

MJS NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th February 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous last week of the half-term it has been. We have had two visits from West Sussex school advisors, one for The Launchpad and for the whole school, and both have been extremely successful with our children shining through observations and discussions.

We also found out this week that MJS was the leading school in the whole of the South East in last Friday's TT Rockstar competition and children were thrilled to hear this in assembly today.

The school disco was a big success this week and big thanks to the very kind parent helpers who supported us by helping run the event.

We have a busy half-term coming up and children will be starting new topics. There is an updated reading list for each year group linked to their new topic coming up later in the newsletter. There is also an updated dates for diaries with additional dates for your information.

Thank you for your continued support and we all wish you a relaxing and dry half-term break.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike

Headteacher

**Together
Everyone
Achieves
More
at MJS**

Monday 23rd February 2026

Forest Schools - 5DO

Y3 Boys Football (3HB, 3ST & 3ST)

French Club

Netball Club

Tuesday 24th February 2026

Forest Schools - 4JM

Yoga Bugs Club

Y5 & 6 Girls Football

Let's Dance Club (5 pm finish)

Yr 4 Craft Club (4JM & 4PG)

Book Club (Lower School)

Y5 Hockey Club

Wednesday 25th February 2026

Launchpad Forest Schools

Y4 Swimming (4GH & 4PG)

Y6 Boys Football

Y6 Chess Club

Choir (Finish 4.30pm)

Thursday 26th February 2026

Forest Schools—3SR

Spanish Club

Girls Football (Y3 & 4 AW)

Dare Dance Club

Mindfulness Club

Friday 27th February 2026

Forest Schools—6BM

Storm Basketball

Cheneler Musical Theatre

YEAR 6 WORLD WAR 2 DAY



YEAR 6 ANDERSON SHELTERS



SCHOOL CAR PARK

A reminder that the school car park by Harvest Road is for staff only, except for a small number of visitors spaces for drop off and pick up. Only cars with a school permit are allowed to park here and should only be for 5 or 10 minutes to drop off or collect. No cars should be parked there at these for longer period.



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TT ROCKSTARS

This was amazing news to find out this week and each child contributed to this in school on Friday.

Special congratulations to the following classes and children for being the highest scorers:

Highest scoring class -

3SR - James

3SL - Ayaansh

3JD - Fraser

3HB - Jacob

3ST - Andrew

4AW - Aiden

4OC - Jaxon

4JM - Grayson

4PG - Jackson

4GH - Teddy

5DO - Oliver H

5GK - Ashton

5HW - Teghdeep

5JH - Aleaza

5EH - Grace

6EA - Millie

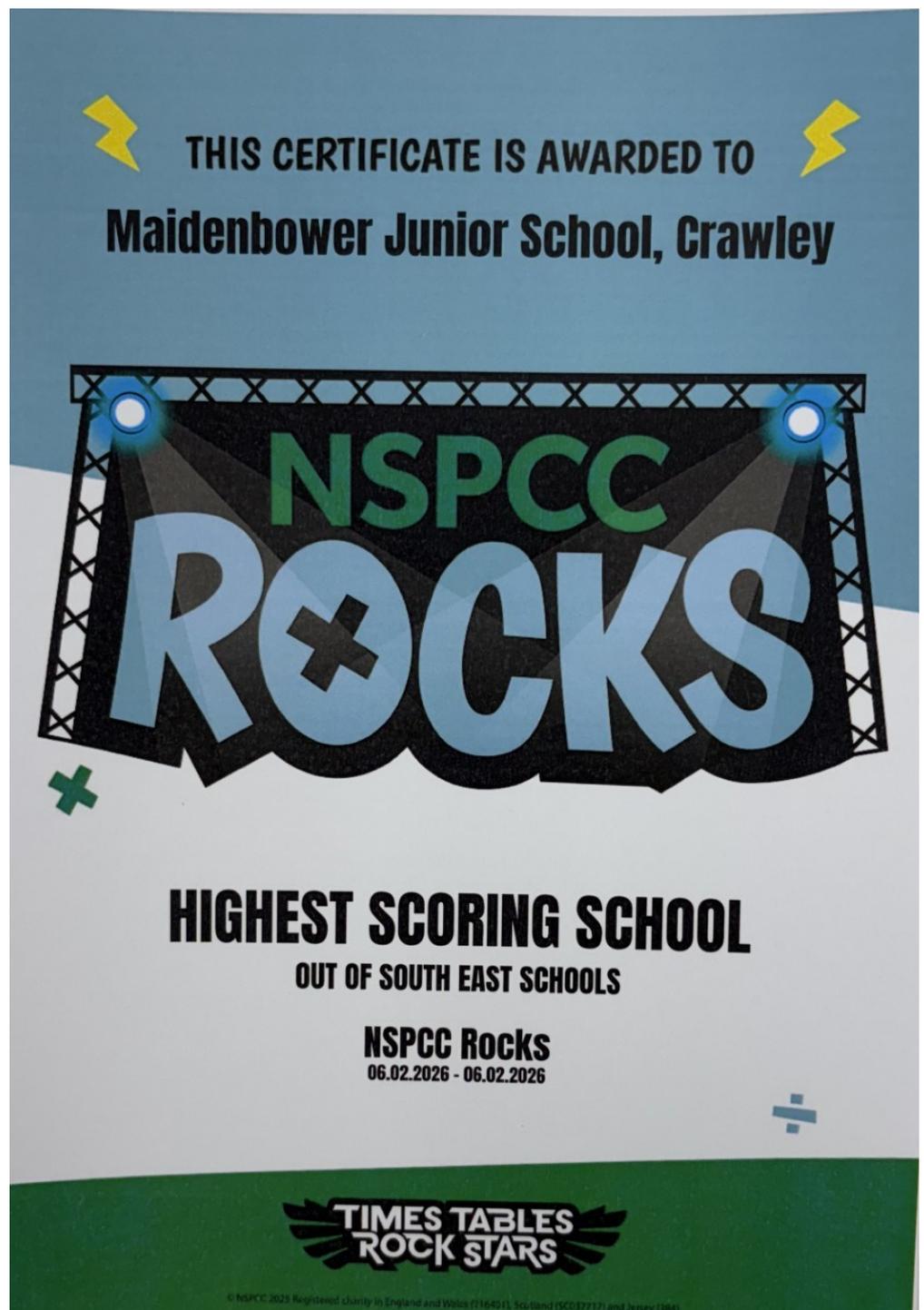
6CP - Dylan

6SB - Jack

6SC - Holly

6BM - Max

Launchpad - Arav



MJS' VERY OWN WINTER OLYMPIAN

We wish Brad Hall the very best of luck as he competes in the Winter Olympics next week. Brad used to attend MJS when the school first opened in 1999 and is taking part as the pilot in Team GB's men's bobsleigh team. Brad was also a flag-bearer during the Opening Ceremony.



LAUNCHPAD FUN

Some of the children in The Launchpad have been busy this week writing and sending thank you letters to Paddington following their trip last week (as well as creating their own version of the Winter Olympics!!).



YEAR 4 BOYS' FOOTBALL

A team of eager and talented Year 4 children represented the school this week in a Year 4 competition. The boys won all 5 of their group games before progressing to the final which they painfully lost on penalties. However, the team have qualified for the next round which take place at Chelsea's training ground in Cobham in April.

Well done boys.



YEAR 5/6 CRICKET

The boys' cricket season has started, indoor at least. The team won two of their three group matches, meaning they finished in 2nd place in the group. They then played two friendly matches and won them off so a very successful afternoon. Well done boys.



Y6 LEAVERS HOODIES

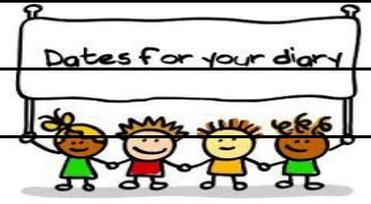
Our Y6 Leavers Hoodies are now available to buy from our uniform supplier Logo2threads.

All information and prices are available at <https://logos2threads.co.uk/>

The closing date to order is Friday 13th March 2026.



Date	Event
SPRING TERM 2026	
Monday 16th—Friday 20th Feb	HALF-TERM
Mon 2nd March—Fri 6th March	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day Year 3 Roman workshops
Friday 6th March	Year 3 Roman workshops
Monday 9th March	Year 4 Rainbow Theatre
Weds 11th - Fri 13th March	Year 5 Harry Potter trips
Tues 17th March	Non-uniform Day—St Catherine's Hospice
Wednesday 18th March	Parents Evening, with afternoon sessions in this fortnight
Friday 20th March	Year 3 Fishbourne Roman Palace trip
Wednesday 25th March	Y3, 5 & Launchpad Pizza Day
Thursday 26th March	Y4 & 6 Pizza Day
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
Tuesday 7th July 2026	Y6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of term 1:15pm finish.

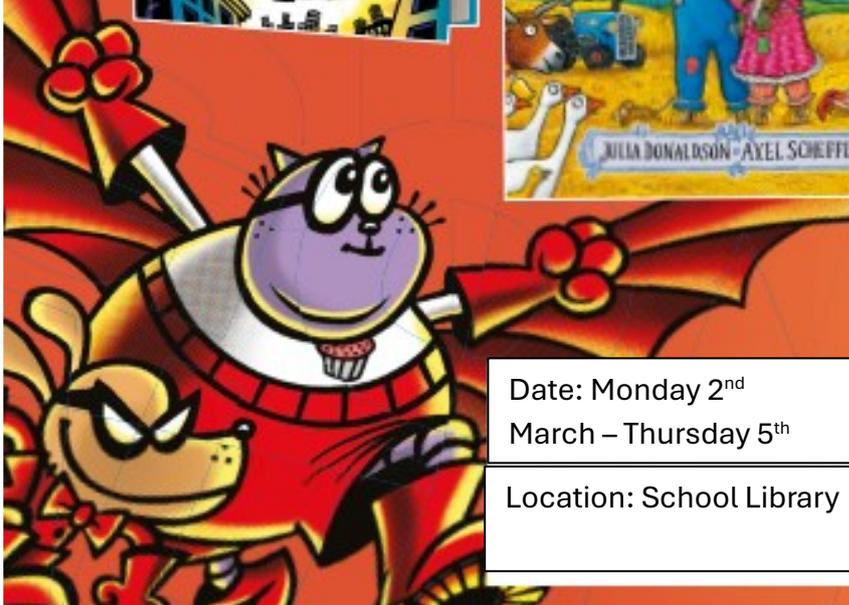
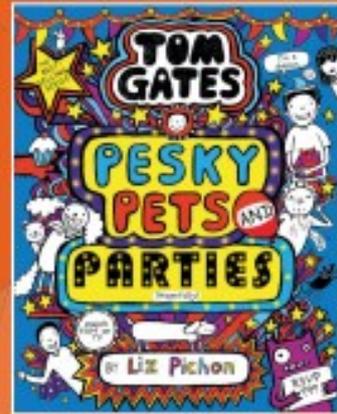
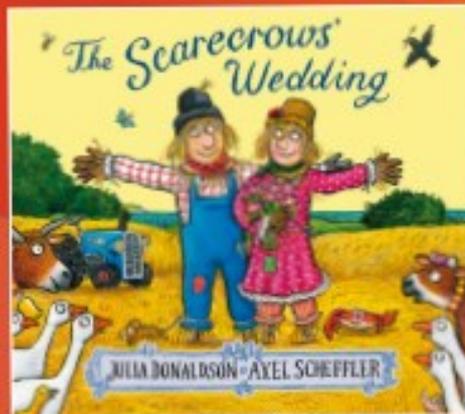
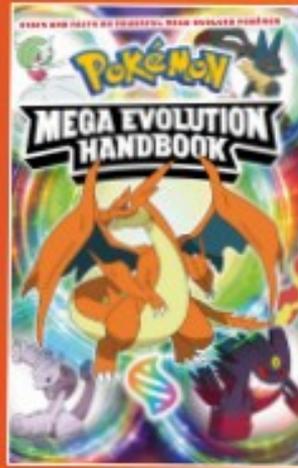
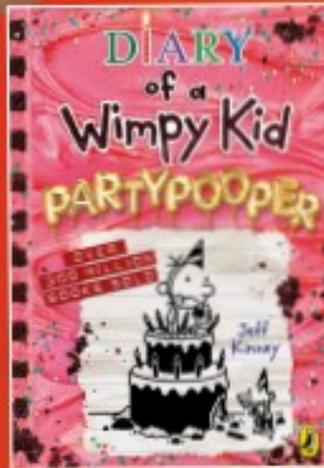
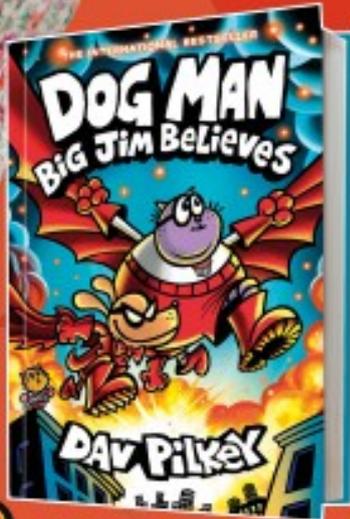


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COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!

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Date: Monday 2nd March – Thursday 5th

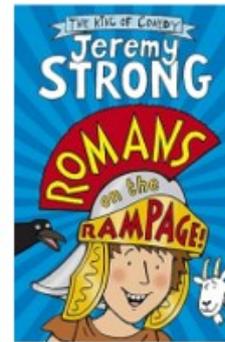
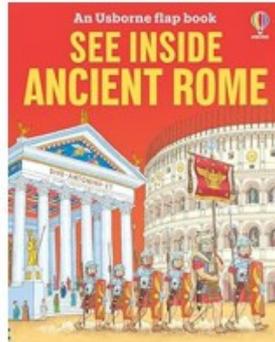
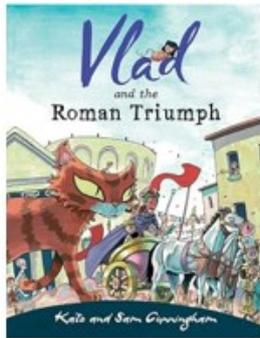
Time: 3:20pm – 4:15

Location: School Library



NEW TOPIC RELATED READING SUGGESTIONS ...

Year 3 – The Romans



The Julius Zebra Series – Gary Northfield

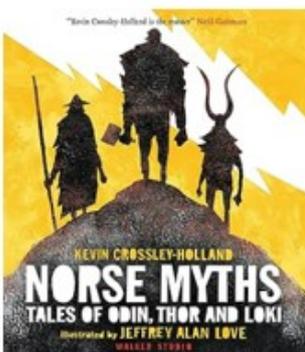
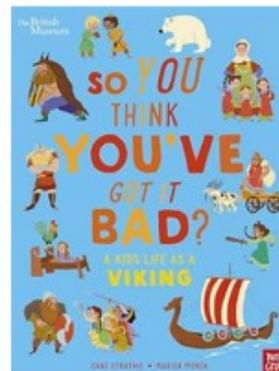
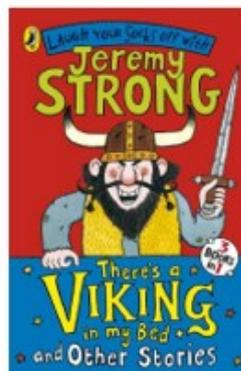
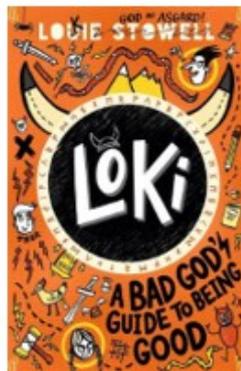
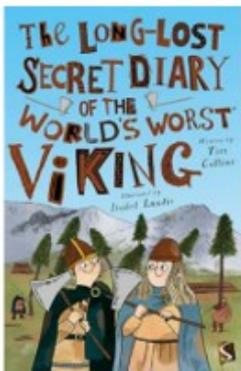
See Inside Ancient Rome – Katie Daynes

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

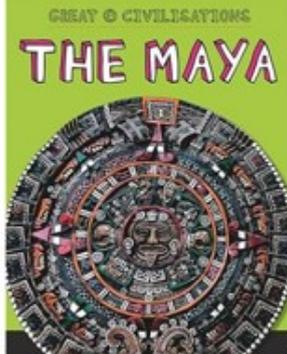
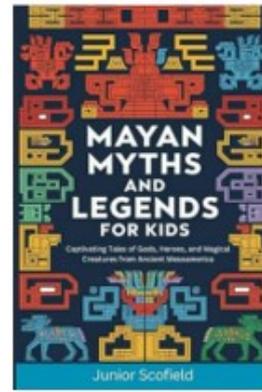
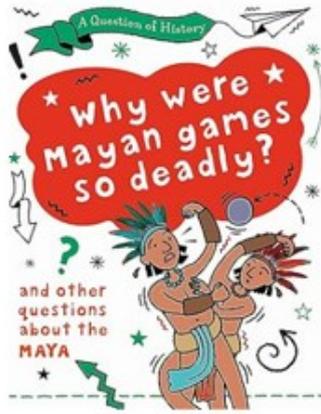
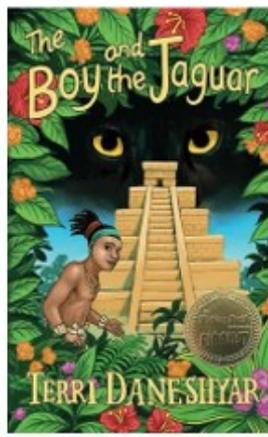
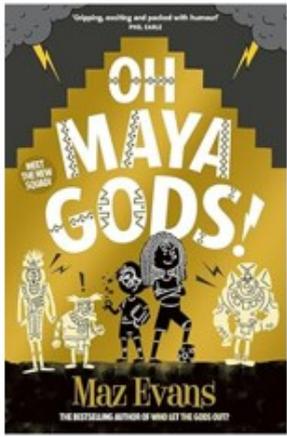
Loki: A Bad God's Guide to Being Good by Louie Stowell

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

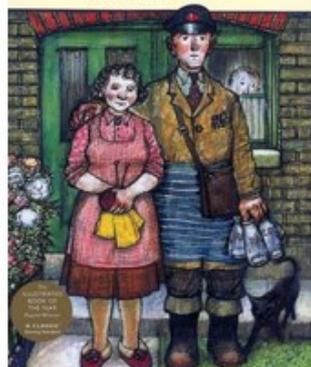
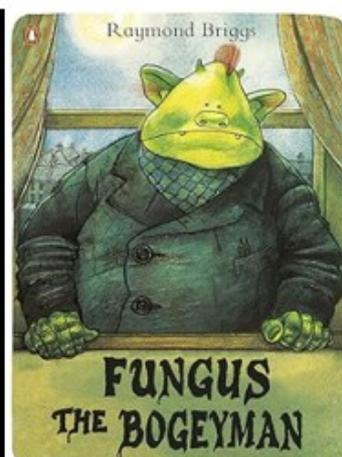
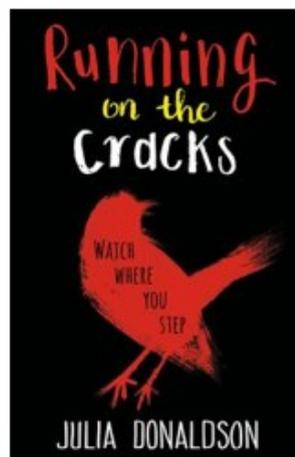
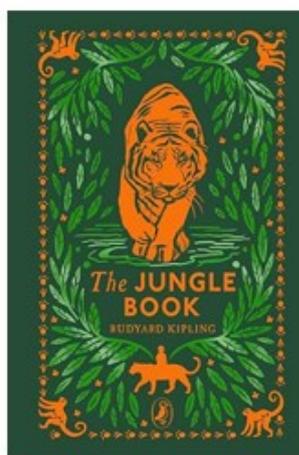
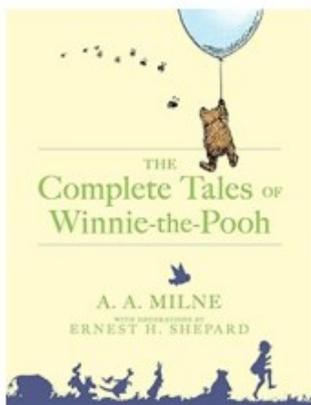
The Boy and the Jaguar by Terri Daneshyar

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

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Chipstead Valley, Coulsdon 🏊

February
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MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 10AM - 12PM

INCLUDES A HOT DRINK AND A BACON ROLL

WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 1PM - 3PM

INCLUDES A SOFT DRINK AND HALF A PIZZA PER PERSON

FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 4PM - 6PM

INCLUDES A SOFT DRINK AND HALF A PIZZA PER PERSON