

MJS NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The final newsletter of 2025 and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the calendar year, and particularly this last term.

I'd also like to thank our fantastic team of staff who form such amazing relationships and go above and beyond their role to support our children.

We have just finished our first whole school assembly of the term, which is a tight squeeze but it is tradition to sing and dance to The 12 Days of Christmas and was excellent fun. We also watched a video of some of the term's highlights and you can also view this in the following link:

https://youtu.be/7U9jUqDh_zQ

The children were treated to a pantomime yesterday but I think the staff enjoyed it just as much! You're never too old for a panto.

On behalf of everyone at MJS, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope you have a healthy, safe and fun time.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 6th January.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike

Headteacher

**Together
Everyone
Achieves
More
at MJS**



Monday 5th January 2026

Inset Day—School Closed

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Y3 Immersion Day

Wednesday 7th January 2026

Y6 Immersion Day

Thursday 8th January 2026

Dare Dance Club

Friday 9th January 2026

Y5 Immersion Day

There will be no school run after-school clubs in the first week back.

There will be no Y6 morning breakfast groups in this first week either.



PTA news

Yesterday's pantomime for the whole school was paid for by our wonderful PTA and we thank them for this.



They managed to raise approximately £1000 per school at the recent Christmas Fair, which will go back into the children.

We are often asked what our PTA money is spent on. Last year, we were able to save up for our brilliant outdoor classroom in the forest school area. This year, we have used some money for a new sound system in the hall to support performances and PE lessons, and there are plans to purchase new staging to elevate the children for their shows and concerts.

A big thank you to everyone involved in our PTA.

Do you fancy working at MJS?

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

We are currently advertising for a part-time role as SEN Teaching Assistant. This is a fixed-term contract until the end of the summer term in July, working 12-3:15pm each day. This will involve being part of our SEN team, supporting individual pupils and small groups.

Full details will be on our school website later today, which will take you to a link to the West Sussex advert where you will be able to apply.

School uniform reminder

A reminder that full school uniform should be worn every day, unless it is a PE day.

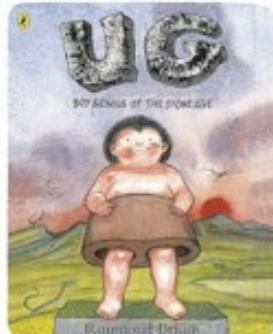
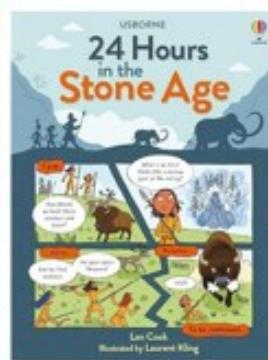
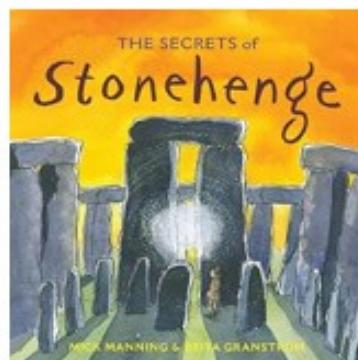
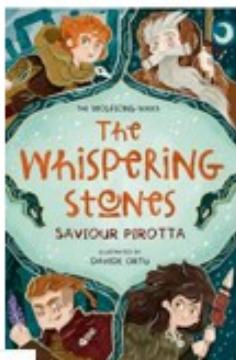
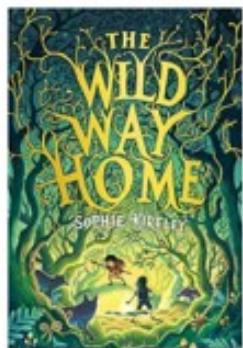
This includes school shoes and not trainers alongside polo shirt, jumper, skirt/shorts/trousers.

BOYS	GIRLS
Dark Grey Trousers or shorts	Dark Grey Tailored Trousers or shorts Dark Grey Skirt / Pinafore Blue striped / checked dresses in summer (optional)
White Shirt / White Polo Shirt with School Logo *	White Shirt / White Polo Shirt with School Logo *
School Tie can be worn with white shirt only.	School Tie can be worn with white shirt only.
School Sweatshirt or cardigan with School Logo *	School Sweatshirt or cardigan with School Logo
Zip-up Fleece with School Logo * (optional Outdoor Wear only)	Zip-up Fleece with School Logo * (optional Outdoor Wear only)
Grey Socks	White Socks / Grey or Black Tights (plain)
Black School Shoes – No Boots or converse shoes	Black School Shoes – No Boots or converse shoes

Recommended Reading List

Spring 1

Year 3 – Stone Age



[The Wild Way Home by Sophie Kirtley](#)

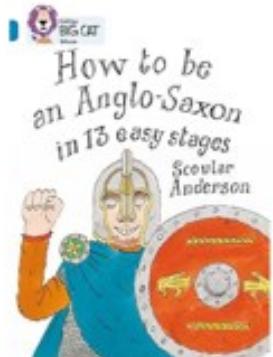
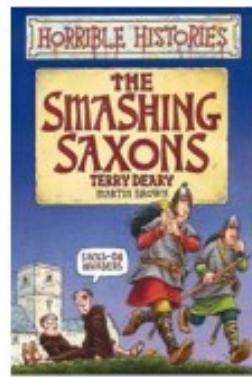
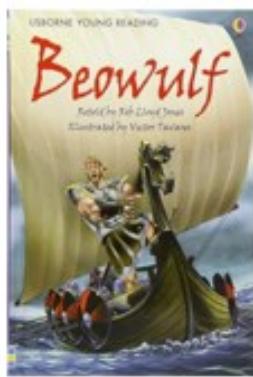
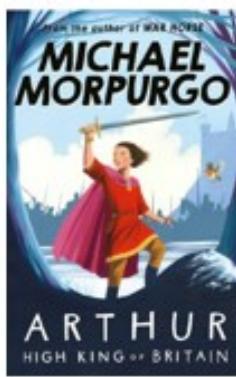
[The Whispering Stones by Savior Pirotta](#)

[The Secrets of Stonehenge by Nick Manning](#)

[24 Hour in the Stone Age by Ian Cook](#)

[UG: Boy Genius of the Stone Age by Raymond Briggs](#)

Year 4 – Anglo Saxons



[Anglo-Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman](#)

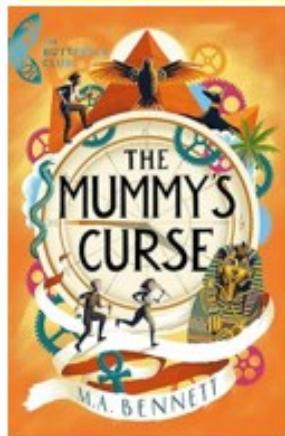
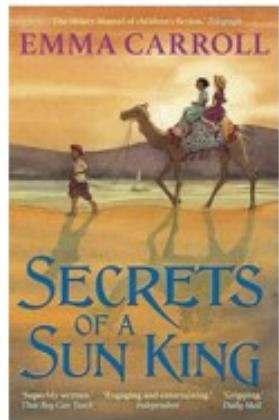
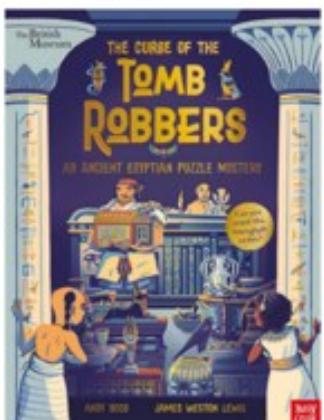
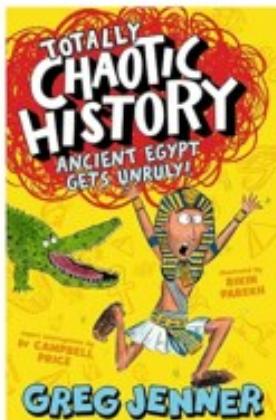
[Arthur: High King of Britain by Michael Morpurgo](#)

[Beowulf by Rob Lloyd Jones](#)

[Smashing Saxons by Terry Deary](#)

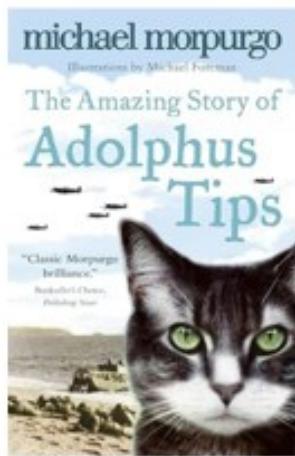
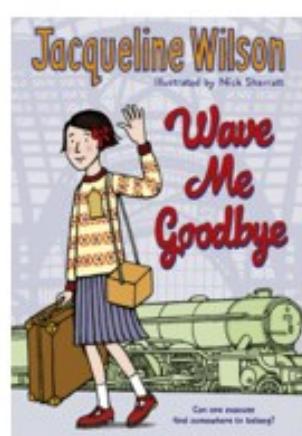
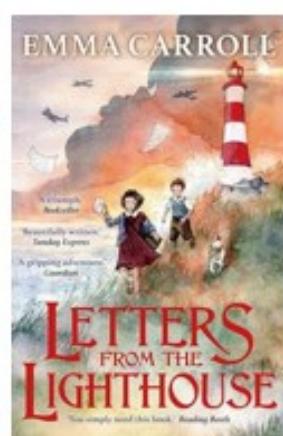
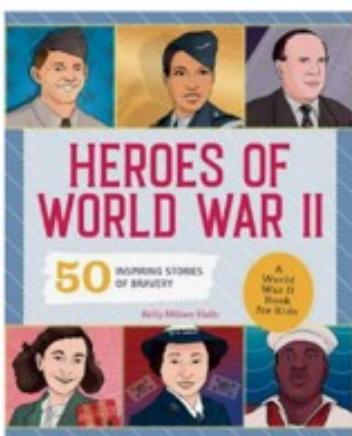
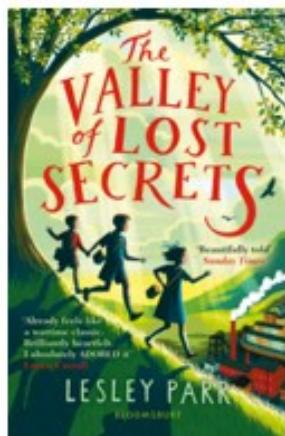
[How to be an Anglo Saxon by Scoular Anderson](#)

Year 5 – Ancient Egypt



Ancient Egypt Gets Unruly by Greg Jenner
The Curse of the Tomb Robbers by Andy Seed
The Hunt for the Golden Scarab by M.G. Leonard
Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll
The Mummy's Curse by M.A. Bennett

Year 6 – World War 2



The Valley of Lost Secrets by Lesley Parr
Heroes of World War II by Kelly Milner Halls
Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll
Wave Me Goodbye by Jacqueline Wilson
Amazing Adolphus Tips by Michael Morpurgo

Date	Event	Dates for your diary
SPRING TERM 2026		
Monday 5th January	INSET DAY	
Wednesday 11th February	School disco	
Monday 16th—Friday 20th Feb	HALF-TERM	
Wednesday 18th March	Parents Evening, with afternoon sessions in this fortnight	
Thursday 26th March	Last day of term. 1:15pm finish	
Friday 27th March	INSET DAY	
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS	

SUMMER TERM 2026

Monday 11th May	Y6 SATs Week
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	HALF-TERM
Monday 1st June	INSET DAY
Wednesday 20th May	Early Closure at 1.15pm due to Open Evening 4pm—6.30pm
Thursday 25th June	Lower School Sports Day am
Friday 26th June	Upper School Sports Day am
Wednesday 1st July	Transition Day
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of term 1:15pm finish.

INSET DAYS 2026/27

We have recently set INSET Days for next academic year, in conjunction with The Brook and Maidenbower Infants. The following dates are INSET days:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 7th June 2027



Thursday 15th January

School Lunch - Census Day

MAINS

Beef Burger
Veggie Nuggets

SIDES

Chips, Sweetcorn, Salad

DESSERT

Jam Sponge and Custard

Order on ParentPay.com by
Thursday 1st January

www.ParentPay.com



*Please be aware that we have been advised by Chartwells that Thursday 16th January is now a school census day for hot school meals, this is the special menu with the new food choices for this day.

For any parents who have already ordered for January **the previous choices for this day has been removed**, you will need to go back into Parentpay and reselect a meal by **January 1st**, this is for both free school meal pupils and paying pupils.

If you do not re select a meal by 1st January, you will need to provide a pack lunch for your child.



Spanish Club MJS

Spring Term
2026

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: £65.00 (Spring Term 2026)

From 15th January to
26th March (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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ML Spanish Tutor



martaleiva.bru@gmail.com

Tlf: 07936482815



Want to play Basketball?
Why not try Storm Basketball. For all information;

[https://stormbasketballclub.com/
want-to-play/school-sessions/](https://stormbasketballclub.com/want-to-play/school-sessions/)





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 known 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 three classes at Maidenbower Junior School on Tuesday and Wednesday. 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

Lunch club - Wednesday 12- 1pm

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.

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.



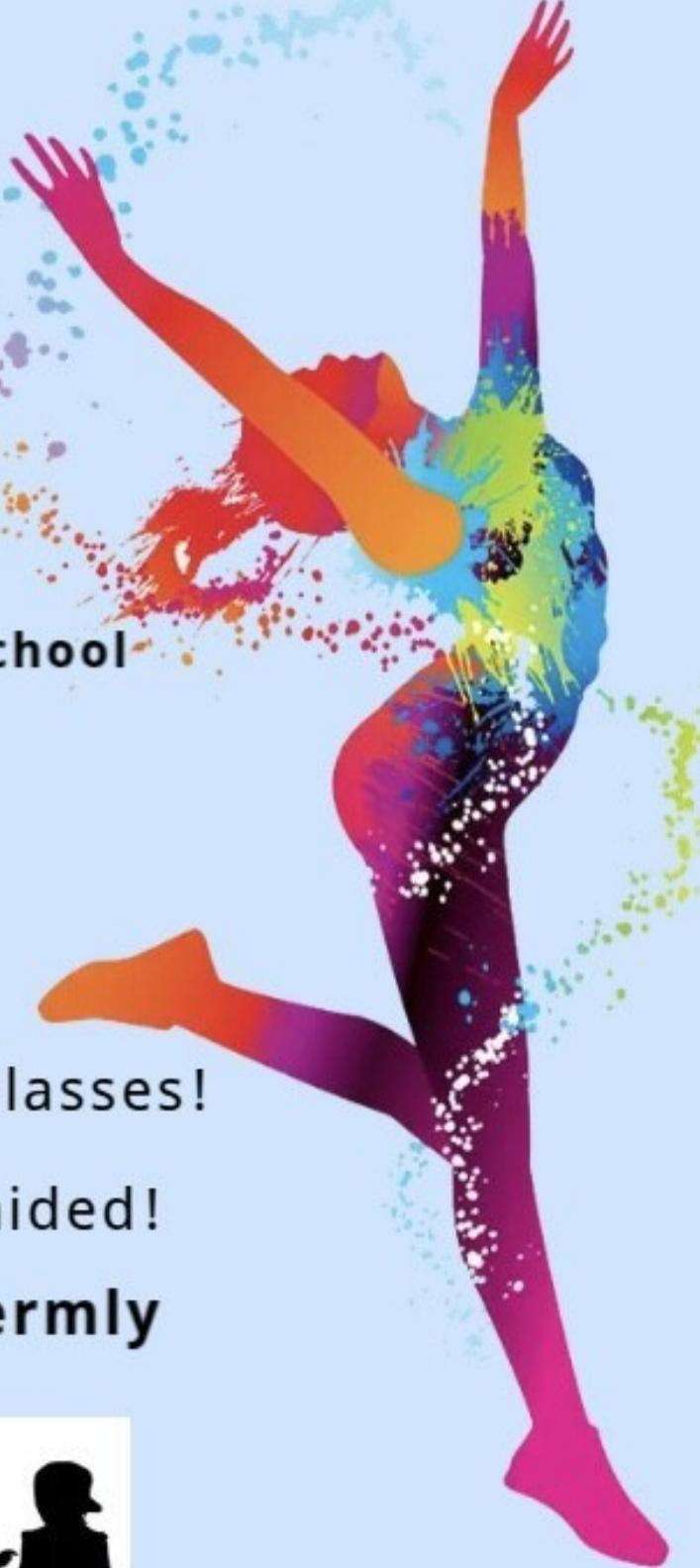
STREET DANCE

At Maidenbower Juniors School

Thursdays
3:15-4:00pm

Upbeat, Energetic, fun classes!
Fully qualified teachers
DBS checked and first aided!

£7 per session paid termly



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