

MJS NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have some very happy Year 6 pupils today. As well as completing their SATs tests this week, and managing this extremely well, they have just received their end of year hoodies which has caused great excitement.

The children have been enjoying the Staff v Pupils challenges this week, with some classes still to go next week. I am not looking forward to the results! Big thanks to Mr Haigh for organising this.

Next week promises to be a very busy and lively week at MJS. It is Open Evening on Wednesday and a reminder that school finishes at 1:15pm on this day to allow the school to be transformed into a celebration of learning, with children returning with families at any time between 4:00-6:30pm. A programme for this is attached to the email with timings of performances and what can be seen around school. I would encourage you to visit our Outdoor Learning classroom and area at the end of our north field as there will be activities going on and it is a place that most parents will not be familiar with, but the children certainly are.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike

Headteacher

**Together
Everyone
Achieves
More
at MJS**

Monday 18th May 2026

Forest Schools 5JH

Piano Lessons

French Club

Tennis Festival @ Three Bridges

National Comp' Prep Club—Cancelled

Rhythm Masters

Tuesday 19th May 2026

Y6 Eye Dissection

Guitar Lessons

Forest Schools 4GH

Yoga Bugs Club

Y6 Athletics

Y5 Coding Club

Wednesday 20th May 2026

Y4 Swimming 4JM & Launchpad

1.15pm Early Finish due to Open Evening

Open Evening 4pm—6.30pm

No afterschool Clubs today

Thursday 21st May 2026

National Football finals of the Premier League Primary Stars

Spanish Club

L/S Cricket Club

Dare Dance Club

Friday 22nd May 2026

6EA Forest Schools

Storm BasketBall Club

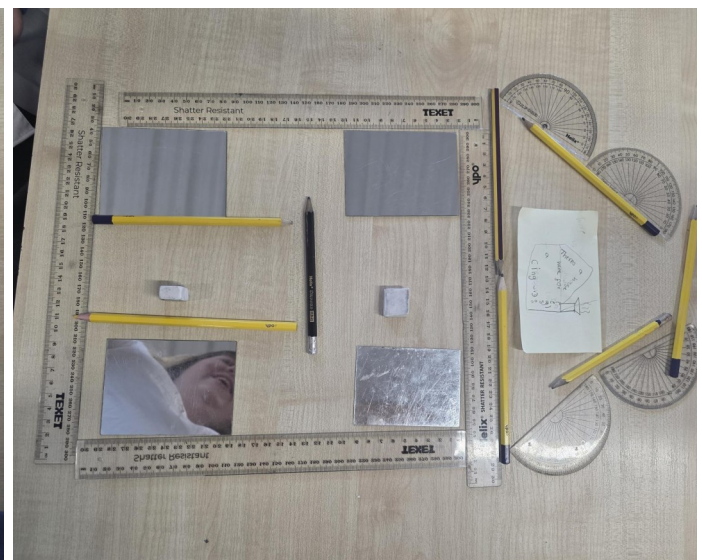
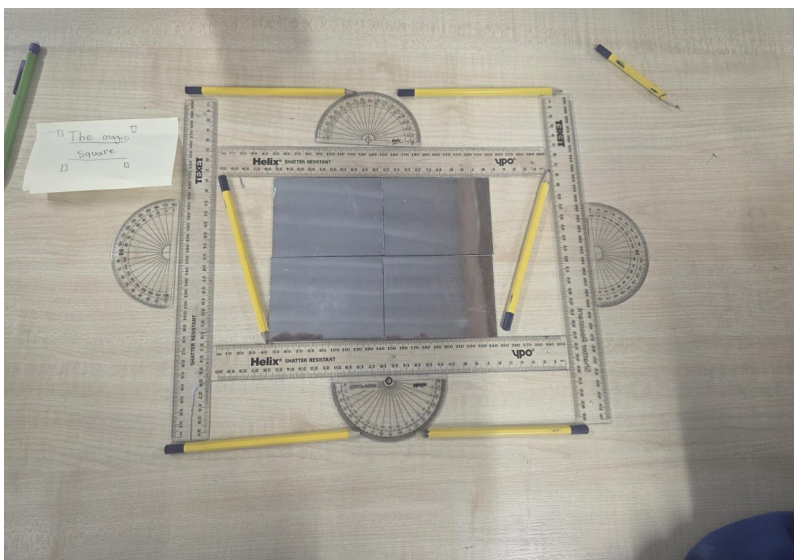
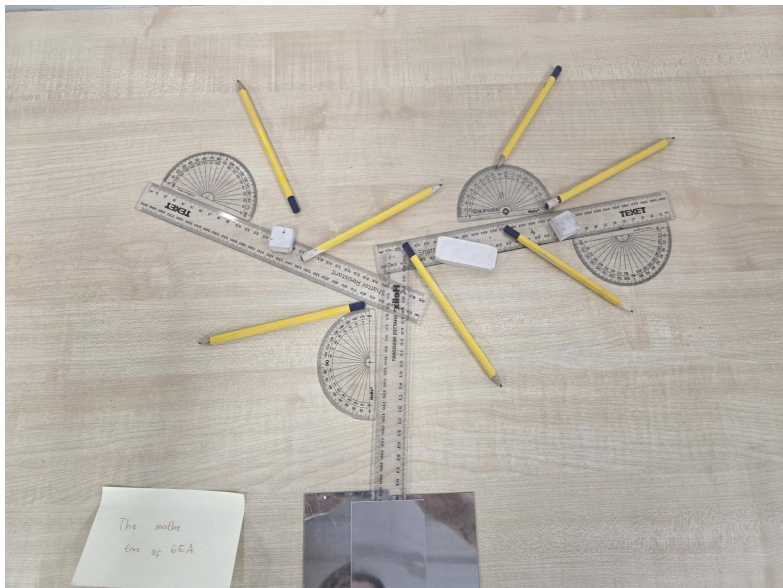
Cheneler Musical Theatre

WELL DONE YEAR 6

A special mention to our Year 6 pupils who completed their Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs) this week. The children gave their all and coped with the week incredibly well. A shout out to our Year 6 team for preparing the children so well, not just through curriculum coverage but supporting each child to remain during the week. A fun couple of months awaits Year 6 now and the children were delighted to receive their end of year hoodies today.



One Year 6 class decided to create some art work using the equipment allowed in the maths SATs papers!



GOOD LUCK TO THE YEAR 6 FOOTBALL TEAM

After a wait of several months since qualifying, our boys' football team will be travelling up to Wolverhampton on Wednesday for the national finals of the Premier League Primary Stars competition. It takes place on Thursday at Molineux, home of Wolverhampton Wanderers. The boys will be representing Brighton and their shirts arrived today so excitement is building.

It will be a memorable experience for the boys and we wish them every success.

GOOD
LUCK!



YEAR 4 GOLF

It certainly was not golfing weather for a group of Year 4 children representing the school in a Tri-Golf event at K2. Taking part in a variety of golfing activities, children gained points which created a team total with the team finishing in 4th place overall. Well done to all of the children involved.



ATTENDANCE

A big thank you with your support in making sure children are in school as much as they possibly can be. We know that strong attendance has a direct correlation with progress and attainment and we were pleased to receive this certificate this week ...



National School Attendance Award

2025/26 Spring Term



Maidenbower Junior School

Top 25% of all FFT Primary Schools in England

PARKING INFORMATION

Frogshole Pub have informed us that there will no parking available in their car park on Monday 18th May.

A reminder to please not use **Bancroft Road** to park for school drop off or pick up. We continue to hear reports of dangerous parking over pavements and driveways and this is not safe or appropriate. We encourage residents to take photos and report dangerous or anti-social driving to: <https://operationcrackdown.org/>.

There is lot of safe parking available nearby and we encourage families to walk to and from school where possible.

MAIDENBOWER JUNIOR PTA

WORLD CUP

DRESS DOWN DAY!

★ FRIDAY 5TH JUNE ★

EACH CLASS WILL BE ALLOCATED
2 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES
AND THEY HAVE TO COME
DRESSED IN THAT COUNTRY'S
COLOUR OR THEME...



PLEASE DONATE
£1
ALL PROCEEDS GO
BACK INTO THE
SCHOOL'S
PTA FUNDS

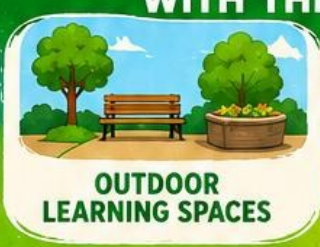
WE WILL BE ANNOUNCING
THE CLASSES'
COUNTRIES/COLOURS
ON THE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER ON
FRIDAY 15TH MAY
(INFO WILL BE SENT HOME
WITH THE CHILDREN TOO)

COME AND
JOIN THE
FUN!

SO OUR PTA CAN CARRY ON
SUPPORTING YOUR SCHOOL
WITH THINGS LIKE...



NEW
EQUIPMENT



OUTDOOR
LEARNING SPACES



NEW STAGES
FOR PERFORMANCES



AND MUCH
MORE!

JLT reps have drawn which countries will be linked to each class for the World Cup Dress Up Day as well as following their progress during the competition...

MJS WORLD CUP DRAW

Group A	
1	Mexico 4JM
2	South Africa 3HB
3	South Korea SLT
4	Czech Republic 4OC

Group B	
1	Canada 3ST
2	Bosnia-Herzegovina 3JD
3	Qatar 5DO
4	Switzerland 3HB

Group C	
	Brazil LP Purple Room
	Morocco 4OC
	Haiti 4AW
	Scotland 6BM

Group D	
1	United States 3SL
2	Paraguay 6BM
3	Australia 4JM
4	Turkey 6SC

Group E	
1	Germany 6SC
2	Curaçao 6CP
3	Ivory Coast 3JD
4	Ecuador 6CP

Group F	
	Netherlands 5EH
	Japan 5GK
	Sweden LP Green Room
	Tunisia LP Green Room

Group G	
1	Belgium 5JH
2	Egypt Admin Team
3	Iran SLT
4	New Zealand 5GH

Group H	
1	Spain 6SB
2	Cape Verde 3SR
3	Saudi Arabia 6SB
4	Uruguay 5HW

Group I	
	France 3SL
	Senegal 6EA
	Iraq Admin
	Norway 4AW

Group J	
1	Argentina 5DO
2	Algeria 5EH
3	Austria 4PG
4	Jordan 5GK

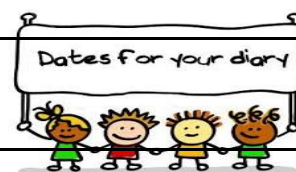
Group K	
1	Portugal 4GH
2	Congo DR 5HW
3	Uzbekistan LP Purple Room
4	Colombia 6 EA

Group L	
	England 3ST
	Croatia 3SR
	Ghana 4GH
	Panama 4PG

OPEN EVENING EXPLAINED

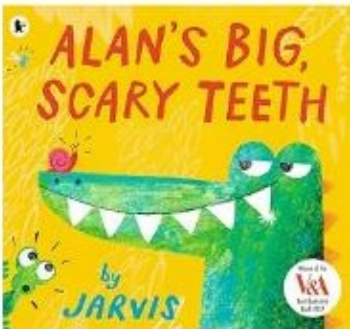
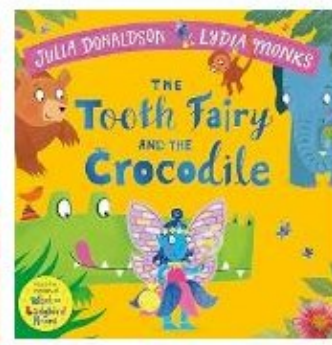
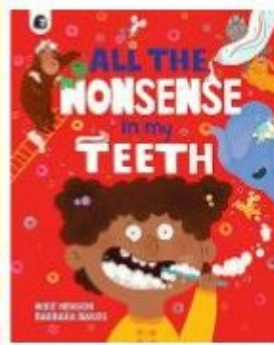
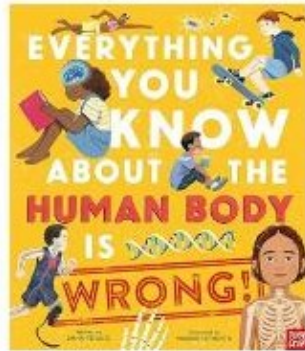
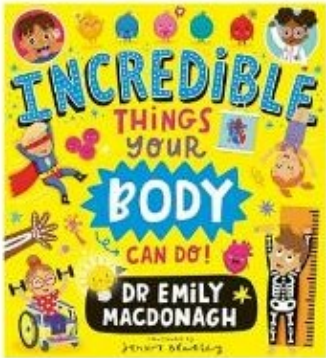
On Wednesday 20th May, we are hosting our annual Open Evening. More details will be given nearer the time, but children finish at 1:15pm on this day. This is to allow time for staff to transform the school into a celebration of children's learning, ready for families to return to school later on to share 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
SUMMER TERM 2026	
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
Friday 5th June 2026	Dress Down Day—PTA Event
Monday 8th June—12th June	Yr4 Residential
Monday 8th June & Tuesday 9th June	Y3 Wakehurst Trip & Illustrator Visit
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

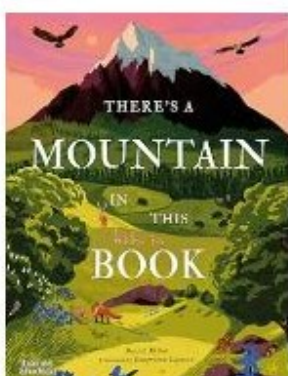
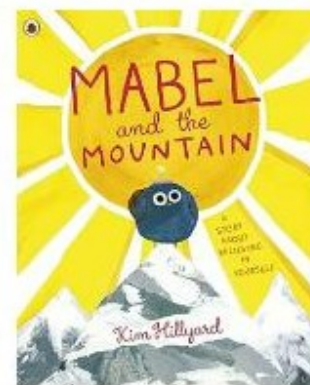
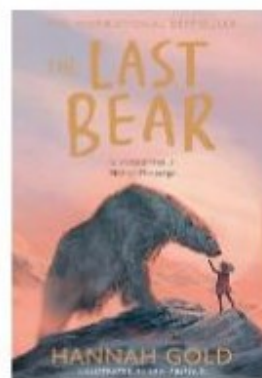
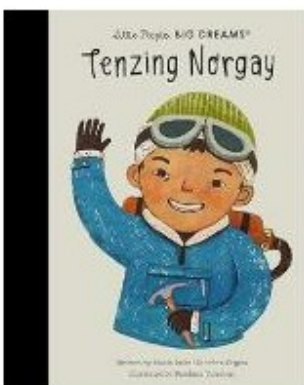
Everything You Know About the Human Body is Wrong – Emma Young

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

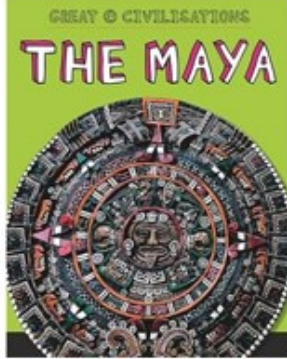
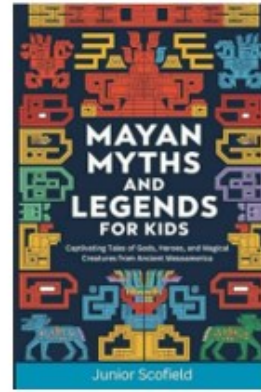
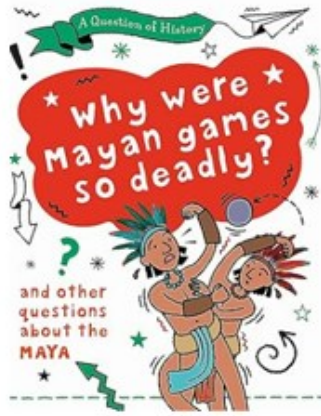
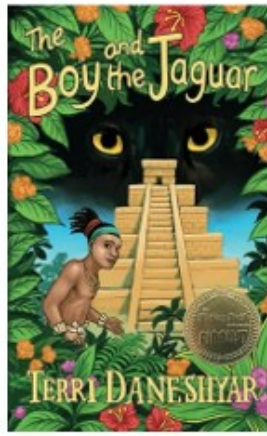
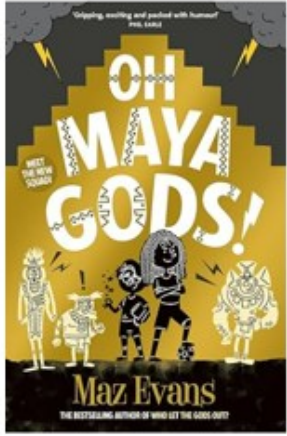
Asha and the Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan

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

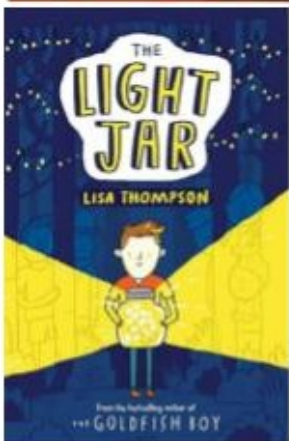
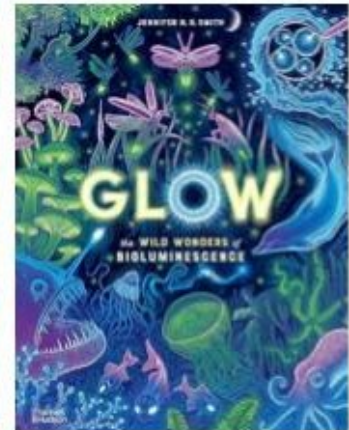
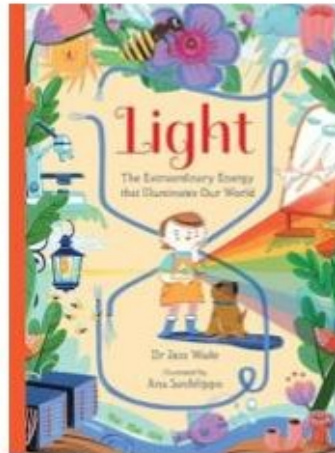
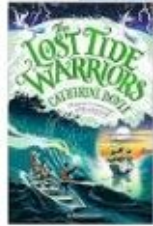
The Boy and the Jaguar by Terri Daneshyar

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

Hosted by
The Mill Primary
Academy
RH11 0EL

TRANSITIONS

Supporting your child with change



Parent Workshops by Thought-Full MHST



Is your child worried about moving to a new school or class?

Do you feel they worry a lot, or too much?

Is your child anxious about **change** in general?

If so, this course is for you!

Led by **Thought-Full** mental health support team, The Mill Primary Academy is hosting a parent workshop using evidence-based approaches to help you to better understand your child's worries and support their emotional wellbeing, especially during times of school transition and change from Y6, Y2 or any age.

Hosted In the Cafe

Mar

Wed



Feb

Feb



1:30-

2:30pm



LEARN
ABOUT THE
BRAIN



SHARE
QUICK WINS



CONNECT
WITH OTHER
FAMILIES



GAIN
IDEAS



PROBLEM
SOLVE
TOGETHER

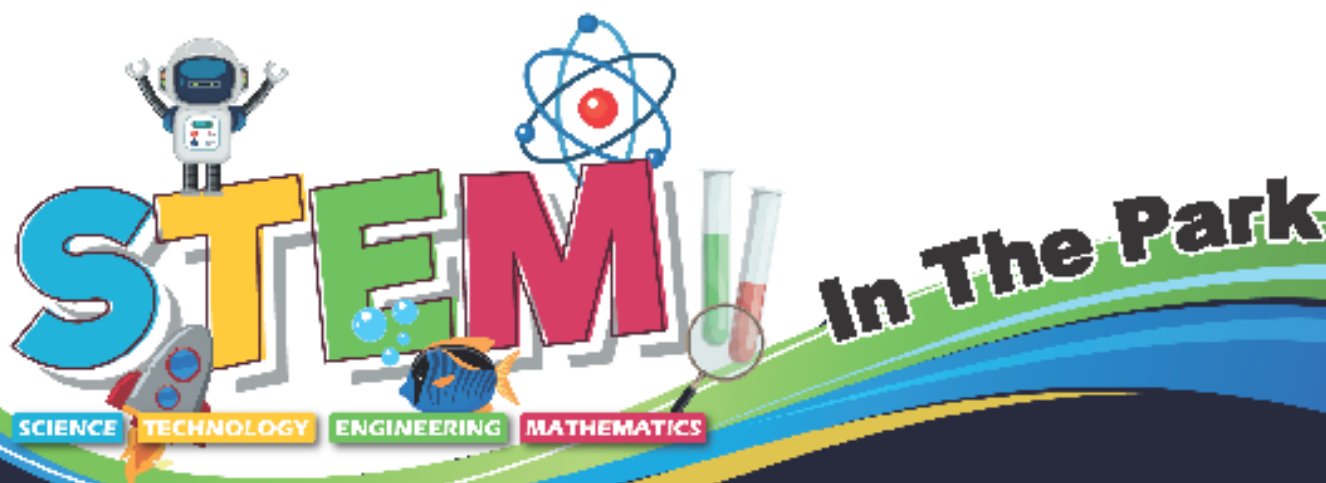
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Served by Bus #2 & #200
On street parking nearby
Disabled parking available



All Primary Aged

Year Groups Welcome

Please register with your school



Saturday 16 May 2026

11am-4pm | Memorial Gardens, Crawley

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♥️ON TOP of our EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT.... We're offering an EXTRA 10% OFF Summer Holiday Club bookings, making it the perfect time to plan ahead for the holidays.

Don't have firm plans yet? NO PROBLEM, amend your booking before 1st July 2026 and keep the savings.

Don't miss out! This extra 10% is available until 8 May 2026. Book today @ www.campglide.co.uk

Terms & Conditions – 10% Discount Offer

- Available for School Summer Holiday Childcare 2026 bookings only.
- Discount applies to bookings made before 08/05/2026 using the promo code SUPERSUMMER26.
- Bookings can be amended up to 1st July 2026 without losing the discount (Early Bird may be affected). Amendments to your booking after this date will void this offer and the discount will be withdrawn.
- Other terms apply, details on our website.
- Offer cannot be combined with other promotions or vouchers.
- Discount applies to childcare session fees only (not food, admin, etc.).
- Camp Glide reserves the right to withdraw this offer at any time.



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Mindfulness Pony Days For Kids

A magical day of ponies, riding, art, friendship and mindfulness

What to expect :

- Mindfulness time with ponies
- Pony care
- Riding and Mounted games
- Connect with arts and nature
- Make new friends



Dates:

28th and 29th of May 2026

Time: 9:30 am -2:00pm

 **Hillcrest Farm Riding School, Horsham RH13 6NX**

Book Now

spaces limited to 10 children per day

£115 per child per day

By purchasing a ticket via eventbrite you are paying a £40 deposit. You will then be invoiced for the outstanding amount on the 15th of May


Links for Booking

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We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) we celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

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WARD HOLIDAY CLUB

FUN OFSTED REGISTERED MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB.

FORGEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

MAY 26TH-29TH

AGES: 5-11. TIMES: 08:45-14:45. LATE PICK UP: UP TO 5PM.

🎈🎉 PARTY AFTERNOON (WEDS) WITH CAKE & TREATS 🎉🎈

🍕 FUN FRIDAY - PIZZA LUNCH 🍕

🏆🏆 TROPHY/MEDAL & MORE DAILY PRIZES 🏆🏆

🍏🍏 FREE FRUIT DAILY FOR EVERYONE 🍏🍏



ACTIVITIES ON OUR DAYS INCLUDE

NERF WARS & TARGETS / DODGEBALL / ARTS & CRAFTS / SOFT ARCHERY / FOOTBALL / FREE TIME / FOREST SCHOOL & SO MUCH MORE!

WE ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING BOOKING METHODS:

TAX FREE CHILD CARE & CHILD CARE VOUCHERS.

PLEASE EMAIL TO BOOK ONE OF THESE WAYS.

SCAN 'QR' CODE FOR BOOKING PAGES
& SCHEDULE OR VISIT OUR SOCIALS FOR BOOKING LINK

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(PLEASE SEE OUR 5+ REVIEWS ON FB)

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PRICE LIST:

SINGLE DAY: £24

BLOCK BOOKING TUES-THURS: £70.

FUN FRIDAY £28.

**LATE PICKUP, UP TO 5PM + £6 A DAY, PER CHILD.
(10% SAME DAY SIBLING DISCOUNT APPLIED)**