

MJS NEWSLETTER

Thursday 26th March 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well that half-term has whistled by in a flash.

Staff were thrilled with the outcomes of the Year 3 trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace last Friday. We have received many comments about how well the children coped with their first main trip of the year and how well they behaved and this has been great to hear. I know staff were really proud of the children.

Year 6 has also been out towards the end of term, visited Crawley town centre as part of their local studies work. Once again, staff shared huge success and proudness in how the children managed this.

It has been an emotional day for staff as it is Mrs Hollis' last day today. Mrs Hollis is part of our admin team and contributes a huge amount to the school, having worked at the school for 15 years. We wish her lots of happiness for her future.

I would like to wish the whole MJS community lots of happiness over the Easter period and I hope that the temperature warms up for us, wherever you will be spending it. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 13th April.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike

Headteacher

**Together
Everyone
Achieves
More
at MJS**

Monday 13th April 2026

Piano Lessons

French Club

Tuesday 14th April 2026

Yoga Bugs Club

Yr5 Portals to the Past

Wednesday 15th April 2026

Forest Schools—Launchpad

Y4 Swimming 4JM & Launchpad

Yr5 Portals to the Past

Thursday 16th April 2026

Spanish Club

Author Event

Forest Schools—3JD

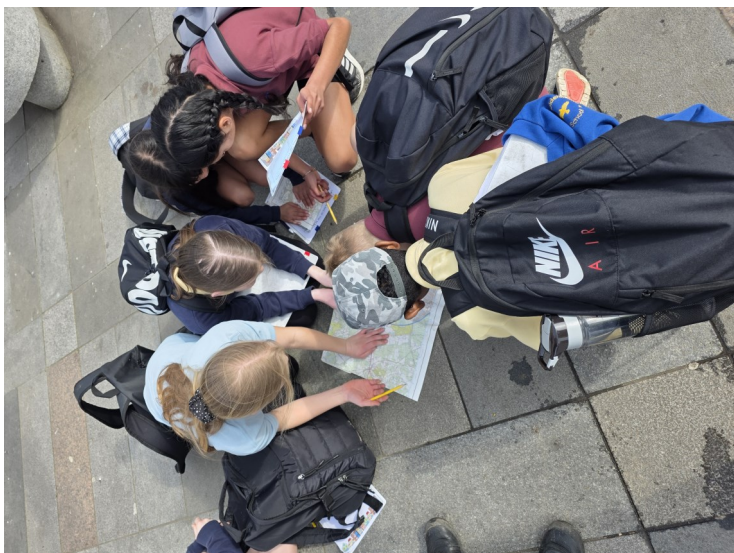
Dare Dance Club

Mindfulness Club

Friday 17th April 2026

Forest Schools—6SC

YEAR 6 TRIP TO CRAWLEY TOWN CENTRE



YEAR 3 TRIP TO FISHBOURNE ROMAN PALACE



YEAR 5/6 INDOOR ATHLETICS

A group of athletes from Year 5 and 6 represented the school yesterday at the Crawley Sportshall Athletics competition at K2. Competing in a range of running, throwing and jumping events, each child contributed to a fantastic team effort which resulted in the team finishing in 2nd place overall.

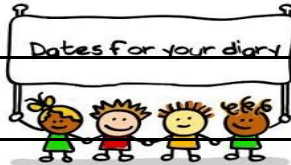
Congratulations to everyone involved.



TENNIS BALL PLEA

If you have any connections to tennis clubs, we would love to receive any old tennis balls that are no longer used. The summer term is a busy sporting team with lots of outdoor sports needing tennis balls and we would appreciate any help that can be offered. Thank you.



Date	Event
SUMMER TERM 2026	
	
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
Monday 1st June	INSET DAY—School Closed
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.

Jenny McLachlan Author Event

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are delighted to welcome bestselling author **Jenny McLachlan** to our school on **Thursday 16th April** with her latest book in the bestselling *Land of Roar* series **Lost Dragon of Roar**. She will also be sharing her passion for reading and writing and revealing the magical worlds waiting to be discovered when children open a book, pick up a pen, or simply start to imagine.

Jenny will be also signing books for the students. If you would like to take advantage of this unique opportunity for your child to get a book signed, then please pre-order books below using the coupon code **'JENNY'** to get a DISCOUNTED price. Books can also be purchased after school on the day of the event.

[ORDER HERE](#)

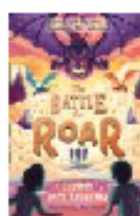


Lost Dragon of Roar

The fifth magical adventure in the epic and funny bestselling Land of Roar series. Rose, Arthur, Win are going back to dragon school, and now they are officially dragon riders, it's time for their first mission.

It's another epic and magical Roar adventure, where they'll encounter a cursed island of witches, a ghostly mystery and the most fearsome dragon in Roar. But someone is on their tail...

Perfect for readers aged 8-12 and fans of *Skandar*, *Percy Jackson*, *How to Train Your Dragon* and *Harry Potter*



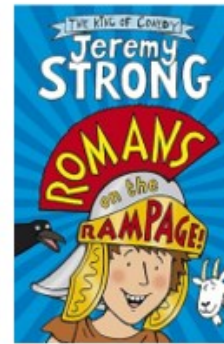
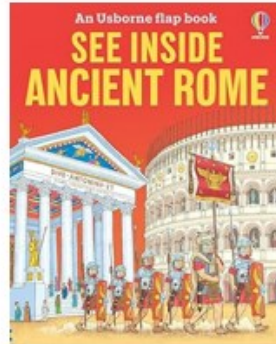
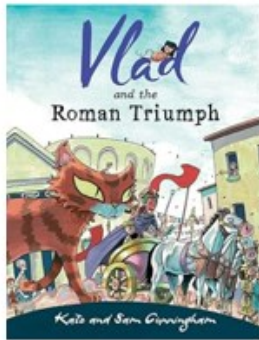
Please add your child's name and class in the notes section in the pay page and select local pickup for shipping, as your books will be delivered to the school for the event.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

NEW TOPIC RELATED READING SUGGESTIONS ...

Year 3 – The Romans



The Julius Zebra Series – Gary Northfield

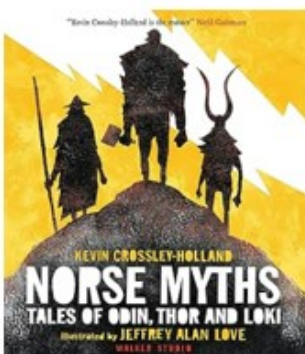
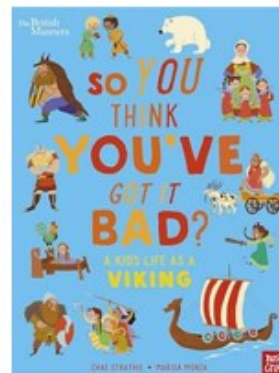
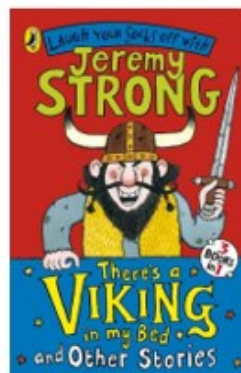
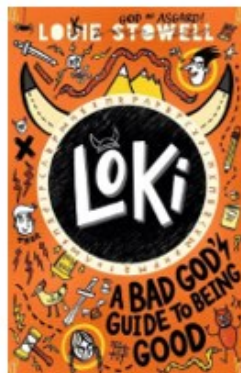
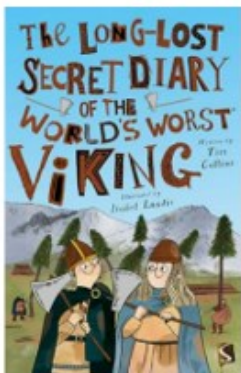
See Inside Ancient Rome – Katie Daynes

There Was a Roman in Your Garden – Bettany Hughes

Romans on the Rampage – Jeremy Strong

Vlad and the Roman Triumph – Kate and Sam Cunningham

Year 4 – Vikings



The Long-Lost Secret Diary of the World's Worst Viking by Tim Collins

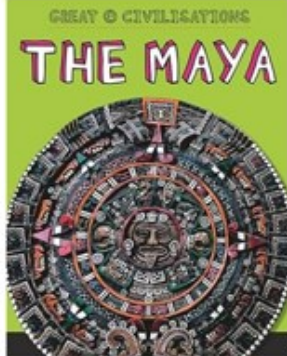
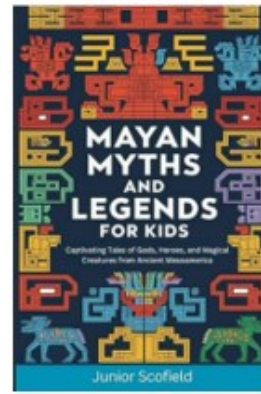
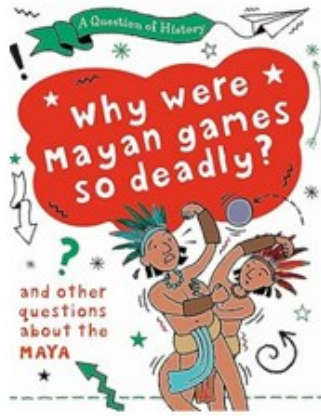
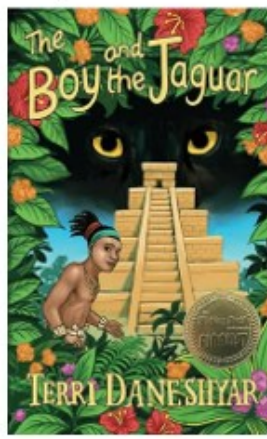
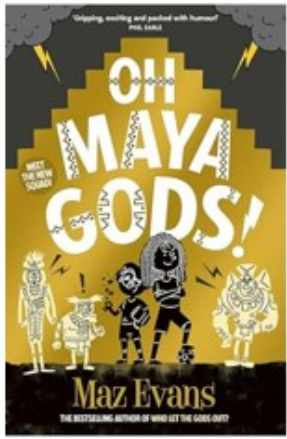
Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good by Louie Stowell

There's a Viking Under my Bed by Jeremy Strong

So, You Think You've Got It Bad? A Kids Life as a Viking by Chae Strathie

Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor and Loki by Kevin Crossley-Holland

Year 5 – The Mayans



Oh, Maya Gods! by Maz Evans

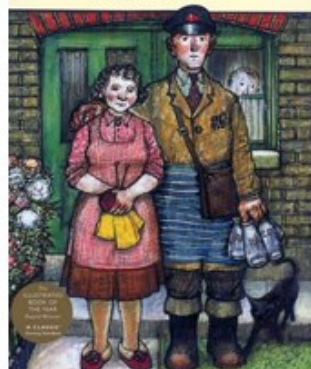
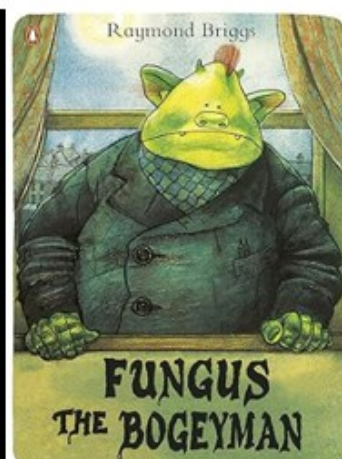
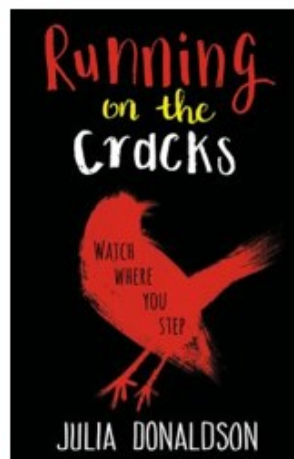
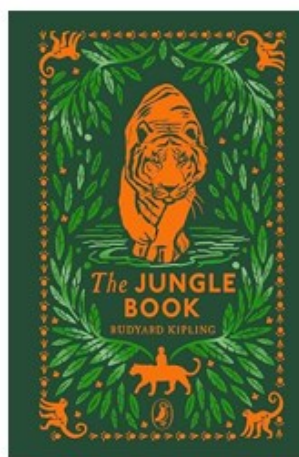
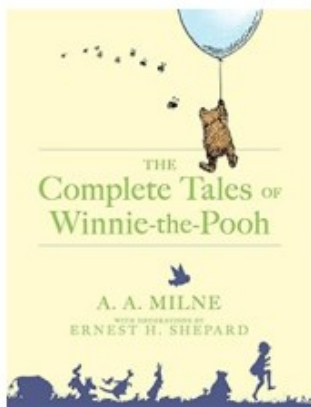
The Boy and the Jaguar by Terri Daneshyar

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 – Books by local authors



The Tales of Winnie-the-Pooh by A.A. Milne (from Hartfield)

The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling (from Burwash)

Running on the Cracks by Julia Donaldson (Steyning)

Fungus the Bogeyman by Raymond Briggs (Westmeston)

Ethel and Ernest by Raymond Briggs



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 know 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 two classes at Maidenbower Junior School on Tuesdays. 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

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.



Mindfulness Club

A nurturing, creative, fun

after-school club

for Maidenbower Junior School

For children in Years 2-6

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: Summer term, 10 weeks, from 30th April – 9th July 2026

Cost: £9 per child, per week- **First payment via Eventbrite: deposit of £10, invoice for remainder to follow.**

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

To book please click this Eventbrite link:

[Maidenbower Juniors 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.