

MJS NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

The cold snap has certainly felt like winter has arrived this week. It has been perfect weather for forest schools and children were very excited by the snow that was in the air on Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat so they can go outside for playtimes.

Next Friday is non-uniform day, linked to our Christmas Fair. We are asking for bottle donations for the tombola stall. This can be brought in any time next week. It is also special non-uniform days for Missen and Hyde house next week for reaching their 1000 house token target - more information is included later in the newsletter.

In assembly today, we have shared the amazing results from the England Rocks competition on TT Rockstars this week. Out of 4356 schools nationally, MJS came **22nd**, answering a total of **445,605** correct answers! This is such a popular programme which supports key number facts so well.

Wishing you a happy and relaxing weekend.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike

Headteacher

**Together
Everyone
Achieves
More
at MJS**

Monday 24th November 2025

Y4 Parents Meetings—Hall

Forest School session - 5EH

Boys Football - 4AW, 4JM & 4OC

Girls Football - Y3 & 4AW

Netball Club - Group 1

Y6 Math Art Club

Tuesday 25th November 2025

Y5 Parents Meetings—Hall

Forest School session - 4PG

Girls Football - Y5 & Y6

Let's Dance Club

Y3 Craft Club Group 2 - 3SR & 3ST

Y5 Hockey Club

Wednesday 26th November 2025

Flu Vaccination

Forest School session - Launchpad

Swimming - 4AW & 4OC

Y6 Boys Football

Y4 Chess Club - Group 2

Choir Club

Thursday 27th November 2025

Forest School session - 3HB

Parents Evening 3.30—6pm

Dare Dance Club

Friday 28th November 2025

Forest School session - 6SB

Storm Basketball

Cheneler Musical Theatre

TT ROCKSTAR RESULTS—ENGLAND ROCKS

Out of 4356 schools in the country, we are delighted to share that MJS came 22nd!

Nationally, Jaxon (Y4) came 47th, Veer (Y5) came 16th and Mia (Y6) came 11th, which is an incredible achievement.

The top classes in the school were 6EA, 6SC, 4JM and 5GK.

The top classes in their respective year groups were 3HB, 4JM, 5GK and 6EA.

Further details of individual winners in each class will appear next week.



CHRISTMAS FAIR PLEA

The Christmas fair raises valuable funds for both of the schools. We really want to be able to run this event, but unfortunately we do not have enough helpers to run stalls at the fair. If we don't get helpers we may have to cancel the event or limit what we have available. Please use this link if you are able to offer any time to help.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAZ__tDuulhUM01UQUZPMTYzVIRVR1U4VkRVTFo4TjJlDMi4u

We need to know who could spare time on the day by the 27th November so we can plan what we are able to run.

Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP EXPLAINED

Throughout the term, children have been collecting house tokens for displaying our school values, acts of kindness, positive choices, etc. This is part of the House Championship and there are two rewards on offer for house teams:

1. There is a house trophy presented to the house with the most tokens at the end of the term.
2. When a house reaches 1000 tokens, they win a special non-uniform day for their house only. The current scores are:

Missen = 1002 tokens

Hyde = 985 tokens

Lowe = 902 tokens

Ivory = 842 tokens



House non-uniform days:

Missen's day has been set for **Tuesday 25th November** as they have passed 1000 tokens.

Hyde are about to reach 1000 tokens, so in anticipation for this, their non-uniform day has been set for **Wednesday 26th November**.

Lowe and Ivory's days will be set in the next couple of weeks when they reach their target.

YEAR 5/6 NETBALL

Well done to our netball team who took part in their first competition of the year, in freezing cold temperatures. The team displayed amazing footwork and skills to win 4 out of their 6 matches, which resulted in the team finishing in third place in the group.

Well done to everyone involved.



PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS—YEAR 3-5

These meetings begin next week. If you are attending during school time, the meetings will take place in the hall. After school meetings will be held in the classrooms. The doors onto the playground will be open until 4pm if you have an early time slot, but any arrivals after 4pm will need to enter via the school office as the playgrounds will be dark and the gates will be locked.



The dates for meetings are as follows:

Year 4 - Monday 24th November (1-3pm)

- Thursday 27th November (3:30 - 6:30pm)

Year 5 - Tuesday 25th November (1-3pm)

- Thursday 27th November (3:30 - 6:30pm)

Year 6 - Thursday 27th November (3:30 - 6:30pm)

- Monday 1st December (1-3pm)

The Launchpad - Thursday 20th November (9am - 3pm)

- Thursday 27th November (3:30 - 6:30pm)

When you are looking through your children's work, you will see a box of stickers like this:



My family think that ...



... and love this piece of work.

Please take one and stick it in your child's book on a piece of work that you really like. It will make them smile when they see it!

WATERPROOF COATS

Due to the inclement weather please can we request that you send your child to school with a waterproof coat for playtimes. Thank you.



FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER - NON UNIFORM DAY

This date will be a non-uniform day. There is no cost for this day but we do ask for a voluntary bottle donation that will be used at the tombola the following week at the Xmas Fair (Saturday 6th December).



Bottles can be brought in any time in the week beginning 24th November, but please can bottles be unopened. Please ensure any alcoholic bottles are handed in to a member of staff,

Thank you for your support with this.

SOCIAL MEDIA AGREEMENT

Thank you to all families who took part in our class social media contract initiative.

Two-thirds of families (370 families) opted in to sign the contract. This is a fantastic response – and a clear sign of your shared desire to help children wait until they are ready to join social media.

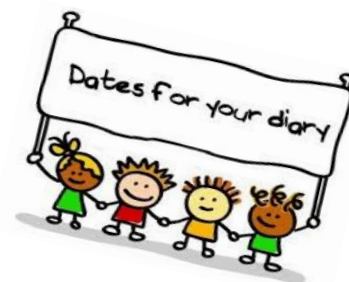
Parents who opted in can now confidently tell their children that many of their friends also don't yet have access to apps such as WhatsApp, Instagram, TikTok, or Snapchat. For families who chose not to opt in, we hope this information is still helpful when discussing online life at home.

This contract is an agreement between parents, not a school rule, and the school will not be monitoring or enforcing it. Our shared goal is simply to reduce social pressure, give children more time to grow, and make online life a little calmer for everyone.

YEAR 3

MEASURING





Week	Date	Event
12	Monday 24 th November	Y4 Parent Meetings (1 – 3pm)
	Tuesday 25 th November	Y5 Parent Meetings (1 – 3pm)
	Wednesday 26 th November	Flu Vaccinations
	Thursday 27 th November	Parents Evening (3:30 – 6:00pm)
	Friday 28 th November	Non Uniform Day
13	Monday 1 st December	Y6 Parents Meeting
	Saturday 6 th December	Christmas Fair 1-4pm
14	Wednesday 10 th December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch
15	Monday 15 th December	Y3 End of Term Show 2pm
	Tuesday 16 th December	Y4 End of Term Show 2pm
	Wednesday 17 th December	Y5 End of Term Show 2pm
	Friday 19 th December	Last day of term. 1.15pm finish.



MAIDENBOWER SCHOOLS CHRISTMAS FAIR

HARVEST ROAD, CRAWLEY RH10 7RA

JOIN US
1-4PM

SATURDAY
6TH
DECEMBER

Meet Santa in the Grotto

FOOD, DRINK AND MULLED WINE

Arts and Crafts

MARKETPLACE

Elfridges gift room

RAFFLE & GAMES

Book your tickets for the grotto



Santa's Grotto

Saturday
6th
December

at Maidenbower Junior School

1-4 pm

£4 per child
Gift included*

*Gift only included with a purchased ticket

Santa's Grotto

Booking essential via
Online or QR code



<https://pta.events/juniors-grotto25>



Christmas Lunch

Serving on Wednesday 10th December

MAINS

Roast Turkey
Or
Quorn Roast

SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Stuffing,
Mini Sausage, Gravy,
Broccoli & Carrots

DESSERTS

Festive Chocolate Brownie

Order on ParentPay.com no later than
Thursday 27th November.
Book in advance to avoid disappointment



www.ParentPay.com



Chartwells

<https://www.chartwells.co.uk/west-sussex/>

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.

RECOMMENDED READING - (LINKED TO THIS HALF-TERM'S TOPICS)

YEAR 3 - SOUND

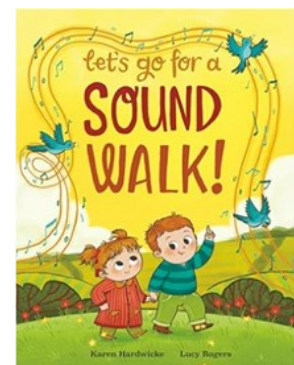
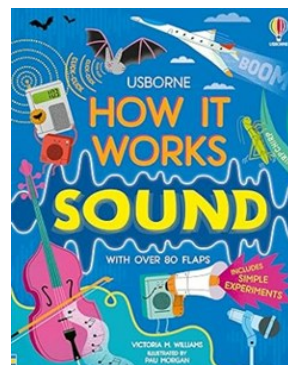
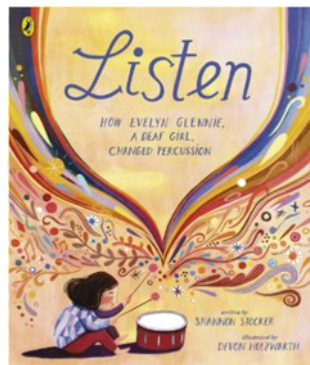
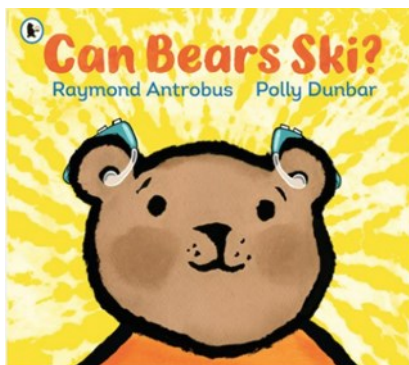
Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a deaf girl, changed percussion by Shannon Stocker

Can Bears Ski? by Polly Dunbar

Let's go for a sound walk! by Karen Hardwicke

Can you feel the noise? by Stewart Foster

How It Works: Sound by Usborne Books



YEAR 4 - SPACE

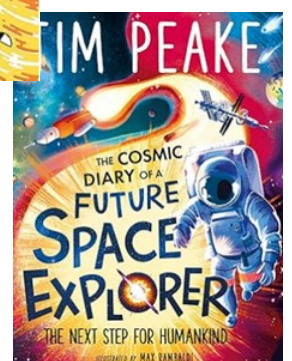
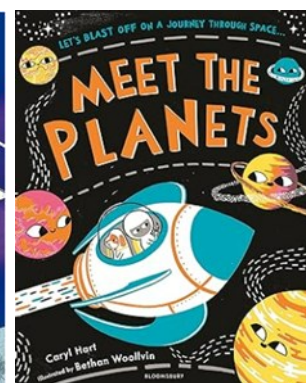
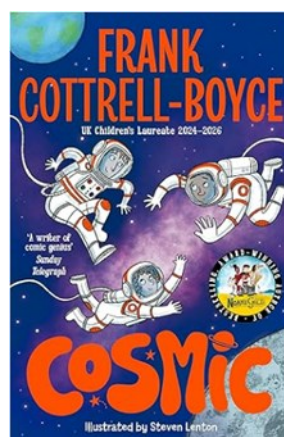
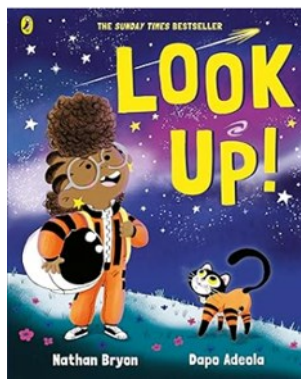
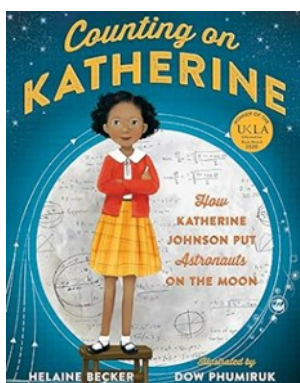
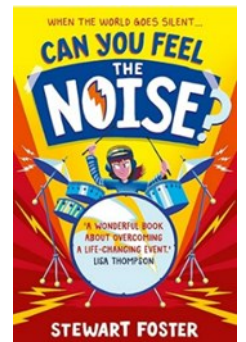
The Cosmic Diary of a Future Space Explorer by Tim Peake

Meet the Planets by Caryl Hart

Counting on Katherine by Helaine Becker

Look Up! by Nathan Bryan

Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce



RECOMMENDED READING - (LINKED TO NEXT HALF-TERM'S TOPICS)

YEAR 5 - THE HUMAN BODY

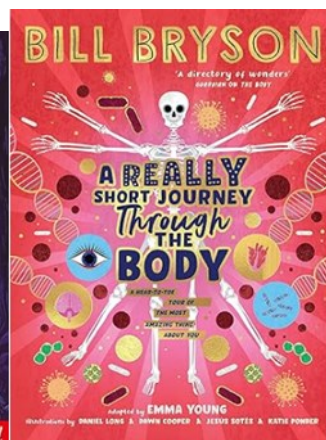
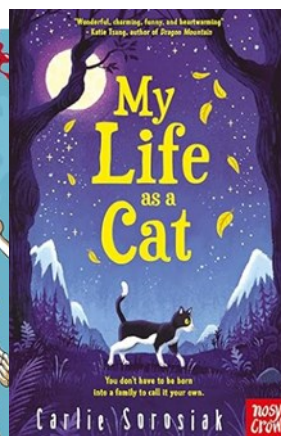
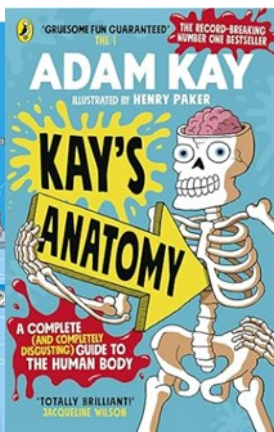
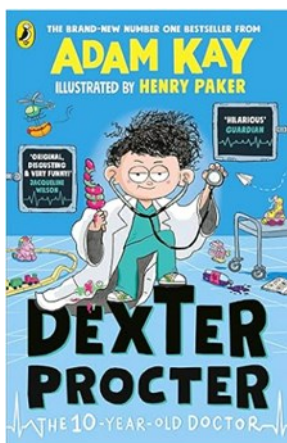
Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman

A Really Short Journey Through the Body by Bill Bryson

My Life as a Cat by Carlie Sorosiak

Kay's Anatomy by Adam Kay

Dexter Proctor: The 10-Year-Old Doctor by Adam Kay



YEAR 6 - EVOLUTION

Darwin's Dragons by Lindsay Galvin

The 1,000 Year Old Boy by Ross Welford

Charles Darwin's On the Origin of Species by Sabina Redeva

Amazing Evolution: The Journey of Life by Anna Claybourne

The Light Thieves by Helena Duggan





Supporting your child with fears, worries and emotional resilience



Online Parent Workshops



by Thought-Full MHST

Does your child **worry**? About a variety of themes?

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

If so, this course is for you!

Thought-Full mental health support team is hosting a series of online parent workshops which use evidence-based approaches to help you to better understand your child's fears and worries and support their emotional wellbeing.

Thursdays



 **5:30-6:45pm**

SESSION TITLES

13/11 Understanding anxiety & worries

20/11 Strategies to support Session 1

27/11 Strategies to support Session 2

4/12 Emotion Coaching

11/12 Encouraging Resilience



LEARN ABOUT THE BRAIN



GAIN IDEAS



SHARE QUICK WINS



CONNECT WITH OTHER FAMILIES



PROBLEM SOLVE TOGETHER



How?

To secure your place, email these details:

1. Your full name
2. Your child's school
3. Your preferred contact email address to Thought-full@westsussex.gov.uk

