

# MJS NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Tomorrow is our school Christmas Fair and we hope to see many of you there. A big thank you to many parent volunteers who have helped organise and run the event, as well as thanks to over 20 Year 6 pupils who are helping to run stalls. There are stalls and activities at the infant school, in our school hall and Santa's grotto is based in our Studio.

Next week is the last week for school-run after school clubs. For clubs that take place outside, these will finish at 4pm next week due to the fading light. Clubs will re-commence in the New Year, with exact dates shared before the end of term.

We have had a big delivery in school today of cards and gifts that were ordered, linked to children's artwork. Once we sort these, they will be sent out towards the start of next week.

Wishing you a fun and relaxing weekend.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike

Headteacher



**Together  
Everyone  
Achieves  
More  
at MJS**

## Monday 8th December 2025

3SR Biscuit Making Project

Girls Football @ ICC

Boys Football - 4AW, 4JM & 4OC (4pm finish Last)

Girls Football - Y3 & 4AW 4pm finish (last)

Netball Club - Group 1 4pm finish (Last)

Y6 Math Art Club (Last)

## Tuesday 9th December 2025

Girls Football - Y5 & Y6 4pm finish (Last)

Let's Dance Club

Y3 Craft Club Group 2 - 3SR & 3ST (Last)

Y5 Hockey Club 4pm finish (Last)

## Wednesday 10th December 2025

Chartwells Christmas Lunch  
Christmas Jumper Day

Forest School session - Launchpad

Y6 Boys Football 4pm finish (Last)

Y4 Chess Club - Group 2 (Last)

Choir Club

## Thursday 11th December 2025

Dare Dance Club

## Friday 12th December 2025

Storm Basketball

Cheneler Musical Theatre

Boys Football @ ICC

## CHEERLEADING SUCCESS

Huge congratulations to Amaya, Kara and Perla who competed over the weekend in Disneyland Paris. Their team not only got first position and hit zero (in the cheerleading world this is just as good as winning as it means there have been no mistakes at all) but the team won a bid to the 2027 Youth Summit competition in Florida. The Youth Summit competition is the most prestigious in cheerleading followed by Worlds, where the team will be competing against incredible teams from all over the world.

Well done to the girls - we are really proud to hear of your success.



## YEAR 5/6 GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Well done to our girls' team who qualified from their group stage this week to reach the quarter-finals, before narrowly losing to Pound Hill.

Well done to everyone involved.

## Ollie, our therapy dog





## HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE

There are two weeks to go until we announce this term's house winners. However, **LOWE** and **IVORY** have now reached their 1000 house token challenge which qualifies them for their non-uniform reward day. These will take place on the following dates:

**LOWE** - Tuesday 9th December

**IVORY** - Friday 12th December



## CHRISTMAS SHOWS

Our end of term shows are taking place in the last week of term for Years 3, 4 and 5. Although there will be Christmas themes and songs in these shows, it is not a big Christmas performance, but is a lovely time for children to share some of their term's learning and put a warm smile on your faces.

Doors will open at 1:45pm with shows starting at 2pm. It is a tight squeeze for these shows so we ask you not to bring in any pushchairs or prams please.

Shows will last for 25-30 minutes and you will be able to take your child home after the show if you wish, along with any siblings.



## CHRISTMAS ORDERS

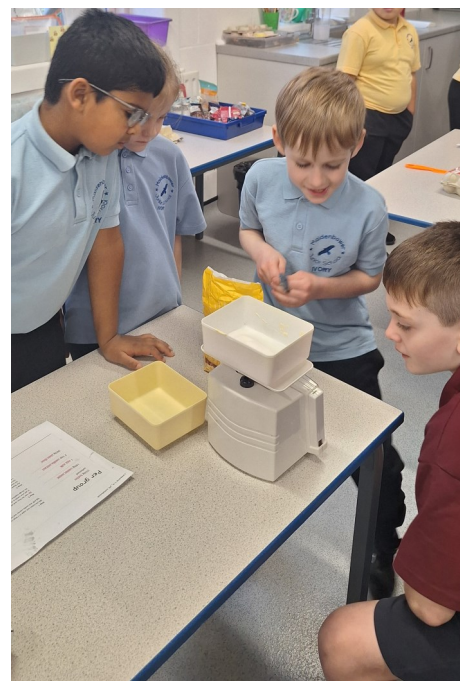
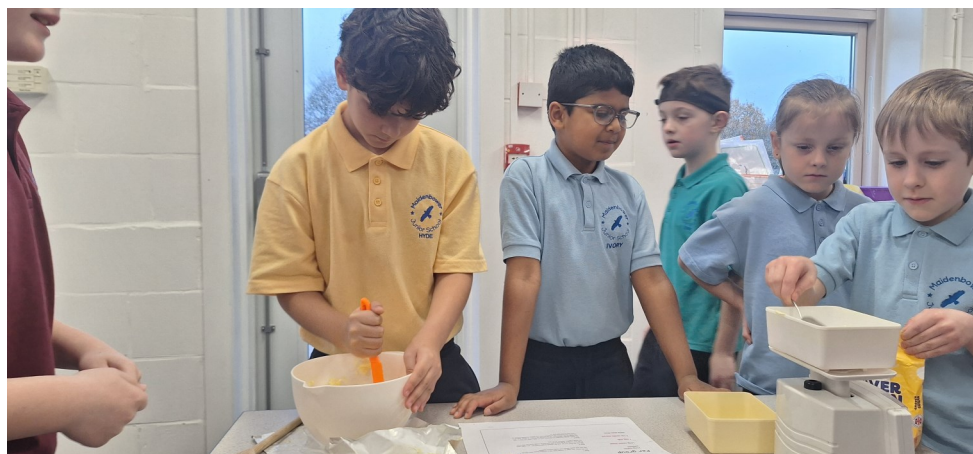
Many of you recently put in orders for your child's art work to be used for Christmas cards or gifts. Your orders have arrived in school today but there are a huge number of boxes to go through, so you will receive these at the start of next week.

They look amazing. Thank you for your support with this.

**Xmas4schools™**

## YEAR 3 BISCUIT MAKING

With one class still to go, Year 3's biscuit designing and making has been a roaring success. The children have loved this project and we thank you for your support.



## LAUNCHPAD LETTERS TO SANTA

Children in the Purple Room of The Launchpad have been busy writing letters to Santa and, this week, had the opportunity to go off site to post them.



## Lost Property

A Red Scooter was left in the playground this week but no-one has come to claim it. If it is your child's please pop to the school office to collect. Thank you .



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

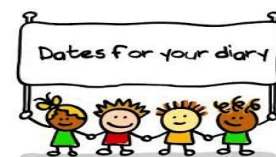
[https://stormbasketballclub.com/  
want-to-play/school-sessions/](https://stormbasketballclub.com/want-to-play/school-sessions/)





Date	Event
Tuesday 9th December	<b>LOWE</b> House non-uniform day
Wednesday 10th December	<p><b>Chartwells Christmas Lunch</b> - children are welcome to wear Christmas hats for this if they wish</p> <p><b>Christmas Jumper Day</b> - this a charity day for Save the Children and donations will be available to pay on School Money (we suggest a minimum donation of £1). School uniform is needed along with any Christmas jumpers children would like to wear on top.</p>
Friday 12th December	<b>IVORY</b> House non-uniform day
Monday 15th December	Y3 End of Term Show 2pm
Tuesday 16th December	Y4 End of Term Show 2pm
Wednesday 17th December	Y5 End of Term Show 2pm
Thursday 18th December	<b>Christmas pantomime.</b> This is free and has been paid for by the PTA.
Friday 19th December	<b>Last day of term.</b> 1.15pm finish. This is a non-uniform day.





Date	Event
<b>SPRING TERM 2026</b>	
Monday 5th January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 11th February	School disco
Monday 16th—Friday 20th Feb	HALF-TERM
Wednesday 18th March	Parents Evening, with afternoon sessions in this fortnight
Thursday 26th March	Last day of term. 1:15pm finish
Friday 27th March	INSET DAY
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
<b>SUMMER TERM 2026</b>	
Monday 11th May	Y6 SATs Week
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	HALF-TERM
Monday 1st June	INSET DAY
Thursday 25th June	Lower School Sports Day am
Friday 26th June	Upper School Sports Day am
Wednesday 1st July	Transition Day
Wednesday 22nd July	Last day of term 1:15pm finish.

### INSET DAYS 2026/27

We have recently set INSET Days for next academic year, in conjunction with The Brook and Maidenbower Infants. The following dates are INSET days:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 7th June 2027



# 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>





**SUPPORT  
OUR LOTTERY  
TODAY**

**£1 per  
week**

**Weekly  
cash prizes**

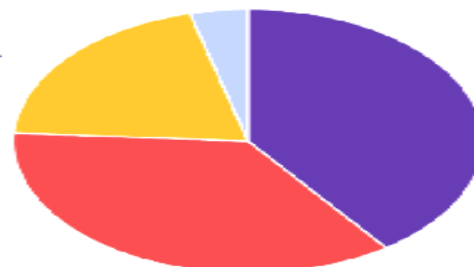
**£25,000  
jackpot**



**YOUR  
SCHOOL  
LOTTERY**



### Splitting the £1.00



- 40p goes to our school
- 36p goes to cash prizes
- 20p goes to admin costs
- 4p goes to VAT

### How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Maidenbower Junior School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card.

**It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Maidenbower Junior School**

**The Maths...** 100 tickets sold a week means  
= £30 weekly cash prize  
= £2,080 a year for our school



**Enter our  
Super Draw**

**Win a Nintendo Switch 2 bundle  
– or take the cash!**

**PLUS £500 for your school!**



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chances to win up to £25,000
- Win a gaming bundle or take the cash!
- PLUS £500 for our school!

**BUY TICKETS**



**YOUR  
SCHOOL  
LOTTERY**



GambleAware

See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 29/11/25.



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 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    After School - Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm

Lunch club - Wednesday 12- 1pm

Tracey Williams 07813187315 or [williamst93@hotmail.com](mailto:williamst93@hotmail.com) insta @thestudioworth

### 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 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 15<sup>th</sup> January – 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bookings@yourspacetherapies.org) with an essential registration form to complete. Thank you.