mr Footman-Williams via the school office, or in person on the playground.

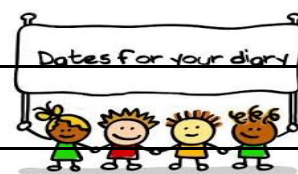
It is always a brilliant opportunity to celebrate talents that can not always be showcased in class.



## OPEN EVENING EXPLAINED

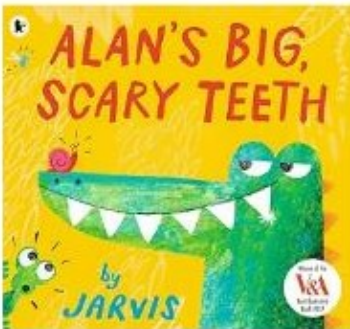
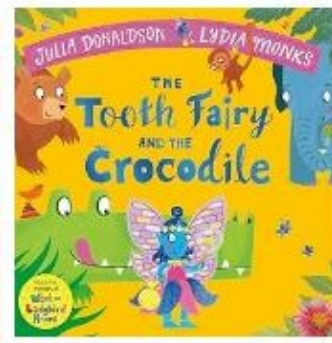
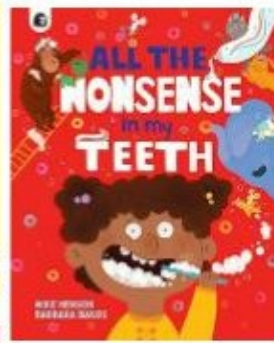
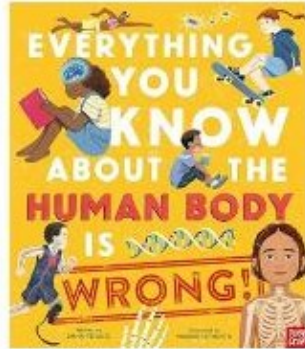
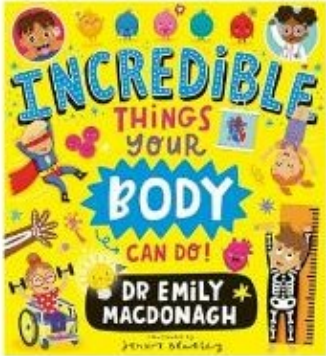
On Wednesday 20th May, we are hosting our annual Open Evening. More details will be given nearer the time, but children finish at 1:15pm on this day. This is to allow time for staff to transform the school into a celebration of children's learning, ready for families to return to school later on to share their work and look at the fantastic learning taking place throughout the school. There will be performances throughout the afternoon, with a range of food and drink on offer.

Date	Event
<b>SUMMER TERM 2026</b>	
Monday 11th May	Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 20th May	Early Closure at 1.15pm due to Open Evening 4pm—6.30pm
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	HALF-TERM
<b>Monday 1st June</b>	<b>INSET DAY—School Closed</b>
Monday 8th June—12th June	Yr4 Residential
Thursday 25th June	Lower School Sports Day am
Friday 26th June	Upper School Sports Day am
Wednesday 1st July	Transition Day
Tuesday 7th July 2026	Y6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of term 1:15pm finish.



# NEW TOPIC RELATED READING SUGGESTIONS ...

## Year 3 – The Human Body



Incredible Things Your Body Can Do! – Dr Emily MacDonagh

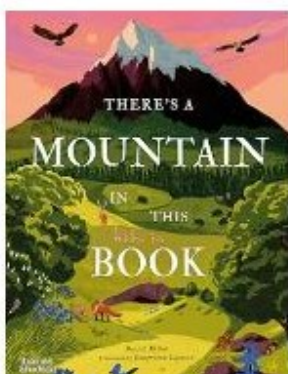
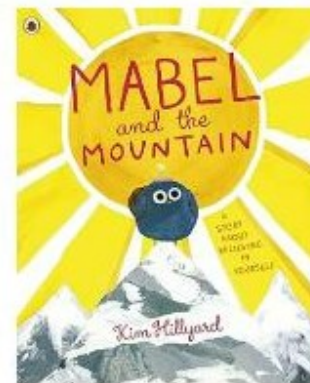
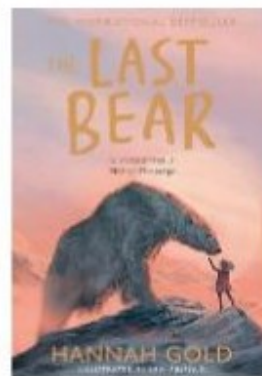
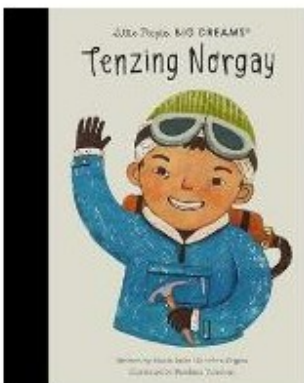
Everything You Know About the Human Body is Wrong – Emma Young

All the Nonsense in my Teeth – Mike Henson

The Toothfairy and the Crocodile – Julia Donaldson

Alan's Big Scary Teeth – Jarvis

## Year 4 – Mountains



Tenzing Norgay by Little People, Big Dreams

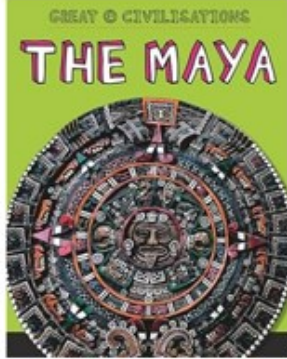
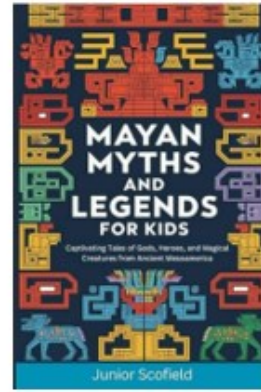
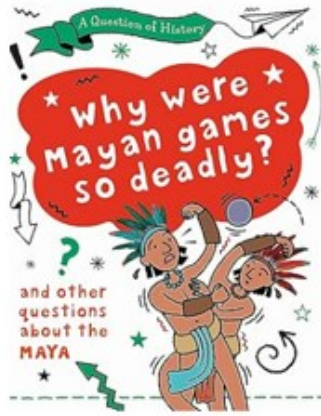
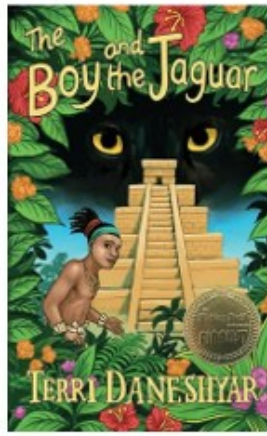
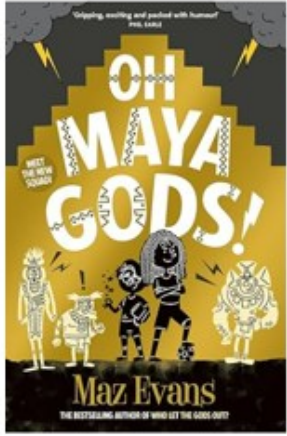
Asha and the Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan

The Last Bear by Hannah Gold

Mabel and the Mountain by Kim Hillyard

There's a Mountain in this Book by Rachel Elliot

## Year 5 – The Mayans



Oh, Maya Gods! by Maz Evans

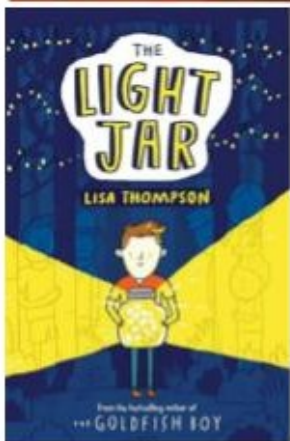
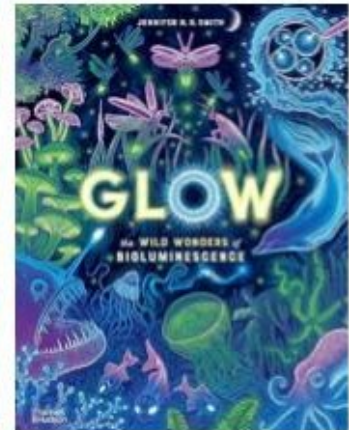
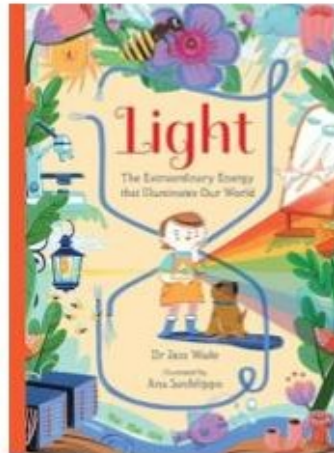
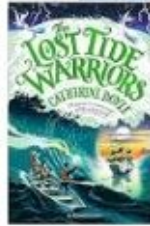
The Boy and the Jaguar by Terri Daneshyar

Why Were the Mayan Games So Deadly? by Tim Cooke

Mayan Myths and Legends for Kids by Junior Schofield

The Maya – Great Civilisations by Tracey Kelly

## Year 6 – Eyes and Light



A Place Called Perfect series by Helena Duggan

The Storm Keepers Island trilogy by Catherine Doyle

Light: The Extraordinary Energy that Illuminates Our World by Dr Jess Wade

Glow: The Wild Wonders of Bioluminescence by Jennifer N.R. Smith

The Light Jar by Lisa Thompson