

MJS NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is in full flow now. Evidence of this has been clear this week with our first sports team going off to compete in a competition, and busy organisation of new clubs taking place.

It has also been evident with year groups becoming immersed in new topics. Year 6 had a great immersion day when Portal to the Past came to visit and immersed the children with everything to do with Ancient Greece, with some brilliant Athenian costumes on show.

Clubs will be starting next week. Please remember:

* if your child is not able to attend on a particular day, please notify the school office. If a child does not turn up when we are expecting them to, we will need to call you as part of our safeguarding procedures, which can be avoided.

* children are to bring any change of clothes they need into school with them and they will get changed at the end of the school day.

* a club may have to be cancelled at short notice due to staffing or bad weather. We will try to give as much notice as possible.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes

Mr Pike

Headteacher

**Together
Everyone
Achieves
More
at MJS**

Monday 21st September 2026

Y6 Tag Rugby Festival @ Crawley Rugby Club

French Club

Into The Wild Lesson - 5EH

Y6 Netball Club

Group 1 3DO & 3SG Boys Football Club

Rhythm Masters Club

Tuesday 22nd September 2026

Yoga Bugs Club

Into The Wild Lesson - 4PG

Y5 & Y6 Lets Dance Club

Y5 & Y6 Nature Club

Y5 & Y6 Girls Football

Y5 Hockey Club

Wednesday 23rd September 2026

Y4 Swimming Lessons (4PG & 4SB)

Y3 Chess Club (4PG Classroom)

Y6 Boys Football

Thursday 24th September 2026

Boys Albion Football Cup Qualifier @ Lancing

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

Girls Football District Cup @ Crawley Stadium
4G Pitch

Spanish Club

Dare Dance

Y3 & Y4 Girls Football Club

Friday 25th September 2026

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

Storm Basketball Club

Cheneler Musical Theatre Club

Y6 ANCIENT GREECE



BOYS' FOOTBALL

This year's sporting calendar got under way yesterday with the boys' football team taking part in the Crawley District Cup. Winning three and drawing two of their five group games, the boys qualified for the final where they beat Desmond Anderson 3-0. They faced a tough Milton Mount team in the final which could have gone either way, but congratulations to Milton Mount for winning 1-0. Well done to all of the boys that represented the school so well.



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.



AMAZON LEARNING RESOURCE PACKAGES

We are delighted to recognise the generous donation of 87 school backpacks filled with essential learning resources for pupils at our school through Amazon's Packed with Purpose programme, an initiative that supports children and young people by providing practical resources to help them start the school year ready to learn.

The backpacks contain a range of age-appropriate educational supplies designed to support learning and help pupils feel prepared and confident as they begin a new academic year.

This donation highlights the positive impact that can be achieved when schools and local businesses work together to support their communities. Through the Packed with Purpose programme, Amazon is helping to ensure that young people have access to the resources they need to succeed, while strengthening connections between local organisations and the communities they serve.

We are extremely grateful to Amazon and everyone involved in delivering this initiative. Their commitment to supporting education and creating opportunities for children and families will make a meaningful difference to many of our pupils throughout the year.

On behalf of our pupils, families and staff, we would like to thank Amazon's Packed with Purpose programme and all those who contributed to this collaborative community effort. Together, we are helping to create the best possible start to the school year for our young people."

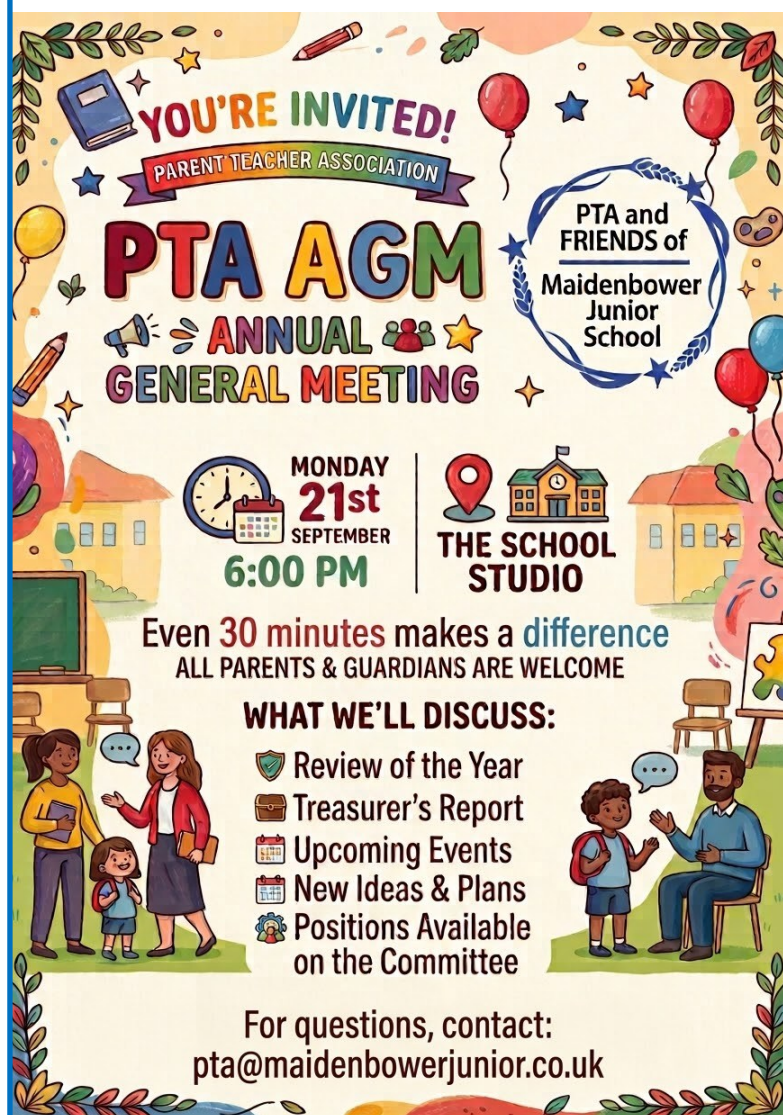
We are prioritising pupils on our Pupil Premium register for these amazing packs and we will communicate with these families shortly.



OUR PTA NEED YOUR HELP ...

Our PTA is looking for volunteers to support some events during the year that raise vital funds for the children at school. Joining the PTA is one of the easiest ways to get involved in school life, connect with other families, and directly support our students through fun events and fundraising. We are looking for parents and guardians who can lend a hand—whether that means sharing fresh ideas, helping out for half an hour at a school fair, or taking on a regular role. Every bit of support makes a huge difference for our school community! Please click the link below to fill out our quick sign-up form and let us know how you'd like to get involved :

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-zakltQvzkm-so_GTVcGE1YLz71wSyVICI5CzNnRbbSRUM0RFNEY0TVFNMkIKT1BOU083RkhQUTNMUC4u



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.





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

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

**£1 per
week**

**Weekly
cash prizes**

**£25,000
jackpot**



**YOUR
SCHOOL
LOTTERY**



Splitting the £1.00



40p to our school

25p guaranteed prize

35p other prizes &
running costs

How it works...

It's simple - just 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 weekly tickets means:
A £25 guaranteed weekly prize
£2,080 a year for your school



Play Now

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¡Hablamos
español!

Learn.
Speak.
Have fun!



SPANISH CLUB

AT MAIDENBOWER JUNIOR SCHOOL



Build confidence
in Spanish



Fun games, activities
and conversations



Discover Spanish culture,
traditions and fun facts



A great start for
school and beyond!

WHEN & WHERE



Thursdays at lunchtime
at the **Studio**.



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

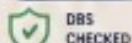
Parents will be informed about
the group before the club starts.

INTERESTED?

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



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TRAINED



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es increíble!
❤️

¡Bienvenidos!



¡Qué rico!



¡Delicioso!

DATES



From
10th September
to 10th December
(Term time only)

PRICE

£65



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Language today,
opportunities tomorrow.



**PRIVATE TUITION
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Supporting your child's success
in Spanish exams.
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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

Tracey Williams 07813187315 williamst93@hotmail.com
www.childrensyogawithtraceywilliams.com

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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THE HOME OF RUGBY

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PLAYERS
WANTED!**
JOIN OUR TEAM!



**MAKE FRIENDS. LEARN SKILLS
HAVE FUN. PLAY RUGBY**



TEAMWORK
MAKE NEW FRIENDS
AND BUILD
CONFIDENCE



SKILLS
LEARN THE GAME
IN A FUN AND SAFE
ENVIRONMENT



**NATIONAL RUGBY CLUB
OF THE YEAR**
2019, 2023, 2024, 2025



QUALIFIED COACHES
FULLY QUALIFIED
DBS CHECKED
AND FIRST AID TRAINED

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SUNDAYS AT 10AM

PITCH UP AND PLAY

CRAWLEY RFC

FREE TASTER SESSIONS

 **DM US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

DARE

DANCE ACADEMY

STREET

DANCE

AT MAIDENBOWER JUNIOR SCHOOL



TIME
3:15PM –
4:00PM



WHEN
THURSDAYS
AFTER SCHOOL



WHO
YEARS
3 – 6

LEARN **COOL MOVES**,
BUILD **CONFIDENCE**,
AND **HAVE FUN!**

CONTACT US

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Ollie's RHYTHM MASTER CLUB

"OUTSTANDING!" (OFSTED May 2026)

ollieheath.com



Beatbox, Sing, Rap & Drum

What will your child experience in the club?

Learn to beatbox, learn to sing, learn to rap and make beats with everything! Each term we learn new songs, raps and rhythms. So, if you've been before, there's more to learn, much more!

Pupils will all get to make music with 'Rhythm Master Microphones' and a wide range of percussion and drums.

More than Music!

Benefits include improvement in **confidence, creativity, cooperation and concentration.**

About Ollie:

Ollie is a qualified Teacher, guest lecturer, professional musician and YouTuber.

He has been running workshops and training Teachers across the UK and beyond for 25 years.

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 delay, sign your child up today. LINK BELOW.

Purchase a Space for Rhythm Masters

ollieheath.com/maidenbowerjunior



MAIDENBOWER JUNIOR SCHOOL

YEARS 3-6 BASKETBALL

COACH-LED SESSIONS COVERING BALLHANDLING, SHOOTING AND TEAMWORK,
FOR COMPLETE BEGINNERS AND IMPROVING PLAYERS ALIKE

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

FRIDAYS, 3.10-4.10PM

11TH SEPTEMBER TO 11TH DECEMBER



BOOK HERE

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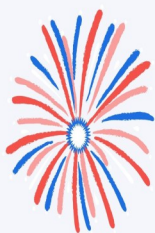
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It's Time For
AN
ADVENTURE!

*Let's learn
French!*

learnfrenchwithcaroline@gmail.com



**French classes at Maidenbower Junior
School with Caroline Dernoncourt**

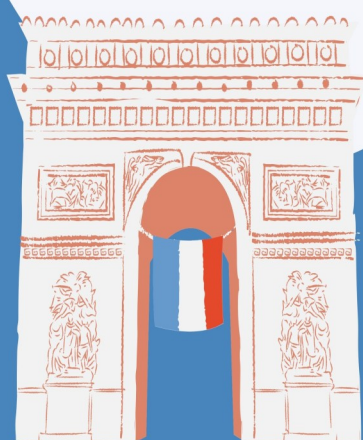
Each Monday from 12.30pm to 13.00 your child can join
their schoolmates and learn French in a fun atmosphere, from Year 3.

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.

The program complements and enhances languages taught in the
curriculum.

Your child will be better prepared to languages when going to secondary
school.



Learn French For You

Tuition For Everyone