

MJS NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th April 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see everyone back in school this week, looking refreshed and ready for a fun summer term.

Children have been immersed in their new topics, with Year 5 pupils having a fantastic day as part of their Mayan history immersion day. Jenny MacLachlan, author of the Land of Roar series, immersed the whole school by reading and talking about her books, really bringing reading and writing to life.

Our Year 3 children have shown one of school values, responsibility, in abundance today as they met Year 2 children to share their work and make them feel welcome in their first visit to the school.

Next week is Science Week, which is always very exciting. Mr Gander has organised a great week with visits from Dr Ken's Science Show, a paramedic, a dentist, a geoscientist, Gatwick STEM, as well as organising a fun whole school science experiment.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike
Headteacher

**Together
Everyone
Achieves
More
at MJS**

Monday 20th April 2026

Science Week
Forest Schools—5HW
Piano Lessons
French Club
National Competition Prep Club
Girls Storm Basketball

Tuesday 21st April 2026

Forest Schools—4AW
Yoga Bugs Club
No Athletics Club
Y5 & 6 Coding Club

Wednesday 22nd April 2026

Y3 & Y4 Football Finals @ Cobham
Forest Schools—Launchpad
Y4 Swimming 4JM & Launchpad
Choir Club
Y5 & 6 Striking & Field Club
Y3 & 4 Girls Football
Y5 & Y6 Board Games
Y3 & 4 Rounders

Thursday 23rd April 2026

Spanish Club
Forest Schools—3JD
Dare Dance Club

Friday 24th April 2026

Forest Schools—6SC
Storm BasketBall
Cheneler Musical Theatre

JENNY McLACHLAN AUTHOR VISIT

The children were treated to a visit from one of the top children's authors, Jenny McLachlan, writer of the popular Land of Roar series. The children were entertained for an hour, hearing about Jenny's inspiration and listening to her read a section of the book. Many children had their books signed by Jenny at the end of the day. Big thanks to the amazing Book Nook, who organise our author visits.



YEAR 4 AND YEAR 6 ATHLETICS

A team of Y4 and Y6 athletes represented the school this week in the Quad Kids event at K2. This was an outdoor event where each team member took part in a sprint, long distance, throw and jump, with all results combined together.

The Y4 team were fantastic and finished in 3rd place overall, while the Y6 team won the event and progress through to the county finals.

Well done to everyone who took part.



TENNIS BALL PLEA

If you have any connections to tennis clubs, we would love to receive any old tennis balls that are no longer used. The summer term is a busy sporting team with lots of outdoor sports needing tennis balls and we would appreciate any help that can be offered. Thank you.



YEAR 5 MAYAN IMMERSION DAY



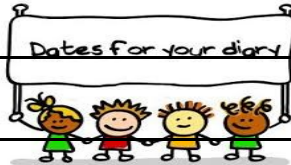
Want to play Basketball? Why not try Storm Basketball. For all information;

<https://stormbasketballclub.com/want-to-play/school-sessions/>



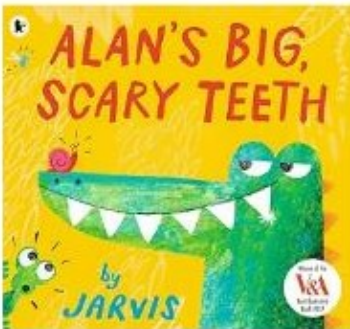
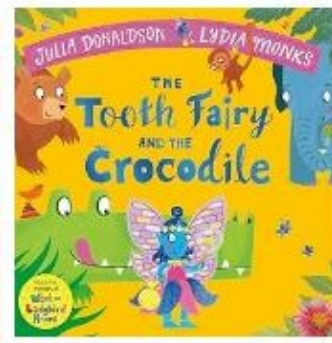
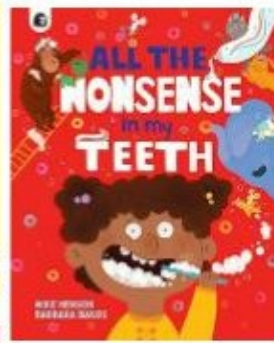
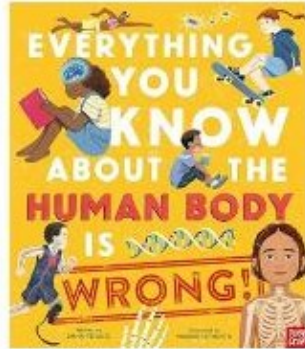
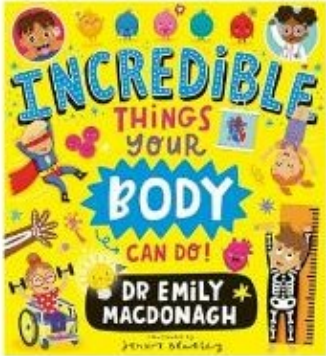
OPEN EVENING EXPLAINED

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
SUMMER TERM 2026	
	
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
Monday 1st June	INSET DAY—School Closed
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

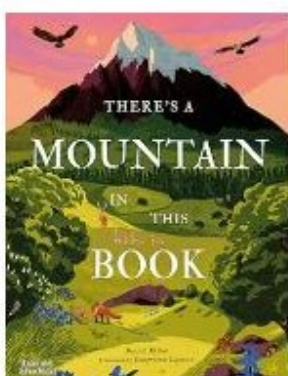
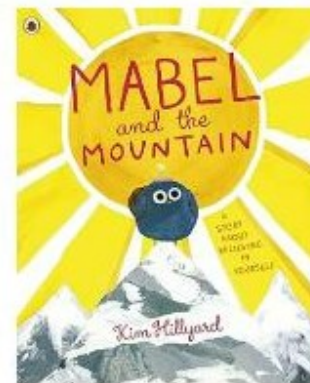
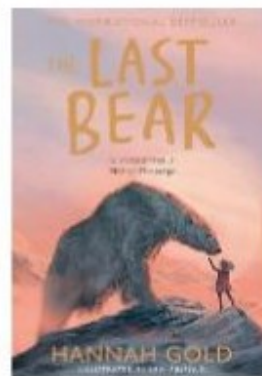
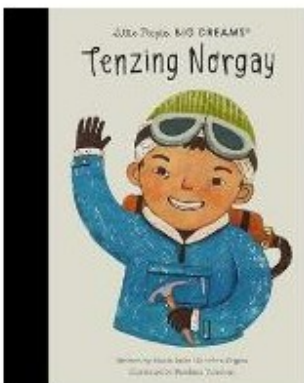
Everything You Know About the Human Body is Wrong – Emma Young

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

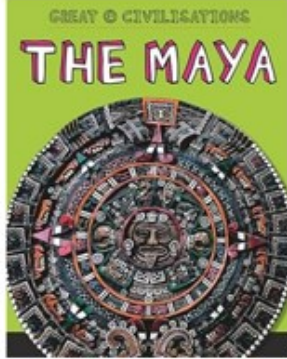
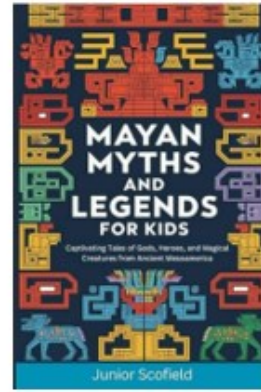
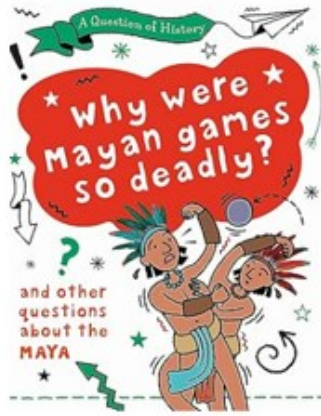
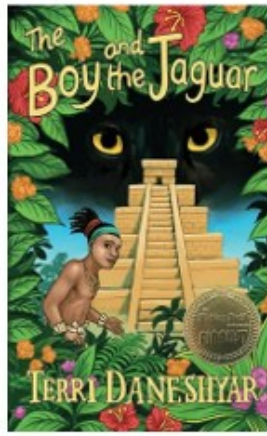
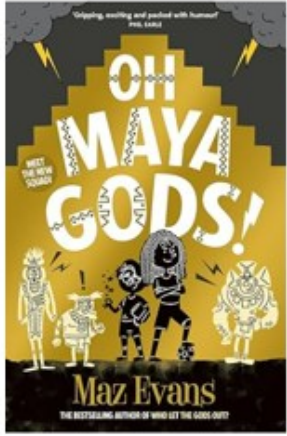
Asha and the Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan

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

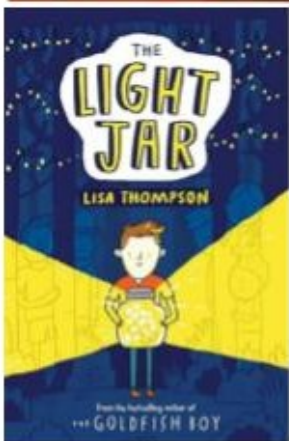
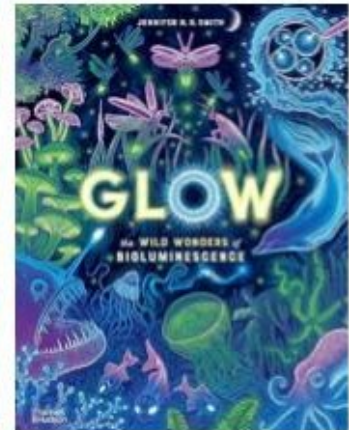
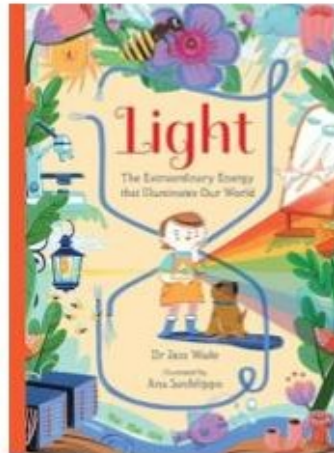
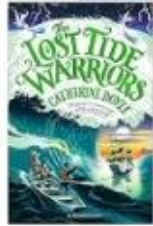
The Boy and the Jaguar by Terri Daneshyar

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



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 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.



Mindfulness Club

A nurturing, creative, fun

after-school club

for Maidenbower Junior School

For children in Years 2-6

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: Summer term, 10 weeks, from 30th April – 9th July 2026

Cost: £9 per child, per week- **First payment via Eventbrite: deposit of £10, invoice for remainder to follow.**

Bonus for parents and guardians: If your child attends Creative Emotions club you will be given free access to the Your Space Therapies 'Overcoming Overwhelm' so you can learn key strategies to support your child's emotional and mental health.

To book please click this Eventbrite link:

[Maidenbower Juniors 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.