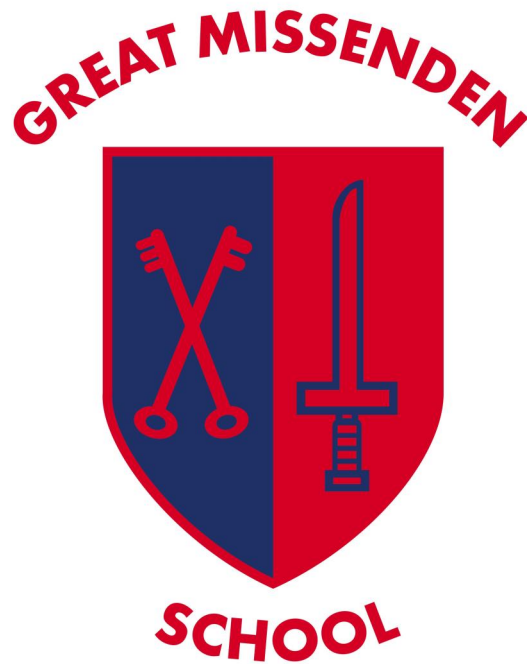




Great Missenden School - Autumn 2

*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 2) -11th September July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Friday!

Firstly, a huge well done to our Year 6 children who sat their 11+ test this week. It is always a stressful day, but we are immensely proud of every single one of them. Whatever the outcome, they are a brilliant group of children and we know they will go on to do incredible things wherever they choose to continue their journey next year.

We have had even more Hook Days this week and the children have looked awesome! There has been loads of excitement around school as classes have started their new We Are Curriculum topics and begun getting stuck into their new learning.

A quick reminder too that we would love to hear from any parents, carers or family members whose jobs or experiences link to something the children are learning about. The children love hearing how what they are learning connects to the real world and to future careers. It gives their learning a real purpose, so if you think you could help, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

There are also lots of exciting opportunities opening up for pupils across the school. This week we have had applications for Peer Mentors and Digital Leaders, as well as trials for our football teams. Over the next few weeks there will be even more opportunities, including School Council, Language Ambassadors, Librarians, House Captains, Sports Leaders and plenty more. We want as many children as possible to get involved, take on responsibility and develop their confidence and leadership skills.

Finally, a huge thank you to our brilliant PTA for organising tomorrow's Colour Run. This is definitely one of my favourite PTA events! I hope to see lots of you there, running, cheering everyone on and fully prepared to finish the race wetter, messier and much more colourful than when you started!

Have a wonderful weekend and hopefully see lots of you tomorrow!

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 97% - Well done everyone, lets keep it up!

Congratulations to 2M, 4C and 6H who has achieved 99% attendance!

Brilliant Book

Preschool - Oscar:

Oscar has settled into school so well and transitions really confidently from Extended Schools. He joins in happily with all our activities and did a fantastic job in Spanish this week!

Reception - Ava:

Ava has made a fantastic start to life at Great Missenden School. She comes into school each day with a smile on her face and is already getting to know the routines and expectations of Reception. Ava is making lovely friendships, is always ready to learn, and has quickly become a valued member of our class.

1C - Henry S:

Henry S has had a fantastic week! He has worked incredibly hard on his handwriting, is always ready at the table for learning, and consistently shows excellent listening on the carpet. Henry has shown great respectfulness throughout the week and should be very proud of himself. **Well done, Henry!**

2M - James B:

James has shown fantastic determination and a positive attitude in our lessons. He works hard, contributes with some brilliant ideas and tries his very best. It has been lovely to see his confidence growing recently, and I am proud of the effort that he is putting into his learning. Well done James – keep it up!

3AH - Will:

Will has been an absolute superstar and works incredibly hard with anything he is challenged with. His books are neatly presented and he always greets us with a smile. Keep being you, Will – what a great start to Year 3!

3VW - Henry:

Henry has had a great start to the new school year. He has been trying his best and I have seen him working really hard on his joined up handwriting. Keep up the great work!

4A - Flossie:

Flossie is new to GM this year and she has settled in extremely well. It can be daunting starting a new school, but she has taken to it like a duck to water. She is putting her hand up in class, getting on with her work confidently and already making friends. We are lucky to have you in 4A Flossie! Well done!

4C - Max:

On a couple of occasions, Max has been unsure about the task presented to him. However, each time he has taken the time to think carefully, weigh up his options, and then approach the task with resilience and creativity. Keep being thoughtful, resourceful, and creative, Max, and there will be no limits to what you can achieve in your learning.

5T - George:

George has been such a Year 5 superstar. He is hardworking and willing to learn from his mistakes. I have been so impressed by his determination to give everything a go. He shows such an enthusiasm for learning and I can't wait for him to share all his knowledge about volcanoes and the Earth in our Geography unit!

5F - Olivia:

Olivia always shows a fantastic attitude to her learning. She impresses me with her ambition and creativity in writing lessons, her problem-solving skills in Maths and her incredibly caring nature - she has even offered her lunchtimes to help tidy the library. We are so lucky to have you in 5F – keep up the great work!

6H - Daniel:

Daniel has been absolutely incredible since starting Year 6. He has consistently contributed to class discussions, takes pride in all his learning and has received numerous fantastics - I think Mr Magee may need to order some more stickers! I am so proud of you, well done.

6B - Cara:

Cara has had a truly brilliant week. Not only has she impressed me with her choice of descriptive words in our writing lessons but also has been incredibly helpful in keeping our classroom clean and tidy. She is an absolute star. Great work!

6P- Fizz:

Well done to all of Year 6 for a tough week with the 11+. Everyone who took it should be very proud of themselves. This week, we've also been continuing with our effective setting descriptions and Fizz has really impressed me with her attitude to her learning and her use of

powerful adjectives and ambitious vocabulary. She has started Year 6 in great form. Way to go Fizz!!

Follow us!

We are delighted to announce that we now have **new Facebook and Instagram** accounts!

If you would like to stay up to date with life at our school, please give us a follow. We will be sharing regular updates, celebrating achievements, and showcasing the wonderful activities taking place across the school community.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61593910454188>

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/greatmissendenschool>

Office Update

- **After School Clubs:**

Teacher Led clubs start next week. If you were unable to secure a place, any clubs with remaining spaces will be available to book again from 10.00am on Monday. If you have been unsuccessful in securing a place in your child's preferred club, please complete our [waiting list form](#). There is often movement during the first few weeks of clubs and any available spaces will be offered on a **first come, first served** basis.

- **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:**

We are looking for **donations of spare waterproofs and wellington boots for KS1 and KS2 children**. If you have any items in good condition that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for your support.

If you would like to **donate items for Forest School**, please take a look at our [Amazon Forest School Wish List](#)

Dahlicious Day

Dahlicious Day – Friday 18th September

Next Friday is our annual **Dahlicious Day**, when we celebrate our connection to our most famous local author, **Roald Dahl**.

To mark the occasion, children are warmly invited to join in the fun by coming to school dressed as a character from one of Roald Dahl's books. Throughout the day, classes will also enjoy a range of Roald Dahl-themed activities within their lessons, helping to bring his wonderful stories, characters and imagination to life.

Although some children may already have a Roald Dahl costume, please do not feel any pressure to buy anything special for the event. Simple, creative costumes are often the best! Some easier ideas to use things you may already have at home include:

- A child turning into a mouse from *The Witches* using mouse ears and a little face paint.
- George, or the dreaded Grandma, from *George's Marvellous Medicine*, using everyday clothes and simple props.
- A pupil from Matilda's school, perhaps with crazy hair after an encounter with the fearsome Miss Trunchbull.
- Sophie from *The BFG* or one of the grandparents from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, who can be easily recreated with pyjamas and a few simple accessories.

We hope the day will be a fun celebration of Roald Dahl's storytelling and creativity, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone's fantastic costumes.

We will not be raising money at this event this year, as we have a Mufti Day fundraiser for Ghana taking place the following week.

Mufti Day - 25th September 2026

Supporting Education in Ghana – MUFTI Day – Friday 25th September

We are delighted to share an exciting opportunity with our school community. In November, Miss Wong will be travelling to Mankoadze, Ghana, where she will spend nine days teaching in a remote village school and working alongside local communities.

This visit is being undertaken in partnership with the charity The Education and Book Appeal: Ghana (TEABAG) and alongside other leaders from the Great Learners Trust.

To support this important work, we will be holding a Mufti Day on **Friday 25 September**. We kindly invite families to make a suggested minimum donation of **£1 per child**, with all proceeds going directly to TEABAG to support the educational needs of children and schools in Ghana. The funds raised will help provide valuable resources and opportunities for pupils who have access to very limited educational materials.

Miss Wong will be leading an assembly before mufti day to share more about the trip, its purpose and the impact that educational support can have on communities around the world. We encourage families to discuss this initiative with their children and reflect on the importance of supporting our global community.

Every contribution, no matter how small, will help make a meaningful difference. Please make donations via [School Gateway](#)

To find out more about the charity, please visit: [Home | Teabag Charity](#)

PTA Update

 It's Colour Run week!

The big day is almost here - our Colour Run is this Saturday 12th September at 1.30pm! We're thrilled to say tickets have now **SOLD OUT** - thank you to everyone who booked, we can't wait to see you there!

Warning: side effects may include rainbow hair, questionable laundry, and a seriously good time!

We also need YOU! To make the day run smoothly (and colourfully), we're looking for volunteers to help out - even an hour of your time would make a huge difference. Sign up [here](#):

See you there!



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



2nd November – PTA Meeting, 7.30pm (online)



7th November – Fireworks Night



16th & 17th December – Aylesbury Theatre Panto - Sleeping Beauty, 6pm



30th December – Aylesbury Theatre Panto - Sleeping Beauty, 1pm



10th February – School Disco



19th March – PTA Quiz



18th April 2027 – Car Boot Sale (our first ever!)



3rd July – Summer Fete

Lucy (mum to Daisy and Louis)

PTA Chair



The Misbourne Open Evening

We warmly invite students and their families to visit The Misbourne on our Open Evening on Thursday 17 September, between 5pm-8pm. There will be talks from the Headteacher throughout the evening, tours from existing students and you will have the opportunity to speak to our specialist teachers.

If you would like to see the Academy 'in action', then please book to attend one of our Open Mornings during September and October, which are taking place from 9.15am-10.30am.

More information about our Open Events and the booking forms are available on our website at <https://www.themisbourne.co.uk/1979/open-events-2026>



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Open Evening

17 September 2026
5 - 8pm

- ✓ Tour the Academy
- ✓ Listen to a Headteacher talk
- ✓ Speak to our students and specialist teachers



We welcome visits from students in Years 4 - 6

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hannahconway@perform.org.uk



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Oldham Hall, HP16 0BA

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 4-7s: Thursdays 5.05pm-6.05pm

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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CLOTHES DROP OFF: 9.30-10.30AM / SWISH 10.30-11.30AM

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AUTUMN SUPER SWISH

SWAP YOUR WAY TO AN AUTUMN-READY WARDROBE!

What's a Swish?

Fall into Autumn and join us on 12th September at our super clothes swap. Swish is a straightforward, sustainable way to refresh your wardrobe – out with the old, and in with the (nearly) new. It's sustainable, social and stylish!

How does it work?

- 👚 Bring up to five good-quality, clean clothing items – once-loved, but ready for a second chance.
- 👚 Women's, men's, children's and baby clothes all welcome.
- 👚 Hand them in when you arrive and receive up to five tokens in exchange (one token per item).
- 👚 Then it's time to Swish! Browse the rails and discover your next amazing Autumn favourite – guilt-free and new-to-you!



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Contact Us

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

attendance@gmglt.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

16th September River Dart Online Parents Info Evening 4.30pm

17th September Reception and Year 3 Parent Social, 7-9pm School Hall

18th September Dahlicious Day

22nd September EYFS Little City Experience

25th September EYFS Local Walk

25th September MUFTI day - Ghana charity

26th 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