

# MJS NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a glorious week of weather we have had. The children are loving being able to be outside - playing on the field at playtimes, great Forest School sessions and a fun Maidenbower Mile day with everyone taking part for their house. Congratulations to Missen for winning this term's event - more detail can be found later in the newsletter.

The results of the Science Week investigation have been interesting to hear. Each class took part in The Stroop Test. In the test you have to say a word that is different to what you see on paper. This may confuse your brain and this confusion is called the Stroop effect. Every class, apart from one, found that there was a clear difference with children being more successful in the task after completing physical exercise.

The countdown to the football World Cup is on and the PTA are in the process of organising an event for this, with a World Cup draw allocating countries to each class which they follow during the event, and have a dress up day in the theme or colours of that country. More information to follow next week.

Wishing you an enjoyable long Bank Holiday weekend.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike

Headteacher

**Together  
Everyone  
Achieves  
More  
at MJS**

## Monday 4th May 2026

Bank Holiday—School Closed

## Tuesday 5th May 2026

Yoga Bugs Club

Y6 Athletics Club

Y5 Coding Club

## Wednesday 6th May 2026

Forest Schools—Launchpad

Y4 Swimming 4JM & Launchpad

Choir Club

Y5 Striking & Field Club

Y3 & 4 Girls Football

Y6 Board Games

Rounders (Group 1)

## Thursday 7th May 2026

Spanish Club

Forest Schools— 3ST

Lower Sch Cricket Club

Dare Dance Club

## Friday 8th May 2026

Forest Schools— 6CP

Storm BasketBall Club

Cheneler Musical Theatre

## MAIDENBOWER MILE

Our traditional event took place in glorious weather on Tuesday. The event promotes healthy lifestyles and children get to represent their house where they are cheered on around the course. Children have the chance to run competitively if they wish or to go round socially, with all finishers earning points for their house. Children finishing in the top 20 positions earn additional points and also qualify for the next event in June which is part of our Sports Day scoring.



Year 3 (0.5 mile)

1st = Ava L

1st = Archie W

2nd = Sara A

2nd = Sam B

3rd = Emilia S

3rd = Gregor C

Year 4 (0.75 mile)

1st = Megan H

1st = Charlie W

2nd = Eden W

2nd = Zavier O

3rd = Lily D

3rd = Jordan A

Year 5 (1 mile)

1st = Cynthia C

1st = Dylan R

2nd = Valentina A

2nd = Jack H

3rd = Grace L

3rd = Cayden M

The fastest mile time of the day was 6:36 mins. This is exceptionally quick!

Year 6 (1 mile)

1st = Grace H

Boys

1st = Tino M

2nd = Anaya R

2nd = Marcus R

3rd = Daisy F

3rd = Dylan L

## OVERALL RESULTS:

**1ST = MISSEN    2ND = IVORY    3RD = LOWE    4TH = HYDE**

## YEAR 4 CRICKET

Well done to a team of Year 3/4 children who represented the school in a cricket festival where they learnt new skills and took part in a range of activities. The weather was certainly appropriate for our first outdoor cricket event and the children had a great time.

Well done to everyone involved.



## GYMNASTICS

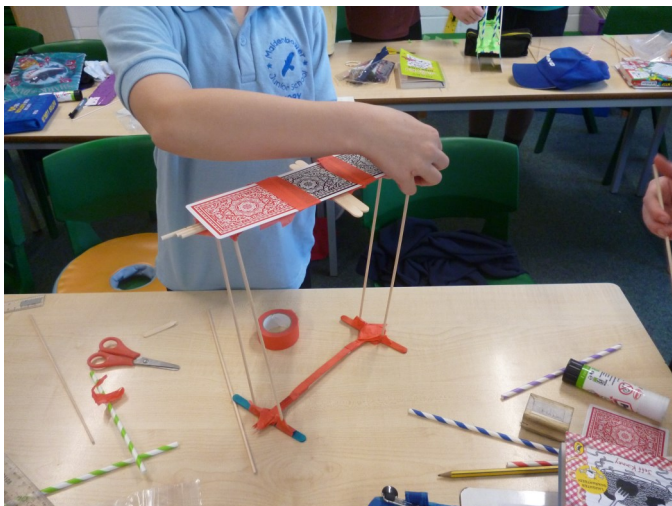
Well done to Ellie in Year 6, who took part in the TeamGym British Championships in Newcastle last weekend. After getting through regional rounds to reach the national stage, Ellie should be extremely proud of competing at such a high level.



## FOREST SCHOOL REMINDER

Just a quick reminder that children need to come to Forest School with arms and legs covered (long sleeves and full length trousers/leggings). This helps protect them from scratches (e.g. brambles and sticks), stings like nettle, insect bites (including ticks), and general outdoor hazards. It also gives an extra layer of protection when using tools. Even in warmer weather, lightweight long sleeves and trousers are best. Thank you for your support!

# MORE SCIENCE WEEK PHOTOS ...



## OPEN EVENING SHOWCASE

As part of Open Evening, we welcome pupils and groups to showcase any creative arts that can be performed to parents, e.g. dance, music, gymnastics, etc. If your child would like to perform, please inform Mr Footman-Williams via the school office, or in person on the playground.

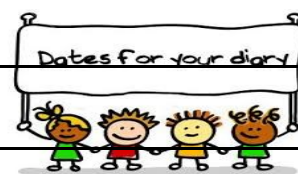
It is always a brilliant opportunity to celebrate talents that can not always be showcased in class.



## OPEN EVENING EXPLAINED

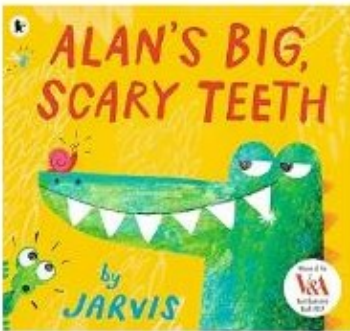
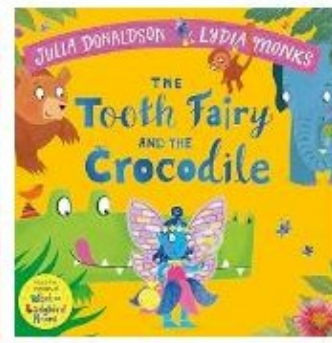
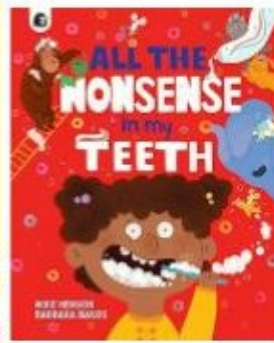
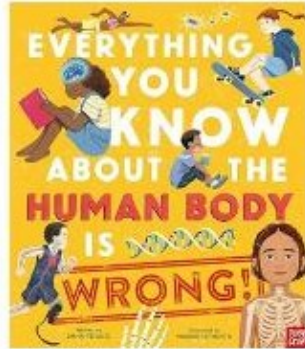
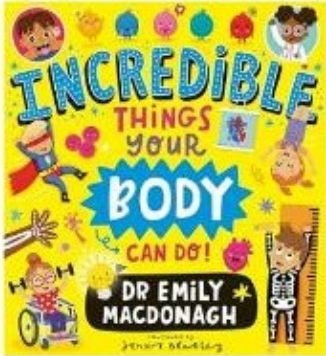
On Wednesday 20th May, we are hosting our annual Open Evening. More details will be given nearer the time, but children finish at 1:15pm on this day. This is to allow time for staff to transform the school into a celebration of children's learning, ready for families to return to school later on to share their work and look at the fantastic learning taking place throughout the school. There will be performances throughout the afternoon, with a range of food and drink on offer.

Date	Event
<b>SUMMER TERM 2026</b>	
Monday 11th May	Y6 SATs Week
Wednesday 20th May	Early Closure at 1.15pm due to Open Evening 4pm—6.30pm
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	HALF-TERM
<b>Monday 1st June</b>	<b>INSET DAY—School Closed</b>
Monday 8th June—12th June	Yr4 Residential
Thursday 25th June	Lower School Sports Day am
Friday 26th June	Upper School Sports Day am
Wednesday 1st July	Transition Day
Tuesday 7th July 2026	Y6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of term 1:15pm finish.



# NEW TOPIC RELATED READING SUGGESTIONS ...

## Year 3 – The Human Body



Incredible Things Your Body Can Do! – Dr Emily MacDonagh

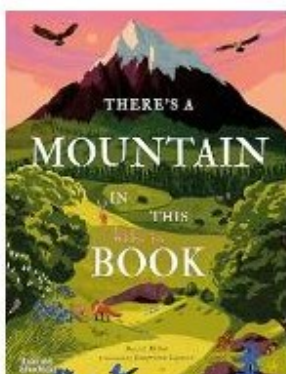
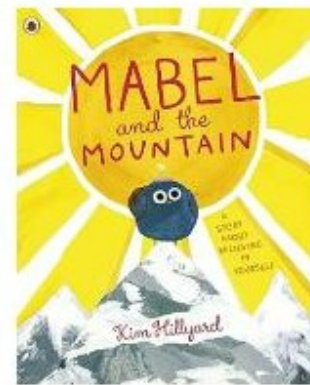
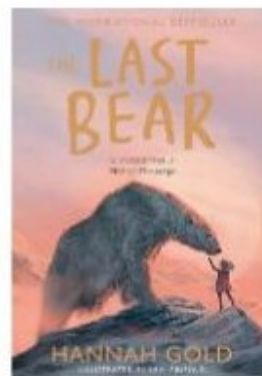
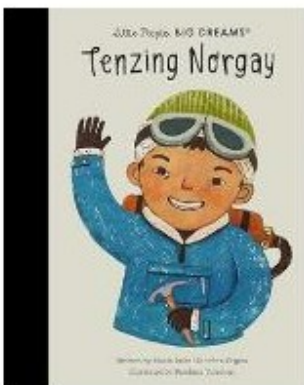
Everything You Know About the Human Body is Wrong – Emma Young

All the Nonsense in my Teeth – Mike Henson

The Toothfairy and the Crocodile – Julia Donaldson

Alan's Big Scary Teeth – Jarvis

## Year 4 – Mountains



Tenzing Norgay by Little People, Big Dreams

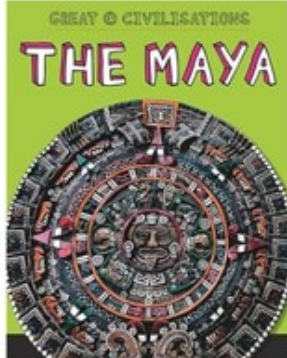
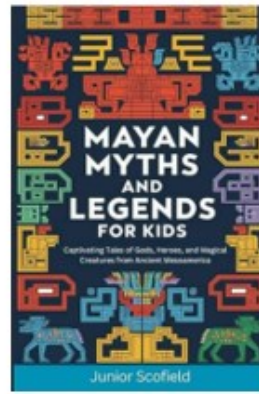
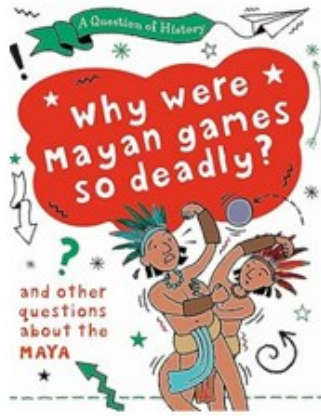
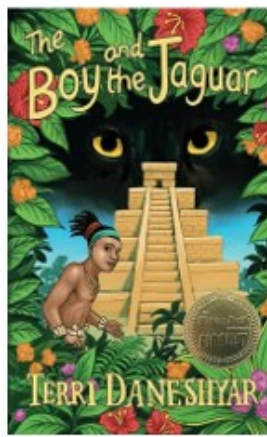
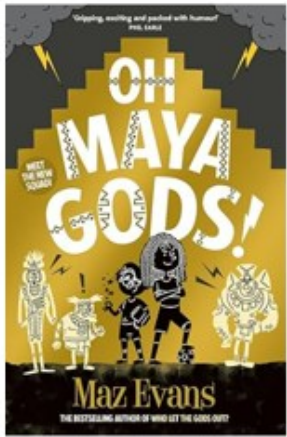
Asha and the Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan

The Last Bear by Hannah Gold

Mabel and the Mountain by Kim Hillyard

There's a Mountain in this Book by Rachel Elliot

## Year 5 – The Mayans



Oh, Maya Gods! by Maz Evans

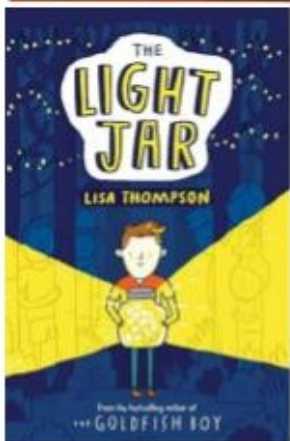
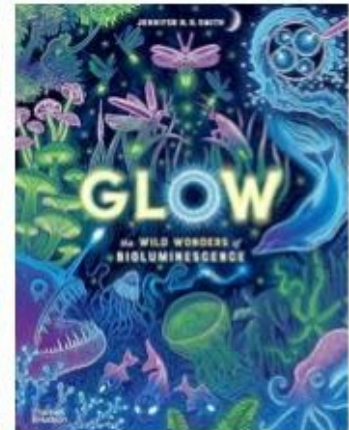
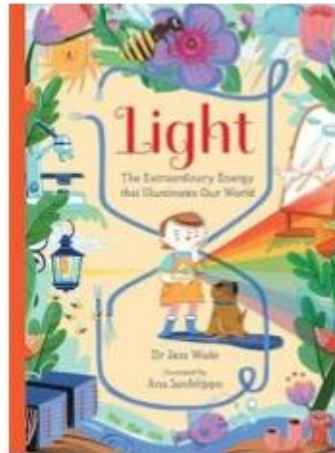
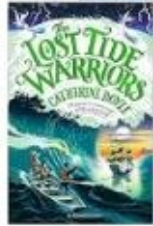
The Boy and the Jaguar by Terri Daneshyar

Why Were the Mayan Games So Deadly? by Tim Cooke

Mayan Myths and Legends for Kids by Junior Schofield

The Maya – Great Civilisations by Tracey Kelly

## Year 6 – Eyes and Light



A Place Called Perfect series by Helena Duggan

The Storm Keepers Island trilogy by Catherine Doyle

Light: The Extraordinary Energy that Illuminates Our World by Dr Jess Wade

Glow: The Wild Wonders of Bioluminescence by Jennifer N.R. Smith

The Light Jar by Lisa Thompson



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BEFORE 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026, TO RECEIVE AN EXTRA 10%  
OFF, ON TOP OF YOUR EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!  
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**🔥HOT OFFER COMING IN...🔥**

**♥️ON TOP of our EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT.... We're offering an EXTRA 10% OFF Summer Holiday Club bookings, making it the perfect time to plan ahead for the holidays.**

**Don't have firm plans yet? NO PROBLEM, amend your booking before 1st July 2026 and keep the savings.**

**Don't miss out! This extra 10% is available until 8 May 2026. Book today @ [www.campglide.co.uk](http://www.campglide.co.uk)**

#### **Terms & Conditions – 10% Discount Offer**

- Available for School Summer Holiday Childcare 2026 bookings only.
- Discount applies to bookings made before 08/05/2026 using the promo code SUPERSUMMER26.
- Bookings can be amended up to 1st July 2026 without losing the discount (Early Bird may be affected). Amendments to your booking after this date will void this offer and the discount will be withdrawn.
- Other terms apply, details on our website.
- Offer cannot be combined with other promotions or vouchers.
- Discount applies to childcare session fees only (not food, admin, etc.).
- Camp Glide reserves the right to withdraw this offer at any time.



## Chelsea FC Soccer Schools Player Development Programme Trials

Chelsea FC Soccer Schools would like to offer your child the opportunity to attend a free PDP trial session at our Crawley Player Training Centre. Our PTC is the introductory tier to our Player Development Programme offering safe, fun and challenging weekly training, developing young players new skills and techniques to improve their game.

### Crawley Player Training Centre

Venue: The K2 Leisure Centre,  
Crawley, RH11 9BQ  
Timings: 4.30 – 5.30pm

Trial date option 1: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

- [CLICK HERE TO BOOK \(Under 8/9\)](#)
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Trial date option 2: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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To register your child's attendance please follow the QR code or book via the direct links above.

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