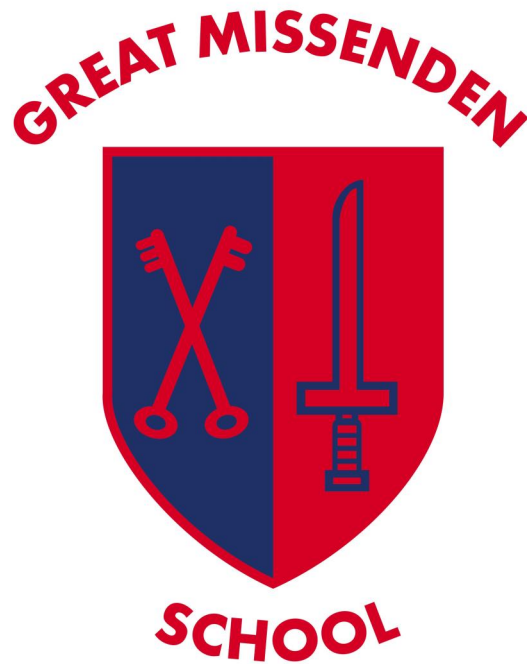




Great Missenden School - Autumn 1

*We aspire to walk together in hope along the Great Missenden pathway, guided by our Christian Values of **Faith** and **Community**, **Love** and **Respect**, **Truth** and **Courage**. We strive to enable children to use their educational keys to open doors and unlock their full potential, regardless of their starting points. We aim to look through windows into the wider world and reflect upon the big questions of life by looking at ourselves in the mirror. We seek to develop global citizens who are ready for the challenges of a fast-paced, evolving society.*

“Ask, and you will receive. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened for you.” Matthew 7:7-8

Newsletter (Autumn 1) -4th September July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Friday and welcome back!

I hope you all had a fantastic summer and managed to enjoy some well earned time together. A very warm welcome as well to all of the new families joining Team GM this year. We are so pleased to have you with us.

It has been brilliant to see everyone back in school this week looking so happy, excited and incredibly smart in their uniforms. Thank you for your support with this. It has also been lovely seeing so many parents and carers at the school gates and having that real sense of the whole school community coming back together again.

Thank you too to everyone who joined us for Meet the Teacher on Wednesday. We hope you found the sessions useful and came away with a clearer idea of what your child will be learning this term, what to expect from their year group and some of the ways you can support them at home.

We have already got off to an exciting start with Hook Days in Years 5 and 6, and there are lots more planned for other year groups over the coming weeks. These days are always a great way to grab the children's attention, spark their curiosity and get them excited about the learning ahead.

We would also love to tap into the amazing range of skills and experiences within our parent community this year. If you work in an industry or profession that links to something your child is learning about, and you would be happy to come in and share a little about what you do, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

It is incredibly powerful for children to see how the things they are learning in school connect to real life. Sometimes hearing from someone who actually works in a particular field can make that learning click, and you never know, it might even inspire a future career.

This is such an exciting time of year, with so many opportunities ahead for the children to learn, grow, discover new interests and achieve great things. We are really looking forward to working closely with you all and making this another fantastic year for Team GM.

Have a great weekend!

Johnny

Attendance Update

As we start the academic year, we'd like to remind families of the importance of **excellent attendance**. Every day in school counts, and being in school every day helps children build confidence, develop friendships and make the very best progress in their learning.

Our aim is for every child to achieve **100% attendance** wherever possible. We understand that children will occasionally be unwell, but by avoiding unnecessary absences and arriving on time each day, you are giving your child the best possible start

Let's work together to make the new school year our best yet, with **100% effort and 100% attendance!**

This weeks attendance is a brilliant 98% - Well done everyone, lets keep it up!

Congratulations to 2M, 6B. 6H who has achieved 100% attendance!

Brilliant Book

Preschool - Amelia:

Amelia has settled beautifully into Pre School, making lovely friendships and confidently joining in with all activities. She is kind and caring, often helping others and contributing positively to the group.

Reception - Felix:

Felix has made a brilliant start to Reception. He has come into school each day with enthusiasm and is already beginning to settle into school life, getting to know the routines and expectations. We are very pleased with the positive start he has made and look forward to seeing him continue to grow in confidence.

1C - Pea:

Well done, Pea! What a fantastic start you have made to the school year. You have been so helpful in class and are a superstar at tidying up and looking after our resources. Your enthusiasm for learning is already shining through, and I can't wait to see what you achieve this year. Keep up the amazing work, you're fantastic!

2M - Bella:

What a fantastic start to the new school year that everyone has made in 2M. Everyone has come into school with lots of enthusiasm and has worked hard on learning new routines. We have lots of new children in 2M, who have all made a brilliant start to life at Great Missenden. One of those new faces is Bella, who has made a fantastic start to the year. She has shown lots of confidence, worked incredibly hard and settled into our class brilliantly!

3AH - Kyan:

A huge shoutout to all of 3AH who have settled in so well over the last 2 days already. We've worked on our teamwork skills and learning new routines together.

Kyan has had the best start at Great Missenden, having joined not knowing anyone and has well and truly thrown himself in despite being nervous. He rescued the class lunch crate in the pouring rain and has helped others by looking out for them. What an amazing start to Team GM!

3VW - Thea:

3VW are smashing in year 3 so far and I am so proud of everybody.

Thea has had an amazing start to year 3. She has shown lots of courage being new to the school despite having to come back to school with a broken collar bone! She has produced some beautiful writing and has been a very kind friend when other children have been nervous. Great job, Thea!

4A - Jacob:

Jacob has made such an impressive start to life in year 4. He has settled into the classroom so well and has been working and communicating calmly. What a superstar Jacob, keep it up!

4C - Isabella:

All of 4C have been demonstrating that they can follow the school rules and make positive choices throughout the school day. In particular, Isabella has been an exemplary role model, consistently demonstrating our school rules of *Be Ready* and *Be Respectful*. It is lovely to see her positive attitude towards learning and the effort she puts into all that she does. Keep it up, Isabella!

5F - Jiya:

Jiya has made a fantastic start to year 5! She shares such fantastic ideas, asks great questions and always shows the school values. What a great role model – I can't wait to see all that Jiya achieves this year. Great things are ahead.

5T - Grace:

Grace should be very proud of her first week back. She has been a great role model – setting our high expectations for behaviour and working as a team. She has been an engaging learning partner. What a super start to Year 5!

6B - Ted:

Well done Ted for being a superstar this week in 6B, sharing brilliant ideas and contributing so confidently in our short burst writing lessons! Your enthusiasm, brilliance and wonderful example of good behaviour have made our classroom a brighter place each day this week.

6H -Eden:

What an incredible start to Year 6 Eden has had! She has set the standards high, tries her best in all aspects of school life and has just been an all round super star. I cannot wait to see what the year will bring. Well done, Eden!

6P -Idris:

Idris has made a fantastic start to Year 6. He has really impressed me with his excellent arithmetic skills and his positive attitude towards the challenges of Year 6. It has been brilliant to see him throwing himself into his learning with such enthusiasm. Keep it up, Idris. What a fantastic start!

Respect passports

Josh - 6B Congratulations for completing your respect passport.

Office Update

- **Medication and Health Care Plan Reminder**

If your child has a new medical condition or allergy, or requires a new healthcare plan, please complete the relevant form before the end of term.

[Great Missenden School Individual Healthcare Plan 2026/27 – Fill out form](#)

- **After School Clubs:**

Bookings for Autumn term Teacher led clubs will open on **Wednesday 9th September at 4pm** via [School Gateway](#) Clubs will run from the **week commencing Monday 14th September to Friday 4th December 2026.**

- **Jellies Bookings and Bus Bookings:**

Childcare Bookings manage all of the booking and payment administration for Jellies wraparound care. This is also how you let us know your child will be taking the bus home from school. If you have any queries please contact them directly:

Online Booking System: [Childcare Bookings](#)

Email: greatmissenden@cbfs.uk

Telephone: 01444 523335

- **Donations Required:**

Newspapers: If you have any newspapers that you no longer need and would be willing to donate, Year 3 would greatly appreciate them for their Hook Day on Monday. Please send any newspaper donations with your child and pass them to the Year 3 team at drop-off on Monday morning.

Keyboard Donations: We are also looking for any unused keyboards that families may have at home and would be happy to donate to the school. These keyboards will be used to support learning in our music lessons. If you can help, please bring donations to the school office.

PTA Update

Welcome back everyone - and an extra warm welcome to all our new families joining the school this year! We're so happy to have you.

As a PTA, every penny we raise goes straight back into making school life better for the children - from annual class donations and Year 6 leavers' books, to bigger projects like the MUGA and repairing the school hall floor. This year we're also working towards funding a new therapeutic classroom, and we couldn't do any of it without your support!

Fancy getting more involved? We'd love to have you! Whether it's coming along to a meeting, helping out at an event, or just finding out more, our door (and WhatsApp!) is always open. Pop along to our first meeting of the year at The Cross Keys on 5th October, grab Lucy or any committee member in the playground or drop us a message via your class rep - no experience needed, just enthusiasm!

☕ The coffee van is back on the KS2 playground every first Thursday of the month, in the morning. We receive 10% of all takings, so it's a great excuse for a little treat in the morning while supporting the school

🌈 Last chance to grab your Colour Run tickets! It's **Saturday 12th September at 1.30pm** - book [here](#). This is always one of the highlights of the school year so don't miss out. Warning: side effects may include rainbow hair, questionable laundry, and a seriously good time!

📅 Dates for the Diary

🌈 12th September – Colour Run

👥 5th October – PTA Meeting @ The Cross Keys

👤 14th October – School Disco

🎃 23rd October – Second-hand Halloween Uniform Sale

🎆 7th November – Fireworks Night

And there's plenty more to look forward to this year, including the return of our PTA Quiz and (fingers crossed) our first ever car boot sale!

Lucy (mum to Daisy and Louis)

PTA Chair





Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Lucia Magee (Attendance & Welfare Officer)

The Additional Safeguarding Leads are Mr Johnny Magee (Headteacher), Mrs Pearson (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Angell (Assistant Headteacher) Mrs Rebecca Marsh (Inclusion coordinator), Mrs Kelly Walford (HLTA) and Mrs Kate Eld (School Administrator) . **The Safeguarding Governor is Mike O'Farrell.**

The Designated Person for Looked After Children (LAC) is Rebecca Marsh The Designated Teacher for Looked After Children and Pupil Premium Champion is Mrs Rebecca Marsh, Inclusion Manager. The Deputy Designated Teacher for Looked After Children is Steph Ekins.

If you are concerned about the safety of a child, you can email the DSL on safeguarding@gmglt.co.uk or you can contact the [Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board](#)

Community News and Events



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17:30 to 19:00 Age 11-13
18:00 to 19:30 Age 13-16

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17:45 to 19:00 Age 11-16.

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Great Missenden Village Association:

Artisan Market this Sunday, 6 September:

High Street closed 8am - 4pm. Market 10am - 3pm. The weather is looking good so come for an amble down the High Street.

Misbourne Rewind Saturday, 5 September 3pm - 10pm:

Celebrating 70 years of The Misbourne School, this is a big event with tribute bands, classic cars and Green's funfair. Tickets available from Eventbrite.

The Plant Specialist Closing Down:

Very sad news. The wonderful nursery on Whitefield Lane that specialises in unusual perennials will close its doors for good on 2 November. A closing down sale has started - 20% off. Sean will be continuing the design side under his new company, Sean Walter Gardens.

Some dates for your diary:

Litter Pick, Saturday 10 October 10.30am -12.00:

Organised by GMVA but open to all. Families welcome.

Christmas Festival, Saturday 28 November:

Road closure and festive fun. Coopers Market will be organising the stalls.

School Lottery

Support our school and buy your chance to win [here](#)

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/school-admin/F9BFE583-9676-466C-879B-501F1BAAD0F2>



Contact Us

office@gmgt.co.uk - for all general enquiries

attendance@gmgt.co.uk - for all child absence notifications, medical appointments, dropping/collecting pupils and buses

Alternatively, please call us on **01494 862310**.

Dates for your Diary



Subscribe to the school calendar [here](#)

SEPTEMBER

7th September Year 3 Hook Day

8th September Secondary Transfer Test Practise

8th September Year 1 WAC Day

10th September Secondary Transfer Test

12th September PTA Colour Run

16th September River Dart Online Parents Info Evening 4.30pm

17th September Reception and Year 3 Parent Social

18th September Dahlicious Day

22nd September EYFS Little City Experience

25th September EYFS Local Walk

2th September Cross Country Gayhurst, 9-11.30am

October

2nd October Individual School Photos

5th October PTA Meeting @ The Cross Keys

7th October Flu Vaccinations Pre-school-Y6

9th October School and Pre-school Open Morning

14th October School Disco

19-22nd October SEND Parents Evenings

23rd October Second-hand Halloween Uniform Sale

23rd October Break Up for Half Term

November

2nd November Back to School

3rd November Parents Evening

4th November Parents Evening

7th November Fireworks Night

10th November School and Pre-School Open Morning, 9.30am

17th November FUDGE (Fathers, Uncles, Dads. Grandads and Everyone Else) Morning

25th November Inset Day

December

1st December MAGEE Day (Mum's, Aunties, Grandmothers and Everyone Else)

10th December Christmas Jumper Day

17th December Break Up For Christmas at 2.15pm