

MJS NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to both our girls' and boys' football teams for both winning their respective competitions today—there were some very proud and happy players in school today!

Next week is an extremely busy week, with our first Maidenbower Mile of the year, as well as school photos being taken on Friday. Some parents have asked about whether sibling photos can involve pupils from another school, but this cannot happen. Sibling photos will only be from MJS. More information about these events can be found in the newsletter.

Next week is also a chance for Year 3 parents to meet the class teacher, look at learning from the first few weeks and discuss how your child has settled into school, and we hope you find these meetings useful.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike

Headteacher

**Together
Everyone
Achieves
More
at MJS**

Monday 28th September 2026

French Club

Into The Wild Lesson - 4JM

Year 3 Parent Meetings 1-3pm

Y6 Netball Club

Group 1 3DO & 3SG Boys Football Club

Rhythm Masters Club

Tuesday 29th September 2026

Yoga Bugs Club

Into The Wild Lesson - 5OC

Y5 & Y6 Lets Dance Club

Y5 & Y6 Nature Club

Y5 & Y6 Girls Football

Y5 Hockey Club

Wednesday 30th September 2026

Y4 Swimming Lessons (4PG & 4SB)

Year 3 Parent Meetings 3:30-6:00pm

Y3 Chess Club (4PG Classroom)

Y6 Boys Football

Thursday 1st October 2026

Girls Albion Cup Qualifier @ Lancing

Into The Wild Lesson - Launchpad (Purple) & 3SL

Spanish Club

Dare Dance

Y3 & Y4 Girls Football Club

Friday 2nd October 2026

School Photograph Day

Into The Wild Lesson - Launchpad (Green) & 6EA

Storm Basketball Club

Cheneler Musical Theatre Club



GIRLS' FOOTBALL—CRAWLEY DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

What a successful day yesterday was for our sporting teams. The girls' football team had their first competition of the season in the Crawley District Cup. Goals were flying in as the team qualified for the semi-finals in style. In the semi-final, the team continued to impress beating Pound Hill on penalties, before defeating Desmond Anderson 1-0 in the final. Huge congratulations to the girls.



BOYS' FOOTBALL—WEST SUSSEX ALBION CUP CHAMPIONS

A few minutes after the girls clinched victory, news from Lancing arrived to share of the boys' team winning the West Sussex round of the Albion Cup. The boys built on their first competition last week and qualified to the semi-finals with two wins and a draw in their group stage. A 2-0 semi-final win was followed by a brilliant 1-0 win in the final, which means that the team are through to the next stage of the competition.

Congratulations to all of the boys involved.



MAIDENBOWER MILE

Each term, it is school tradition for all children to take part in the Maidenbower Mile. This is a year group run or walk where children represent and earn points for their house team and it aims to support healthy lifestyles whilst giving children the opportunity to run competitively if they wish.

For Year 6 this will take place on **Wednesday 30th September**.

For Years 3, 4 and 5, this will take place on **Thursday 1st October**.

On their day, all children will need to come into school in their PE kits. For children in **3SL**, who have an Outdoor Learning session in the afternoon, please can children bring trousers and a long sleeved top into school to get changed into, along with any shoes they wish to change in to.

During the Maidenbower Mile, children have a choice to:

- ◇ Run the course as quick as they can
- ◇ Run the course leisurely with others
- ◇ Walk the course with a friend
- ◇ Or a combination of the above

All children that finish the course earn a point for their house, with children who finish in the top 20 finishers earning additional points.

The distances covered are:

Year 3 = 2 laps of the field = 1/2 mile

Year 4 = 3 laps of the field = 3/4 mile



SCHOOL PHOTOS—FRIDAY 2nd OCTOBER

This is for individual and sibling photos. **All children will need to wear school uniform to school.** For classes that have PE or Outdoor Learning that day, children can bring in a change of clothes for this but school uniform is required to be worn in the morning.



YEAR 3 PARENT MEETINGS

Individual parent meetings for Y3 pupils take place next week. These will be held in the school hall. When you arrive, some of your child's books will be set out near to where the class teacher is sat. Please enjoy looking through these.

There will also be a sticker by your child's books that you can take and stick in a particular book to say that you like that particular piece of work they have completed. It will give them a nice surprise when they open their books the next day!

MJS JOB VACANCIES



We are currently advertising for a teaching assistant role - full details are on the school website and on the West Sussex jobs page. We would love to hear from you if you are interested, or know someone who would be a good fit for the school.

We will also be advertising shortly for a midday meals supervisor role, for additional support in the middle part of the day around lunchtime. Details will hopefully be on the website next week.

Pizza Day

Please don't forget to order your child's pizza, if required, by 9am on Monday 28th

September.



MJS SOCIAL MEDIA

A reminder to follow our social media pages.

On Facebook, when searching for Maidenbower Junior School, click on pages rather than people, and it should take you to our page, with our school logo.

On Instagram, our handle is maidenbowerjunior_school.



YEAR 6 TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL

A team of Year 6 rugby players represented the school in a tag rugby festival this week at Crawley Rugby Club. A core group of talented rugby players combined with children playing for the first time, took part in a number of skills sessions before playing some friendly matches and everyone had a great time as the photo shows. Well done to everyone involved.



E-SCOOTERS

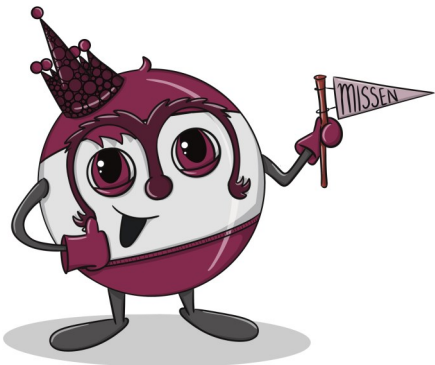
Please can we remind all parents that e-scooters should not be on school premises. They cannot legally be ridden on pavements, roads or public places so should not be on the school site.

Thank you for supporting this in keeping the busy play-grounds safe after school where no bikes or scooters of any kind are to be used.

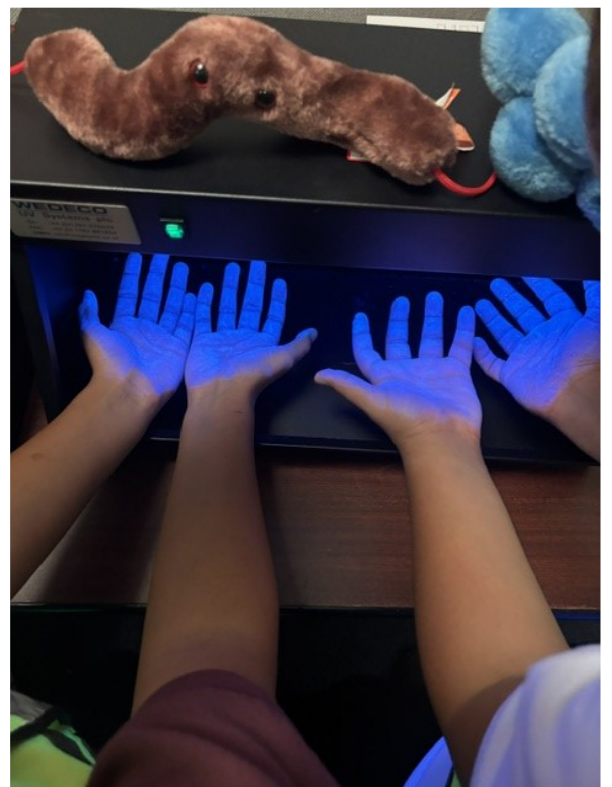


HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our new Year 6 house captains. They will lead their house and help with roles around the school.



Y6 JUNIOR CITIZEN TRIP





Monday 28th September	Year 3 Parent Meetings 1-3pm
Wednesday 30th September	Year 3 Parent Meetings 3:30-6:00pm
Friday 2nd October	School photographer—individual and siblings
Tuesday 6th October	Y4 Herstmonceux trip
Tuesday 13th October	Pizza Day—LP, Y4, Y6
Wednesday 14th October	Pizza Day—Y3 and Y5
Friday 16th October	Harvest assemblies
Tuesday 20th - Thursday 22nd October	Y5 Bough Beech trips
Friday 23rd October	INSET Day - school closed
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October	HALF-TERM
Tues 3rd November	Flu vaccinations
Friday 6th November	Fireworks Night
Monday 30th November	Year 4 Parent Meetings 1-3pm
Tuesday 1st December	Year 5 Parent Meetings 1-3pm
Thursday 3rd December	Parents evening—Years 3, 4 and 5
Monday 7th December	Year 6 Parent Meetings 1-3pm
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14th December	Year 3 show 2pm
Tuesday 15th December	Year 4 show 2pm
Wednesday 16th December	Year 5 show



Year 6 SATs Week - week beginning 10th May

Year 3 and 4 Sports Day - 1st July

Year 5 and 6 Sports Day - 2nd July

South East Rivers Trust

I would be delighted to invite you to a special community event in Maidenbower to celebrate World Rivers Day on Sunday 27 September, from 11:00am to 3:00pm. During the event, we will be hosting an information stall where visitors can learn about the work we have carried out in and around Maidenbower, hear about our future plans for the area, and share ideas on how we can encourage more local people to engage with nature. There will be a range of interactive activities for children, all with an educational focus. Visitors will also have the opportunity to explore a sample from the river and discover the fascinating wildlife that often goes unnoticed beneath the water's surface. This includes riverflies and other aquatic invertebrates, which spend the first few years of their lives in the river before emerging as flying insects. In addition, there will be creative art activities for both children and adults, along with a riverside litter pick for anyone who would like to help care for the local environment. We are pleased to be joined by Gatwick Greenspace Partnership, hosted by the Sussex Wildlife Trust, and River Mole River Watch, whose volunteers carry out valuable water quality monitoring across the catchment. We hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be an enjoyable and informative day celebrating our local rivers and wildlife. The event is on our Eventbrite page where there is all the information for the day. If you could also pass this on through your channels that would be wonderful.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

World Rivers Day Event

Sunday 27th September

Maidenbower Park, Crawley

Come and meet us at Maidenbower Park for a litter pick and a day of information and events for all the family to join in with.



There will be many FREE activities taking place on the day, including:

- Family litter pick around the park and the banks of the Stanford Brook
- A sample from the brook to see what lives under the water line
- Information about the project in the local area
- Lots of childrens activities to learn more about rivers in a fun way
- Craft activities for all ages, adults and children
- A chance to ask questions on the future of your waterways
- Refreshment stand with cupcakes!

We will be joined by:



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WHEN & WHERE



Thursdays at lunchtime
at the **Studio**.



Group 1: 12.00pm – 12.30pm
Group 2: 12.30pm – 1.00pm

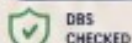
Parents will be informed about
the group before the club starts.

INTERESTED?

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Get in touch for more information,
a trial session or to enrol.



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to 10th December
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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 seasons. 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 two classes at Maidenbower Junior School on Tuesdays. 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

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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.



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AND BUILD
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LEARN THE GAME
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4:00PM



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AFTER SCHOOL



WHO
YEARS
3 – 6

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Ollie is a qualified Teacher, guest lecturer,
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He has been running workshops and training Teachers across
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Day: Mondays
Times: 3.15 - 4.15pm
Open to: Yr 1 - Yr 6



Dates:
21/9, 28/10, 5/10, 12/10
19/10, 2/11, 9/11,
16/11, 23/11, 30/11

Cost: £7 per class
Total: £70 (7 classes)

Don't want your child to miss out?

Rhythm Masters usually books up fast. So, do not
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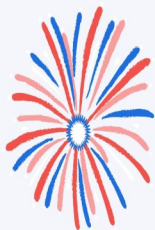
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French classes at Maidenbower Junior School with Caroline Dernoncourt

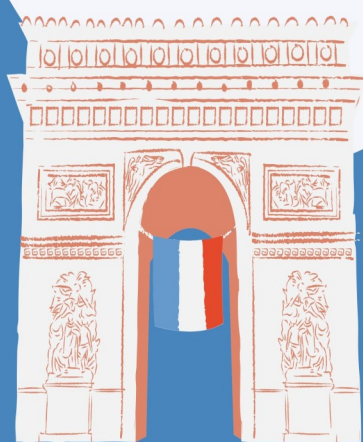
Each Monday from 12.30pm to 13.00 your child can join their schoolmates and learn French in a fun atmosphere, from Year 3.

Small groups so each child gets the attention needed .

Caroline is a French national with years of experience so your child will be learning with a proper accent the language and the culture.

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