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13th November 2026

Dear Parent

Today, we are looking forward to a fun-filled day as we raise money for Children in Need through non-school uniform and some exciting staff challenges in assembly. There is a real buzz of excitement about seeing the teachers take on their fun challenges later on.

What's on next week?	
Monday	Odd Socks Day

Odd Socks Day
On Monday 16th November, it is Odd Socks Day. Odd Socks Day is an annual event which marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. On this day, children and staff at MJS (and in schools across the country) are encouraged to wear odd socks to school to celebrate individuality and to raise awareness for Anti-Bullying. At MJS next week, we will be hosting assemblies and circle times to discuss individuality and it's importance. Please join us to celebrate - the wilder the socks, the better!



New Forest Sportshall Athletics
This week we took 40 young athletes to Testwood to compete in the New Forest Sportshall Athletics. It was a great start to the season with a number of children achieving personal bests. We are incredibly proud that all 5 teams finished in the top 8 at the event with the A team finishing first and the B team finishing second.

Back to Basics - Give Week

Next week is Give Week. Pupil Voice are encouraging our Marchwood Family to give to others to help make them feel better about themselves.

We all know that giving helps others. It can make a big difference to offer time and support to friends and family. But that warm and fuzzy feeling you get from helping others is actually good for you, too. Research shows that giving can boost your physical and mental health in numerous ways. Just doing something nice leads to a chemical response in your body. Your brain secretes “feel good” chemicals such as serotonin, dopamine and oxytocin.

Next week, children have been asked to complete a Bingo card and to challenge themselves by ‘giving’ to different people around the school.

Give Week - November 2026

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Give a High 5 or a handshake	Give your time to listen to someone read	Give a Smile
Donate money to Children in Need	Help the teacher with a job	Hold a door open for someone
Help another child in a lesson	Give a compliment to someone	Give a Thank You to an adult at school

Return to the box in the triangle area by Friday 20th November

Times Table Rockstars Competition

Next week we are taking part in the national Times Table Rockstars competition. This runs from Tuesday 17th – Thursday 19th. It is easy for children to get involved: just play in any game mode each day from the hours of 8am to 6pm. Children are limited to 30 minutes of play each day. There will be individual and class prizes!



Christmas Hat Design Competition 2026

Are you a budding, creative designer?





Could you design an amazing, unusual hat to be worn at our Christmas dinner?

Design and make your hat at home, to be worn during our Christmas dinner, and you could win a prize.

Year 3 and 4 – Wednesday 16th December

Year 5 and 6 - Thursday 17th December



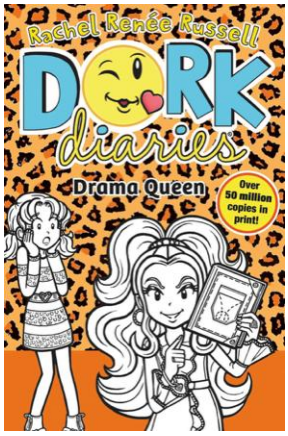
JLT Book Recommendation

Dork Diaries

Rachel Renée Russell

Dork Diaries is a great book that lots of my friends really like. It is really funny and exciting because it is full of embarrassing moments, diary entries and friendship drama that make you want to keep reading. I think lots of people would enjoy it because it feels like reading a secret diary from someone who is just like you!

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Best wishes.

Mr Hoskins
Headteacher

Year/Whole School	Date	Event
Whole School	Mon 16th Nov	Odd Socks Day
Whole School	wc Mon 23rd Nov	Assessment Week
Year 5	Mon 23rd Nov	Stargazing evening
Whole School	Thurs 26th Nov	PTFA Disco
Whole School	Fri 27th Nov	Inset Day
Year 4	Mon 30th Nov	4S Sewing day
Year 4	Tues 1st Dec	4R Sewing day
Whole School	Fri 4th Dec	Donation Day (non-school uniform)
Year 3 & 4	Tues 8th & Wed 9th Dec	Y3/4 Christmas Performance
Year 5 & 6	Thurs 10th & Fri 11th Dec	Y5/6 Christmas Performance
Year 4	Mon 14th Dec	Y4 Roman day & ACE Time (2.15pm)
Whole School	Tues 15th Dec	Love of Christmas Day
Year 3 & 4	Wed 16th Dec	Y3/4 Christmas Dinner
Year 5 & 6	Thurs 17th Dec	Y5/6 Christmas Dinner
Whole School	Fri 18th Dec	PTFA Christmas Shop

INSET Days 2026-2027
○ Friday 27th November ○ Thursday 25th March ○ Friday 25th June



SWIMMING SKILLS THAT SPARKLE

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Just like a spectacular fireworks display, every swimmer's journey starts with a single spark.

At Swim Academy, our incredible teachers nurture that spark into a dazzling display of confidence, achievement and lifelong swimming skills.

From mastering their first kick to swimming a full length independently, each lesson brings exciting moments worth celebrating.

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This season, let your little one's swimming journey sparkle at Swim Academy.



What You Will Need
Clear Glass - Warm Water
Cooking Oil - Food Colouring
Small Bowl - Fork

Fireworks In A Glass

Ready to create your own colourful fireworks? This fun experiment is quick, easy and looks like magic.

1. Fill your glass about three-quarters full with warm water.
2. Pour the cooking oil into a small bowl.
3. Add a few drops of different food colouring colours into the oil.
4. Give it a gentle stir with a fork. Don't mix too much. You want lots of little colourful droplets.
5. Carefully pour the oil mixture into the glass of water.
6. Watch the magic happen! The colours will slowly sink through the oil and burst into beautiful rainbow fireworks in the water.

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- Bartley School
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- 6-7pm
- For 8 weeks

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The Live Nativity

MARCHWOOD AND ELING PARISH

The Gospel Church Marchwood



THE LIVE NATIVITY
13th December
4pm - 7pm
All Welcome!

Come join us to share the story of Christmas! 4pm Bethlehem opens with animals, market place and food stalls and Animals! Enjoy the 1st Century Atmosphere! Then the angels will beckon you inside for our Nativity Show! Featuring BUD's CLUB!

more Christmas fun at www.marchwoodandelingparish.org/Christmas

Marchwood & Eling Parish KIDS & YOUTH

Buds Club

3:30PM-5:30PM

EVERY THURDAY
IN TERM TIME ONLY
ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL

FUN, FAITH, FRIENDS

SIGN UP TO SAVE A SPOT (25 PLACES AVALIBLE)

PARENTS - SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP

Christmas Workshops

FREE



BAUBLE MAKING, CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND WALL HANGINGS

SATURDAY 14 & 21 NOVEMBER

10:30am - 12:30pm

GREAT FOR FAMILIES!

Hythe Library
38 Pylewell Road, Hythe
SO45 6AQ

NO NEED TO BOOK!