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Dear Parents and Carers,

As another academic year ends, I have just finished our end of year assembly where we celebrated an amazing year and reflected on our achievements. Many awards were given out, as well as some thank you's and goodbyes, and by transition a final Year 6 song. In this final communication of the year, which replaces the weekly newsletter, I would like to share some of the awards with you.

Anne Newson Award

This is a very special award given out to one child from each year group, and one from The Launchpad. Anne Newson was a previous Chair of Governors for MJS who gave so much of her time to the school whilst being in post. Sadly, she passed away but her family wanted to create a special annual award, given to children for overcoming challenges or for simply being an amazing ambassador for their year group. Huge congratulations to this year's winners:



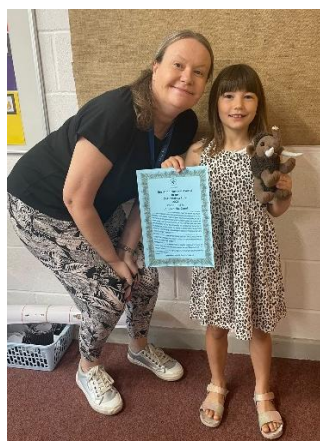
Y4 = Sophie



Y5 = Riley



Launchpad = Dexter



Y3 = Amalia



Y6 = Georgie

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Ursula Woods Spirit of Sport Award

This is another special award, in memory of Ursula Woods who was a much-loved member of staff at the school who sadly passed away. This award is given out to just one child in school for playing sport in the right spirit, being a great team player and for making a positive contribution in sport at school. This year's winner is Zach:



Thank yous:

MJS staff

It's the time of year when words do not do justice when thanking people for their positive contributions to the success of our school. The commitment of the staff to ensure the best possible opportunities for our pupils is staggering. As well as giving their all during each day, they go above and beyond by supporting out of school hours activities such as discos, fireworks night, running after school clubs and giving up their time to make residential trips happen, to name just a few. The team are a joy to work with.

Parents and Carers

I would also like to thank you, our parents and carers, for the support you continue to give to the school. This is through supporting community events, understanding decisions that are made at school and being smiling faces on the playground in the pouring rain and the blazing sun! A particular thank you to those of you who have gone out of your way to send in positive messages and thank yous – you have no idea how these gestures energise and positively impact the staff.

A special thank you to our Year 6 parents, many of whom who will be ending their links with MJS. Your support over the last four years has been appreciated and we hope your child/ren have had a great end to their MJS journey – we will miss them very much.

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September

A reminder that school will be closed on the following days for INSET:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Children will start back on Thursday 3rd September 2026.

All diary dates and information about clubs and PE/Forest School days will be sent out in that first week of term.

I wish you all a fantastic summer break with your friends and family and I hope the recent warm weather continues to allow us to be outside as much as possible.

Best wishes and thank you for continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Simon Pike". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Simon" and last name "Pike" clearly distinguishable.

Simon Pike
Headteacher