

MJS NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

The highlight of this week has definitely been our school choir's performance at the O2 on Tuesday evening. On a hugely long day in London, the 33 children that went had the best time and created memories that will last forever. The children were part of a choir consisting of just under 9000 children, with a similar number of spectators watching and listening. As well as singing their hearts out, staff have shared how incredibly behaved the children were, showing responsibility, respect and resilience, as well as caring for each other. The staff also had a great day and big thanks to them for giving up their time to support the children.

Well done to both our girls' and boys' football teams who finished third in their county finals this week, which is an impressive achievement considering there are over 300 primary schools in Sussex. To top that, both teams became Crawley champions yesterday by winning their league finals in awful conditions.

Here's hoping for some drier weather next week and for the weekend.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike

Headteacher

**Together
Everyone
Achieves
More
at MJS**

Monday 26th January 2026

5HW Forest Schools

French Club

Netball Club

Tuesday 27th January 2026

4AW Forest Schools

Yoga Bugs Club

Y5 & 6 Girls Football

Let's Dance Club (5 pm finish)

Craft Club (Group 3)

Book Club

Y5 & 6 Hockey Club

Wednesday 28th January 2026

Launchpad Forest schools

Y4 Swimming (4GH & 4PG)

Y5 Boys Football

Chess Club (Group 3)

Thursday 29th January 2026

3ST Forest Schools

Spanish Club

Y3 & 4 Girls Football

Dare Dance Club

Mindfulness Club

Friday 30th January 2026

6CP Forest Schools

Storm Basketball

Cheneler Musical Theatre



YOUNG VOICES



YEAR 5/6 GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Our girls' football team have had a very busy week. Competing in the county finals, after winning the Crawley round, the girls came up against some of the best players and teams in Sussex. This drove them on to great things, producing some of their best football of the season to qualify through their group to reach the semi-finals. They narrowly lost 1-0 in the semi-final but won the 3rd/4th place playoff to finish third in the whole county. A tremendous achievement with many of the players only in Year 5.



YEAR 5/6 BOYS' FOOTBALL

The boys also had the same competitions this week. In the county finals, the team also had huge success, also qualifying for the semi-finals before losing to a strong team. However the boys bounced back to win their play-off match to also finish in 3rd place - a superb effort.



CRAWLEY CHAMPIONS

After qualifying from their respective groups, both teams had another finals day yesterday in the Crawley League Finals. The girls won a nail-biting quarter-final on penalties, before winning their semi-final to qualify for the final. Meanwhile the boys confidently made their way into their final with two victories. Playing their finals at the same time on adjacent pitches, both teams rose to the challenge to win their finals and become Crawley champions.

Huge congratulations to everyone involved.



Y6 WORLD WAR 2 ART



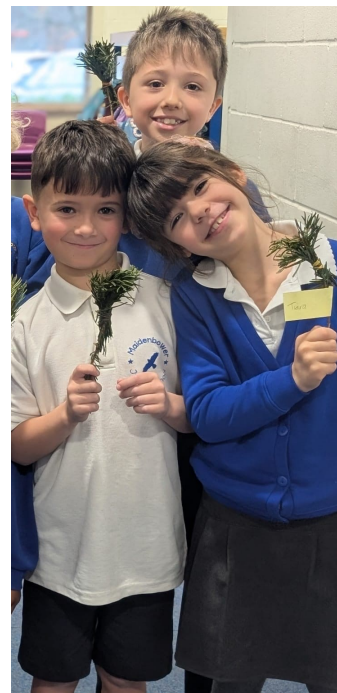
YEAR 5/6 GIRLS' CRICKET

The weather is telling us that we are far from the cricket season, but indoor cricket has begun. A team of girls took part in a cricket festival this week, learning skills and playing some friendly games. For many it was the taste of cricket and the girls represented the school brilliantly. Well done!



Y3 STONE AGE ART

Year 3 children have been extremely creative this week by stepping back into the past to create paint out of blueberries, paprika, spinach and tea, whilst also making their own paintbrushes. As you can see they had great fun and did a great job!



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.



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.



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 * (optional Outdoor Wear only)	Zip-up Fleece with School Logo * (optional Outdoor Wear only)
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

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL DISCO

On Wednesday 11th February, we have the first disco of the year. Although the disco is supervised by staff, we are looking for a small number of parent helpers to help run our tuck shop. It would be for the 60 minute duration of the relevant disco. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

You can purchase a ticket for the disco via [school money](#), cost is £3.50 and this is for admission, tuck and drink.

LOWER SCHOOL DISCO

- Children are to come into school in their normal school uniform for that day (depending on whether they have PE). If they would like to bring a change of clothes for the disco, there will be time towards the end of the day to get changed. The children attending the disco will stay in school and head to the hall at 3:15pm. Each class will get called to the science lab where they will have a drink and sweet snack, which is included in the ticket price
- At 4:15pm, the children will return to their classroom where they will grab their belongings and exit via their usual door. Parents will pick up from the playground in the normal way.

UPPER SCHOOL DISCO

- Children will go home as normal at 3:15pm
- Children attending the disco will come back at 4:30pm. Year 5 will enter via the Year 5 door near the PE shed. Year 6 will enter via the middle Y5/6 doors. Each class will go to the tuck shop which is included in the ticket price.
- Disco finishes at 5:30pm and the children will be collected from the hall. We will let parents in via the front office door so you can enter the hall, collect your child and leave via the hall door.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Mobile phones will not be allowed at the disco.
- If your child is going home with a different parent, please inform the office prior to the disco. Thank you.
- We will not allow children to leave school by themselves. Children should be picked up by an adult (or responsible older sibling).



Date	Event	
SPRING TERM 2026		
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	
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



School Disco



Wednesday 11th February

Yr 3 & 4 – 3.15-4.15pm

Yr 5 & 6 – 4.30 -5.30pm

Entry £3.50 Drink & Treat included

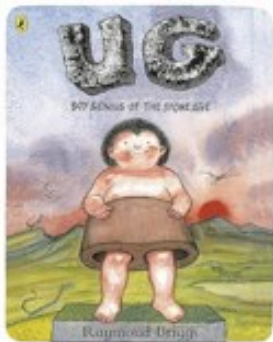
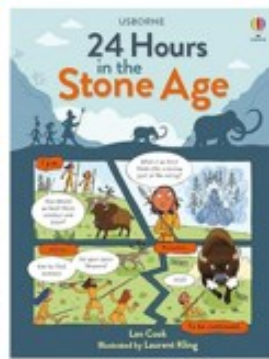
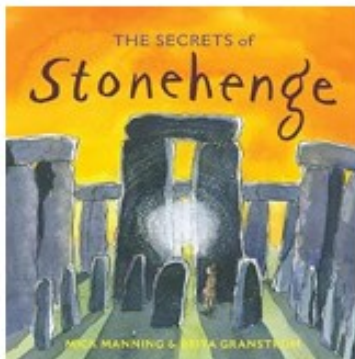
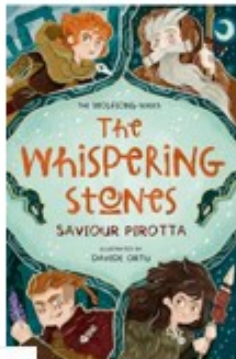
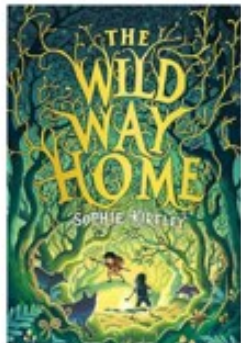
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Recommended Reading List

Spring 1

Year 3 – Stone Age



The Wild Way Home by Sophie Kirtley

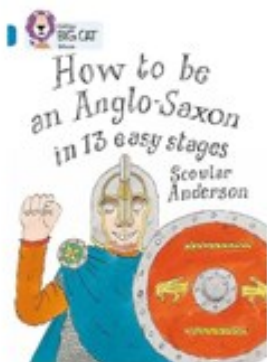
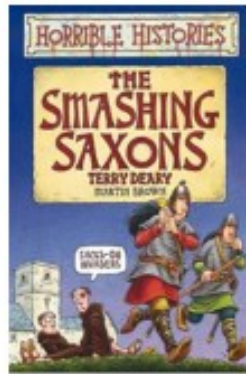
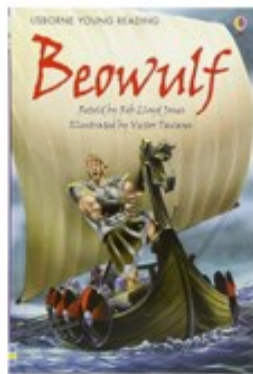
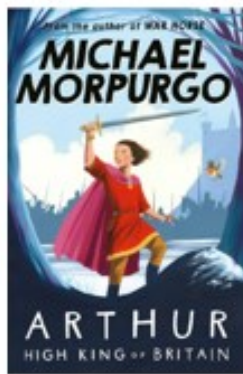
The Whispering Stones by Savior Pirotta

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

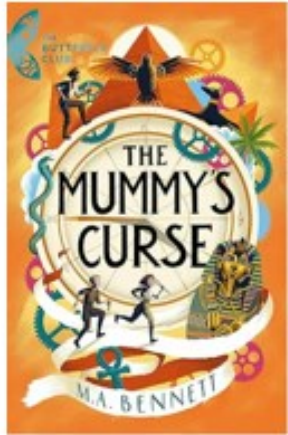
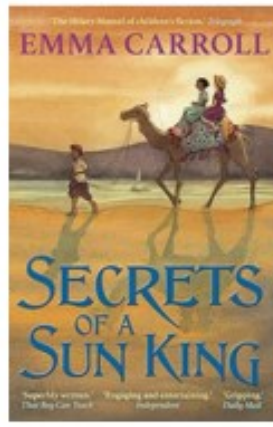
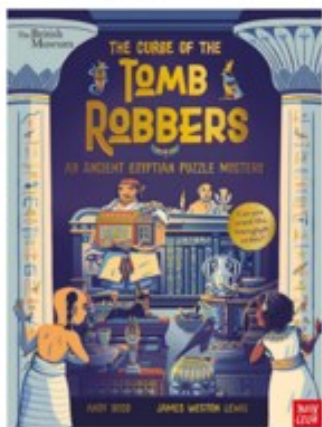
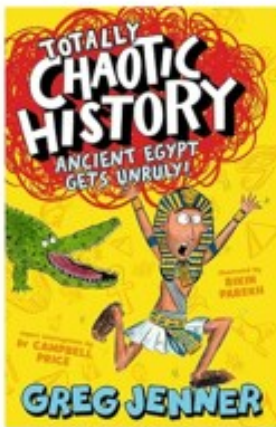
Arthur: High King of Britain by Michael Morpurgo

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

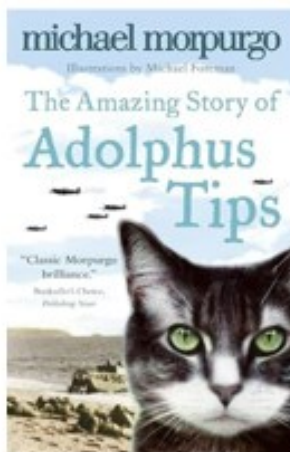
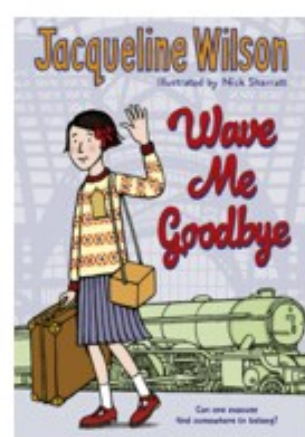
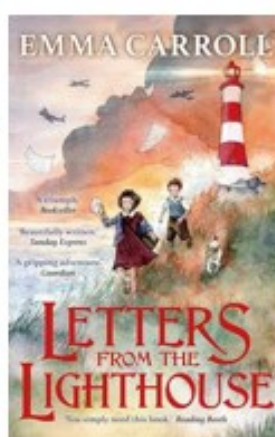
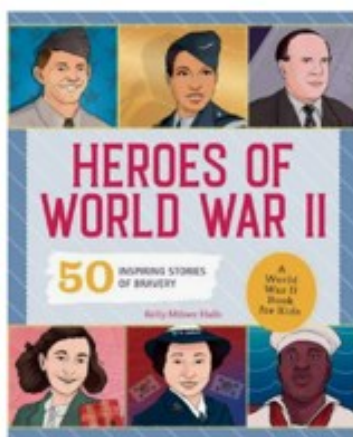
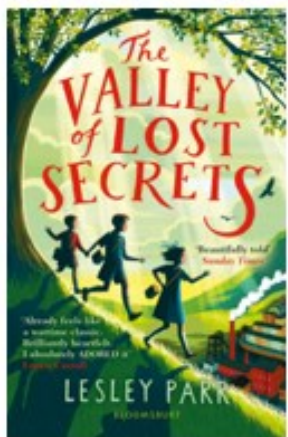
The Curse of the Tomb Robbers by Andy Seed

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

The Great Camp Glide Carnival!



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

Charles Dickens, Southwark

The Belham, Peckham

Westvale Park, Horley

Wray Common, Reigate/Redhill 🏊

Chipstead Valley, Coulsdon 🏊

**February
Half Term
Holiday
Club!**



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