

# MJS NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd May 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week! Wednesday was an absolutely fantastic day with the buzz of excitement in school at fever pitch levels, with the arrival of David Walliams, and it remained through the day until the very end of Open Evening.

The visit was everything we wanted it to be - and more. Children and staff were entertained for an hour, hearing David talk about his ideas, his inspiration, his characters and so much more. Highlights for the children were being told that they would do no more maths this year, that Mr Davies had a detention and a discussion about which teachers in the room should be in his book, World's Worst Teachers Ever! He also must have had hand ache after signing so many books and he was kind enough to pose for some photos with staff and answer some questions posed by the children.

As a school, we love reading and it has a high profile at MJS. But as well as we promote it, nothing can beat the power of being inspired by a professional and we hope that the children have been inspired to continue to read and write.

Thank you to everyone for making Open Evening such a success, despite the weather. The school was a real celebration of learning and had a great feel around the building. We have received some lovely comments, so thank you for your support with this great event.

We all wish you an enjoyable half-term break and we will see you on **Tuesday 3rd June**.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike

Headteacher

## Monday 2nd June 2025

**Inset Day—School Closed**

## Tuesday 3rd June 2025

Yoga Bugs Club (12-1pm & 3.15-4.15pm)

Y5 Cricket Club (last)

Y3 Dance Club (not 3JD) (last)

Y3 & 4 Nature Club

## Wednesday 4th June 2025

Yr 4 Residential (Group 1 Departs)

Y4 Swimming (4OC Children & Launchpad Children)

Yoga Bugs Club (12-1pm)

Y6 Athletics (last)

Y5 Rounders (last)

## Thursday 5th June 2025

Spanish Club

Limitless Football Club

Dare Dance Club

## Friday 6th June 2025

Guitar Lessons

Drum Lessons

Cheneler Musical Theatre Club

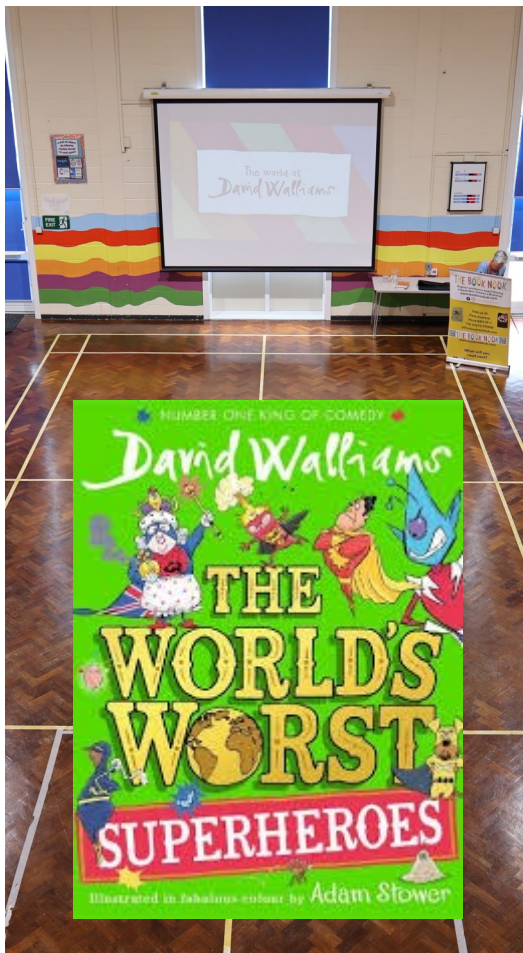
Storm Basketball

Yr 4 Residential (Group 1 Returns)

**Together  
Everyone  
Achieves  
More  
at MJS**



# A SPECIAL VISIT













# OPEN EVENING

We have had many lovely comments about Open Evening - thank you, these mean a lot to staff.

**“WOW. What a wonderful afternoon—thank you to everyone that made the Open Day happen. WE LOVED IT. My child is very proud of being part of such a great school.”**

Well done to the children who performed at Open Evening. We had many sensational acts, ranging from singing and dancing to gymnastics and playing instruments.

Well done to everyone involved.





# LAUNCHPAD COUGHLINS BAKERY WORKSHOP





## HALF-TERM BUILDING WORK

When you return after half-term, we hope there will be two visible changes:

1. A new larger, more secure fence and gate is being put in at the end of the lower school playground, where most families enter and exit school.
2. The amphitheatre, which has been out of action for a considerable time by the sheltered area, is being demolished for health and safety reasons and replaced with soft matting with two outdoor table tennis tables for children to use.

## YEAR 6 TENNIS

A team of Year 6 pupils attended a tennis festival yesterday at Crawley Tennis Club. Taking part in a range of activities and skills, the children accumulated points, which resulted in the team ending up as WINNERS!

Congratulations to everyone that took part.



## CHESS SUPERSTAR!

Huge congratulations to Ansh, in Year 5, who has been selected for the England U11 chess team.

This was a national selection involving around 40 talented players from across the country, with the top 12 players being chosen to represent England.

Ansh scored 3.5 points out of 6 rounds during the selection tournament. He will now be participating in various tournaments across Europe, where he'll compete against some of the top-rated players. His first international match will take place on 31st May against Wales.



## INTERESTED IN WORKING AT MJS?

An advert is about to go live on our website for a SEN TA vacancy that we have, to start in September.

If you would like further information, please contact a member of the leadership team.



# Free Family Scavenger Hunt

Come and ignite your imagination on  
a wooded self-led walk in  
Maidenbower.

Get your tickets using the QR code  
below & meet at the Cafe in the Park  
between 10am and 12.30pm  
on 30 May

Get your tickets here:







Yogabugs is a fun and creative class that develops confidence and self esteem through 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 three classes at Maidenbower Junior School on Tuesday and Wednesday. 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 **few spaces** After School - Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm **Full**

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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.





# MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS



THREE BRIDGES PRIMARY SCHOOL, CRAWLEY

TUESDAY 27 MAY

## BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT

Bushcraft meets Minecraft! The kids work together to build a den/village using bushcraft techniques, earn tokens for completing various challenges, play games featuring Steve & the Creeper, & find hidden resources to make tools! (knowledge of Minecraft is not required!)

WEDNESDAY 28 MAY

## CIRCUS SKILLS & WATER PISTOL PAINTING

Step right up for an action-packed circus day! Create giant bubble wands, master circus skills like diablo & poi, then team up for a massive water pistol art mural! Unleash your creativity & skills - it's a day full of fun, bubbles, & colourful masterpieces!

THURSDAY 29 MAY

## NATURE NINJAS: CAMPING HACKS

Gear up for the best camping trip ever! Learn to set up a tent, start a fire, whittle sticks, cook over a campfire, & play popular camping games from around the world. Master these top camping hacks & become a pro camper ready for the ultimate summer adventure!

FRIDAY 30 MAY

## NERF: ULTIMATE NERF GAMES

Lock & load! A high-energy day with team Nerf games, building forts, tactics & challenges. Four of the best Nerf games out there: Hunger Games, Tower Defence, VIP Rescue & Man Down, plus an ultimate frisbee-style game with a rocket ball! (Age 6+ recommended)

For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: [www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk](http://www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk)



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## 👑 May Half Term Mindfulness Pony Day for Kids! 👑

**Explore Calm, Connection, and Confidence with Our Gentle Ponies!**

**Date:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Time:** 9.30am- 2.30pm

**Location:** Ponies 'n' Kids, Eaton Thorne Stables, Woodmancote, Nr Henfield, W.Sussex, BN5 9BH

*Join us for a magical day designed especially for children ages 5-11! Dive into a world of peace, friendship, and mindfulness, all while experiencing the calming presence of our adorable ponies.*

### 🌟 What to Expect:

💖 **Mindfulness Time with Ponies:** Learn calming techniques and emotional regulation skills while spending quality time with our gentle ponies.

🐾 **Pony Care:** Discover the joys of caring for ponies through grooming, feeding, and building a bond.

🐾 **Riding and Mounted Games:** Experience the joy of pony rides and engage in fun, team-based games that promote confidence and cooperation.

🐾 **Mindful Nature Art:** Unleash your creativity with activities that inspire observation and connection with the natural world.

🌿 **Connect with Nature:** Immerse yourself in the tranquillity of our beautiful, quiet stables and serene surroundings.

🌿 **Make New Friends:** Build connections and friendships with other children in a supportive, nurturing environment.

**Spaces are limited to 12 children! Email now to ensure your spot.**

**Contact:** [bookings@yourspacetherapies.org](mailto:bookings@yourspacetherapies.org)

**Cost:** £110 plus VAT

*Join us for an unforgettable experience that combines mindfulness and pony magic!*

