

# MJS NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are some very exciting events taking place next week for some of our children. On Tuesday, our school choir will be taking part in the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena in London, where they will perform as part of one of the world's largest choirs to thousands of people. This will be a memorable day for the children involved and we wish them the best of luck. Thank you to Mrs Turnbull for all of her hard work preparing and organising this event, which is the first time the school has taken part.

Good luck also to our girls' and boys' football teams who both have two big competitions next week - their county finals on Tuesday and Crawley League finals on Thursday.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike

Headteacher

**Together  
Everyone  
Achieves  
More  
at MJS**



## Monday 19th January 2026

Y5 & 6 Indoor Cricket @ K2  
5HW Forest Schools  
Girls Football League @ ICC  
French Club  
Netball Club

## Tuesday 20th January 2026

Young Voices @ 02  
Football Finals@ Lancing  
4AW Forest Schools  
Yoga Bugs Club  
Y5 & 6 Girls Football—cancelled  
Let's Dance Club (5 pm finish)  
Craft Club (Group 3)  
Book Club  
Y5 & 6 Hockey Club

## Wednesday 21st January 2026

Launchpad Forest schools  
Y4 Swimming (4GH & 4PG)  
Y5 Boys Football  
Chess Club (Group 3)

## Thursday 22nd January 2026

3ST Forest Schools  
Spanish Club  
Y3 & 4 Girls Football  
Dare Dance Club  
Mindfulness Club

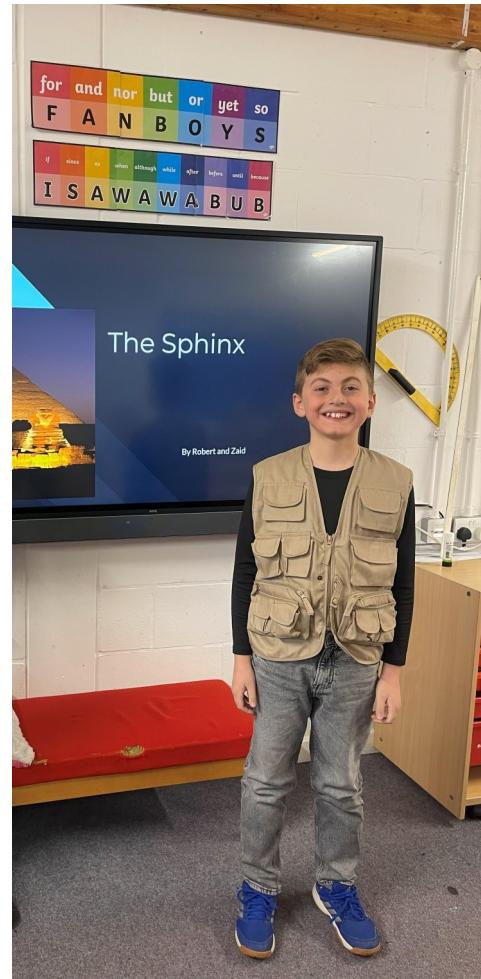
## Friday 23rd January 2026

6CP Forest Schools  
Storm Basketball & Cheneler Musical Theatre

# YEAR 3 PORTALS TO THE PAST



# YEAR 5 IMMERSION DAY



## WOODCHIP REQUEST

If you have any connections to acquiring woodchip, we would love your help. We are in need of woodchip to extend some of the paths around our forest school area. If you can help, please contact the school office and any help is greatly appreciated.



## BANCROFT ROAD

We have received complaints about dangerous and inconsiderate parking in Bancroft Road, at the back of the school. Please be respectful and safe with any parking and use the big car parks at Frogshole Park, Maidenbower Park and the shops.



## 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 * <b>(optional Outdoor Wear only)</b>	Zip-up Fleece with School Logo * <b>(optional Outdoor Wear only)</b>
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

Date	Event	Dates for your diary
<b>SPRING TERM 2026</b>		
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	
<b>SUMMER TERM 2026</b>		
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

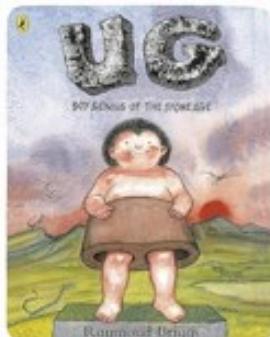
Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

## Recommended Reading List

### Spring 1

#### Year 3 – Stone Age



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

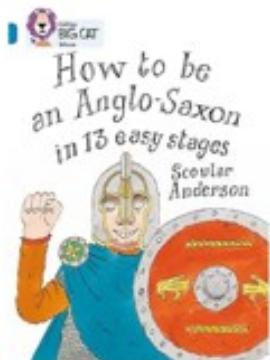
[The Whispering Stones by Savior Pirotta](#)

[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](#)

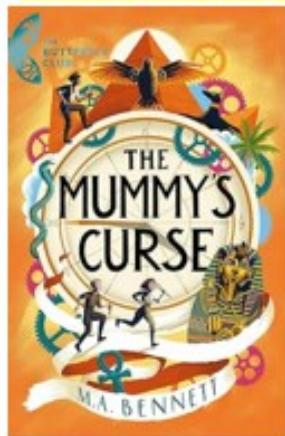
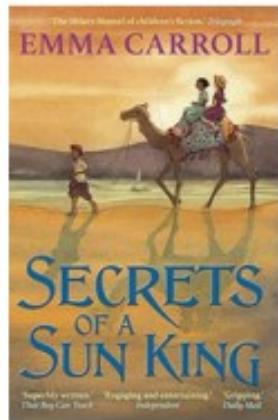
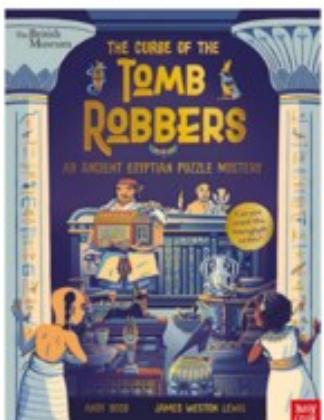
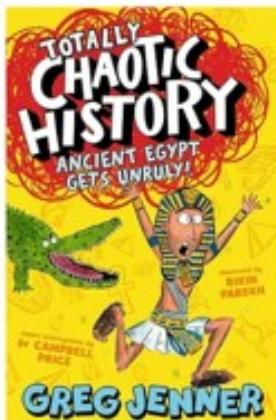
[Arthur: High King of Britain by Michael Morpurgo](#)

[Beowulf by Rob Lloyd Jones](#)

[Smashing Saxons by Terry Deary](#)

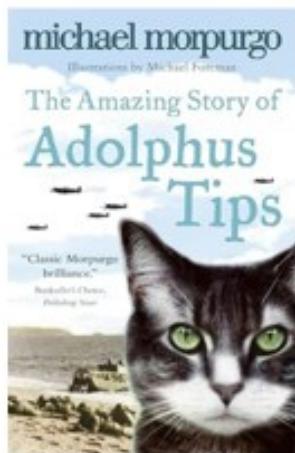
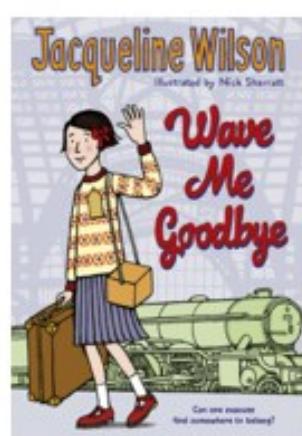
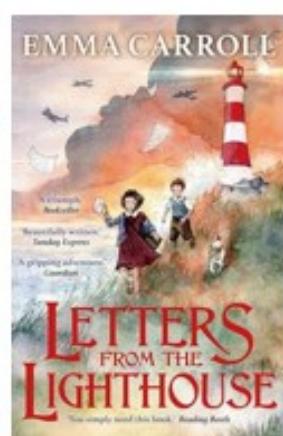
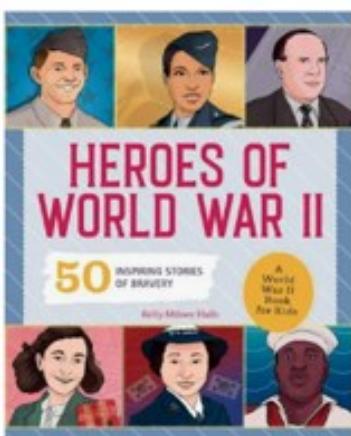
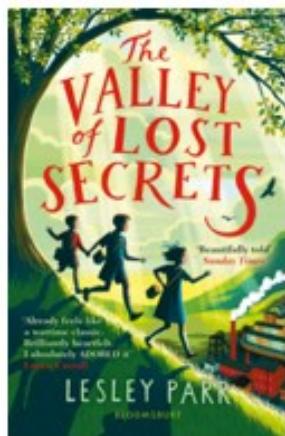
[How to be an Anglo Saxon by Scoular Anderson](#)

## 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

# The Great Camp Glide Carnival!



Monday, 16th February 2026 to Friday, 20th February 2026

February  
Half Term  
Holiday  
Club!

**Charles Dickens**, Southwark  
**The Belham**, Peckham  
**Westvale Park**, Horley  
**Wray Common**, Reigate/Redhill   
**Chipstead Valley**, Coulsdon



BOOK TODAY AT: [WWW.CAMPGLIDE.CO.UK](http://WWW.CAMPGLIDE.CO.UK)



## Spanish Club MJS

Spring Term  
2026

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.

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 15<sup>th</sup> January to  
26<sup>th</sup> March (Term time only)

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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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

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### **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.