

MJS NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the home straight of a long term, we know that many families have struggled with illness, as many staff have. But we have an exciting last week ahead and we hope that everyone will be healthy enough to enjoy the festive activities.

We hope that many of you enjoyed receiving your Xmas4schools orders. They looked great and as well as making brilliant gifts, it also meant that the school raised nearly £400, so we thank you for your support.

Teachers are already looking ahead to the new topics in the new year. History is the dominant curriculum driver in the Spring Term and some book suggestions are part of this newsletter.

We look forward to seeing many of you next week at the shows for Years 3, 4 and 5 and we wish you an enjoyable weekend before then.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike

Headteacher

Monday 15th December 2025

Y3 End of Term Show 2pm

Girls Football League Fixtures @ ICC

Tuesday 16th December 2025

Y4 End of Term Show 2pm

Let's Dance Club

Wednesday 17th December 2025

Y5 End of Term Show 2pm

Forest School session - Launchpad

Choir Club

Thursday 18th December 2025

Y6 BasketBall & K2

Christmas Pantomime

Launchpad afternoon 1.30pm

Friday 19th December 2025

Non-uniform day

School Finishes 1.15pm



**Together
Everyone
Achieves
More
at MJS**

CHRISTMAS SHOWS

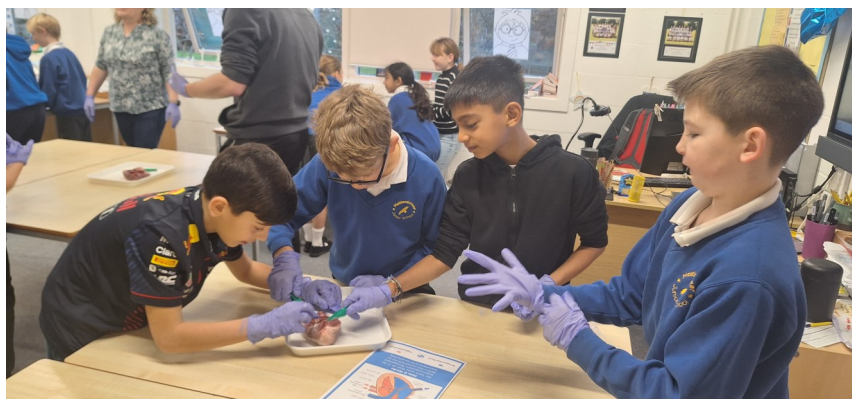
Our end of term shows are taking place in the last week of term for Years 3, 4 and 5. Although there will be Christmas themes and songs in these shows, it is not a big Christmas performance, but is a lovely time for children to share some of their term's learning and put a warm smile on your faces.

Doors will open at 1:45pm with shows starting at 2pm. It is a tight squeeze for these shows so we ask you not to bring in any pushchairs or prams please.

Shows will last for 25-30 minutes and you will be able to take your child home after the show if you wish, along with any siblings.



YEAR 5 HEART DISSECTION

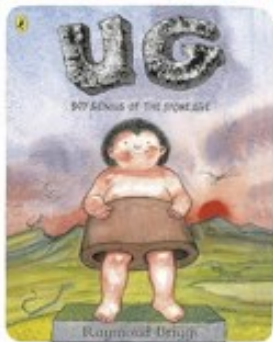
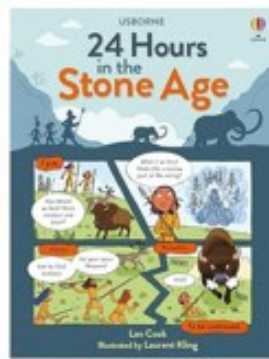
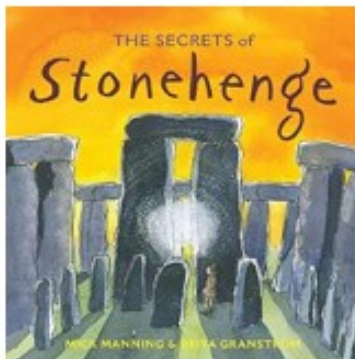
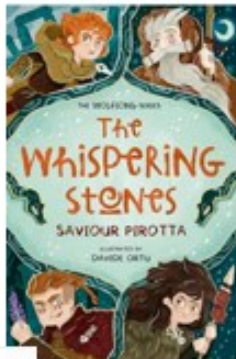
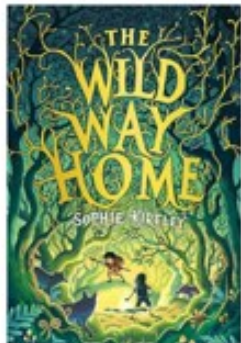




Recommended Reading List

Spring 1

Year 3 – Stone Age



The Wild Way Home by Sophie Kirtley

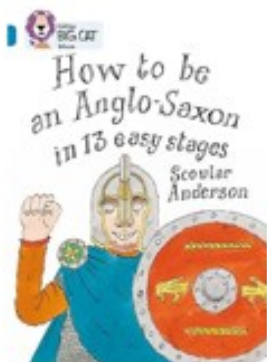
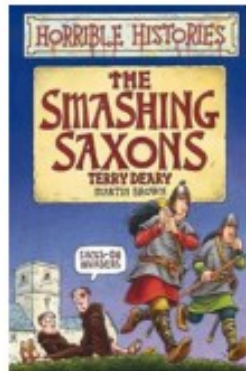
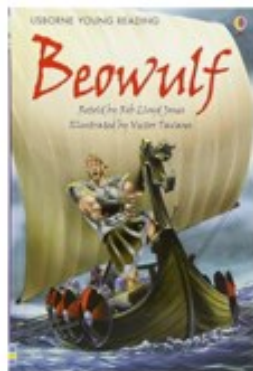
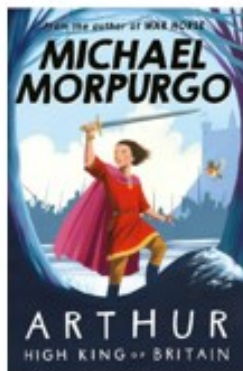
The Whispering Stones by Savior Pirotta

The Secrets of Stonehenge by Nick Manning

24 Hour in the Stone Age by Lan Cook

UG: Boy Genius of the Stone Age by Raymond Briggs

Year 4 – Anglo Saxons



Anglo-Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman

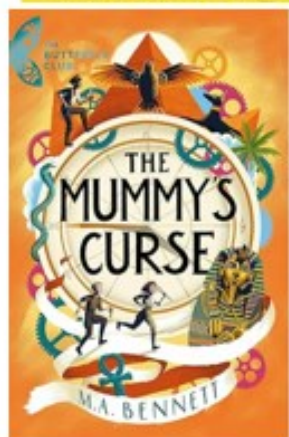
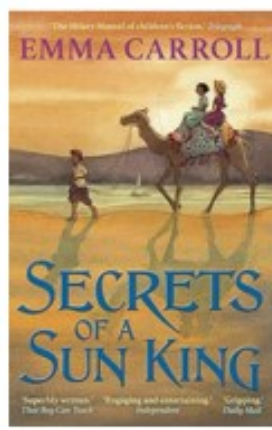
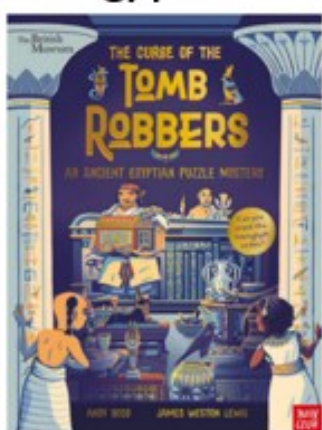
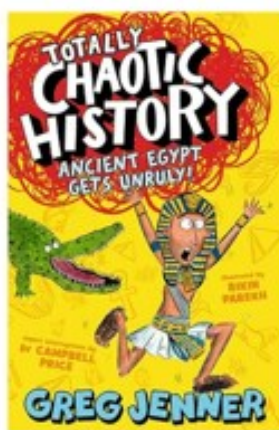
Arthur: High King of Britain by Michael Morpurgo

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

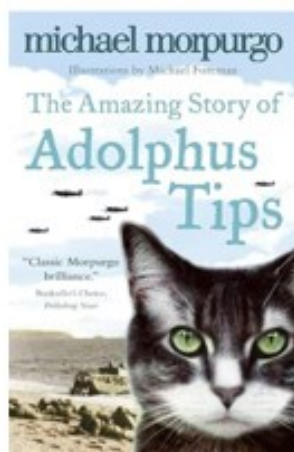
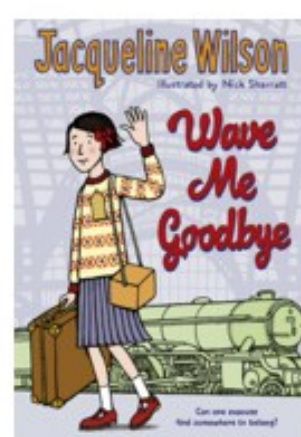
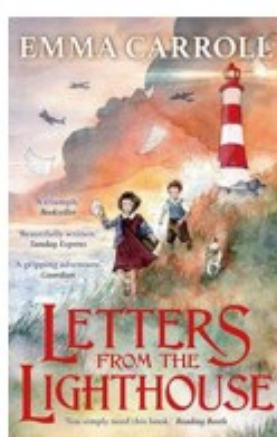
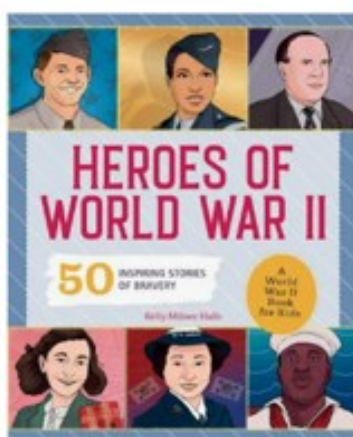
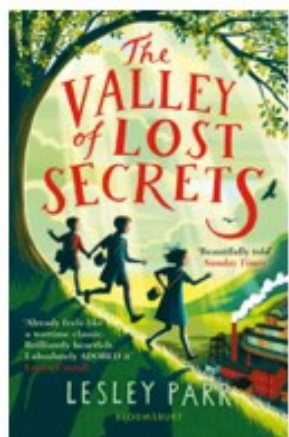
The Curse of the Tomb Robbers by Andy Seed

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



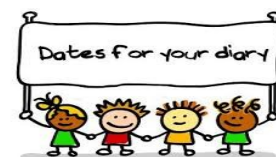
The Valley of Lost Secrets by Lesley Parr

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
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
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



Chartwells
Schools

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.

Parent and Carer Digital Safety Newsletter

Technology at Christmas Time

Christmas is a magical time for children, filled with excitement and even new digital gifts. Even though these gifts offer wonderful opportunities for digital fun, it is also crucial to reinforce online safety. With new devices, apps and games, children can be exposed to new risks.

1. New Device Security

- Activate parental controls
- Set strong passwords
- Disable in-game purchases
- Check privacy and location settings
- Never share personal information

2. Establish digital boundaries

- Set time limits on screen time
- Model good behaviour online

3. Prioritise open communication

- Talk often and maintain an open dialogue
- Ensure your child knows how to delete, block and report

4. Vet new apps and games

- Check age ratings are appropriate
- Understand features and game functionality

[UK Safer Internet Centre | Staying safe online at Christmas](#)

"Hi Mum/Hi Dad" WhatsApp impersonation scams

Scammers impersonate your child or friend by using a new number and will send messages similar to this:

"Mum/Dad, I lost my phone— I need some money urgently!"

Once you respond, they'll pressure you to send money to a new "safe account".

Stay safe against this type of scam:

- Always call the person on their original number to verify before sending any money
- Be cautious of emotional urgency — it's a major red flag
- Report the number on WhatsApp and forward suspicious texts to 7726

Hi mum, are you busy? I need some help.

8:16 pm

No. What is happening luv?

8:18 pm ✓✓

I have a little problem I need to pay a bill but I cannot login into my online banking because of this new number. Could you pay it for me? I will transfer it back as soon as I can login again

8:18 pm

Parent and Carer

Digital Safety Newsletter

Roblox

Roblox has recently implemented significant new safety features aimed at enhancing child safety after it received criticism about children being able to access inappropriate content and as well as being able to talk to strangers.

The most critical changes centre on age verification and improved parental controls:

1. Mandatory Age Verification

Roblox is now requiring users to verify their age to access chat and communication features

2. Expanded parental control features

Parents now have robust tools to actively manage their child's account

For further information, read the following article: [BBC News | Roblox blocks children from chatting to adult strangers](#)



Online safety for parents' webinars

If you haven't yet signed up for our free Digital Safety for Parents webinar, there are new dates available for 2026. During the session you will learn about:

- The risks & dangers children face online
- Social media & gaming
- Healthy screentime
- How to set up parental controls
- Privacy & locations settings

[Eventbrite | 19th January 12.30pm - 2pm](#)

[Eventbrite | 15th April 6pm - 7.30pm](#)

[Eventbrite | 12th August 12pm - 1.30pm](#)

[Eventbrite | 8th December 6pm - 7.30pm](#)

For more information, visit our [website](#) or look at our [Eventbrite](#) page for other upcoming talks.



From the Digital Safety & Fraud Prevention team, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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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First Aid trained

GCSE and A-LEVELS Speaking Exams at a Secondary School



ML Spanish Tutor

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Want to play Basketball?
Why not try Storm Basket-
ball. 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 know 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.

Mindfulness Club

*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

**Thursday's
3:15-4:00pm**

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

£7 per session paid termly



**Sign up now for January!
Contact Miss Callie on 07932240429
callierina@hotmail.com**

