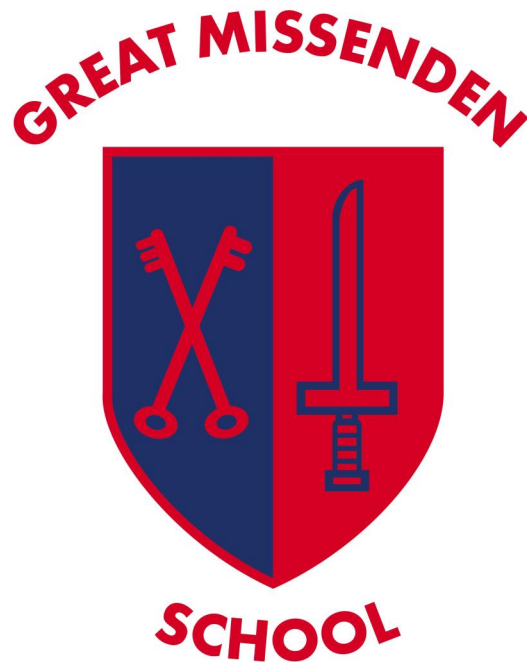




Great Missenden School - Autumn 4

*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 4) -25th September July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday!

Thank you for another really positive week at GM. It has been lovely to see the children continuing to settle into their routines and making such a strong start to the term.

Thank you also for supporting our Mufti Day today. Families were invited 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 money raised will help provide valuable resources and opportunities for pupils who have access to very limited educational materials.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to donate and would like to, donations can still be made via [School Gateway](#). Every contribution, no matter how small, will help to make a meaningful difference.

As part of our School Improvement Plan, we have also been doing a lot of work around our school environment. Our aim is to make sure that classrooms and shared spaces are consistently calm, purposeful and engaging places for children to learn.

Alongside this, we are beginning to develop a more therapeutic classroom approach across the school. This is about creating environments that support all pupils to feel settled, regulated and ready to learn, while also helping children to become increasingly independent and successful within lessons. With some exciting support from our wonderful PTA, there will be more to share about this over the coming weeks – watch this space!

A quick plea regarding lost property too! We already seem to have accumulated lots of jumpers and cardigans this term. Please do make sure that all uniform is clearly named and, if anything has gone missing, check our lost property boxes. There is a yellow box on the KS2 playground and a black box just outside the main reception doors.

Our Year 6 pupils will also be helping us to sort and organise lost property every few weeks so that we can hopefully reunite as many items as possible with their owners.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a great weekend!

Johnny

Attendance Update

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

This weeks attendance is a fabulous 97% - Well done everyone, lets keep it up!

Congratulations to 4A who achieved 100% attendance!

Attention Young Carers

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We are reviewing how we can further support young carers in school. If your child is a young carer, please contact me via email safeguarding@gmglt.co.uk with their:

- Name
- Class
- Brief description of their caring responsibilities

Your information will help us ensure the right support is available for our pupils.

Not sure if your child is a young carer? Please do not hesitate to speak to me at the school gate, give me a call, or send me an email. I will be happy to discuss your child's situation and help you determine whether they may be considered a young carer.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Magee

Brilliant Book

Preschool - Leia:

Leia is showing a fantastic growth mindset as she comes into preschool each day with a positive, can-do attitude. She eagerly has a go at new experiences and challenges, demonstrating confidence, resilience, and a willingness to keep trying.

Reception - Florence:

Florence has shown a fantastic growth mindset and a real 'can do' attitude since starting Reception. She approaches new experiences with enthusiasm, gives everything a go, and always tries her best. Florence works hard, enjoys learning, and has already brought so much positivity and happiness to our class. 🌟

1C - Zara:

Zara, you are a wonderful role model in our class. You always come to school ready to learn, and you consistently show respect to everyone around you. We are especially proud of your growth mindset in English. You work hard to find the words that are missing from your sentences and never give up when writing feels tricky. Your determination, positive attitude and willingness to keep trying are helping you become a more confident writer every day.

2M - Finley C:

Wow Finley! You have worked incredibly hard on your writing independently and kept going even when you found it difficult. You wrote some amazing sentences using your senses, which really made your writing feel alive! I am so proud of your effort and determination. Well done Finley and keep it up!

3AH - Bea:

Bea is a wonderful member of our class who always shows a fantastic growth mind set in each task she takes on. We are so proud of her positive attitude and her determination, especially in her spellings. Even if something feels tricky, she shows a willingness to keep going. It is a joy to see her putting so much effort into all she does. Well done, keep believing in yourself!! You can do it!

3VW - Austin:

Austin has made a flying start to year 3. He has been working very hard and trying his best in every subject even when it has been tricky. He has also been helpful to others and such a wonderful friend. You should be very proud of yourself, Austin!

4A - Connor:

Connor has been working extremely hard so far this year. He is motivated in lessons and is always trying his best. He listens well to instructions and is also regularly sat quiet and ready to learn when others are not. What a great start Connor, well done!

4C - Mia:

Mia always puts her best effort, care and thought into everything she does. This week, although she experienced a couple of moments where she felt upset, she showed great resilience by taking time to regroup and then re-engaging positively with her learning. Mia, you are a delightful member of 4C and a wonderful role model for your peers. We are very proud of you!

5T- Lara:

Lara is such a fabulous scholar. She is always engaged and ready to learn. This week, Year 5 have been working on rounding in maths and Lara has consistently challenged herself to learn from

our mistakes and work with ever larger numbers. Mrs Nagar was particularly impressed by how she looked for ways to support herself in her learning!

5F - Edward:

Edward has shown such a great growth mindset this week, working hard to challenge himself and keep improving. He was a brilliant 'Two-Minute Teacher' in Maths, confidently sharing his knowledge and helping others. He comes into school ready to learn and always puts so much effort into his work. I've been particularly impressed with the care he's taking with his handwriting – it's looking great! Keep up the amazing work.

6H - Jenson:

Jenson has been so awesome this week! He has used incredible growth mindset with his writing this week and his reading has been incredible!! You are amazing! Well done, Jenson.

6B - Bea:

Bea works incredibly hard each and every day. She particularly has impressed me with her work on her writing and spellings. She puts 110% into each and every lesson and I am so proud of all that she has done so far in year 6. Well done, Bea!

6P - Hugh:

What a week for Hugh! Not only has it been his birthday, but he's also shown a brilliant growth mindset. Even when things haven't gone quite right, nothing has stopped the mighty Hugh! He's wowed us in PE, become our common factor king in maths and always has an amazing story to share. There's no doubt about it, Hugh is a 6P Legend!

Respect passport:

Congratulations to **Charlie D (4C)** and **Amelie T (4C)** for completing their respect passport!

Office Update

School Photos:

Vancols Photography will be visiting our school on **Friday 2nd October** to take individual photos.

If your child usually has PE on this day, please ensure they come to school in their uniform and bring their PE kit to change into after the photos are taken. We kindly ask that all children are smartly dressed in their school uniform, including a school cardigan or jumper for their photos.

Parents of Pre-school children: If your child does not normally attend a Friday morning session, but you would like them to have a school photo let Mrs Swallow know.

Cauliflower Christmas Cards

The children have been busy creating their very own Christmas card designs and are incredibly proud of their festive masterpieces! 🧑🎄

We are once again taking part in the Cauliflower Cards Christmas Card Project, giving families the opportunity to transform their child's artwork into Christmas cards, gift tags, wrapping paper, mugs and more. 🎁❄️

If you would like to place an order, please visit www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/parents-shop and follow the instructions on the order form sent home.

Please return your child's artwork and completed order form by **Wednesday 30th September**.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful PTA fundraiser.

We can't wait to see all of the children's creations spreading Christmas cheer this festive season! 🎄❤️

Miss Cartwright 🧑🎄😊

Food For Life Update

Themed Lunch - Thursday 1 October

Each term we have to complete a school census, which determines the funding our school receives. As part of this process, we have to advise how many children entitled to free school meals (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) take a hot dinner on census day.

The school's funding for the entire year is based on uptake on this one day. If possible, we would be very grateful if you could order your child a Caterlink hot meal on this day, as it makes a big difference to the school. To make the day fun, we'll be serving a themed lunch of chicken nuggets, halal chicken nuggets and veggie dippers - always a favourite with the children!

Thank you so much for your support.

Reminder: Nut-Free Packed Lunches

We would like to remind everyone that our school is a nut-free environment to ensure the safety of all children, especially those with severe nut allergies. Please help us maintain a safe

space for everyone by ensuring that packed lunches do not contain any nut-based products, including but not limited to:

- **Nutella** or other nut-based spreads
- **Peanut butter** or peanut-based snack bars
- **Pesto pasta** (which can contain nuts like pine nuts or cashews)
- **Trail mix** or granola with nuts

Even trace amounts of nuts can pose a serious risk to children with allergies. Thank you for your continued support.

Seeking new Governors

Welcome back everyone and I hope that you have all settled into the new term.

We are still looking for new governors to join the Governing board. We have had one parent come forward with education skills which is great news.

Governors at Great Missenden C of E School are part of the school governance structure and play a strategic role in how the school develops and works with the wider GLT. Governors are not involved with the day-to-day delivery of the school or in a position to control finance or to make management decisions on individual children or parents.

While we welcome an interest from anyone in the GM School and village community to become a governor for the academic year 2026 and going forwards we are particularly looking for people with the following skills or professional experience:

- Training and development – ideally on governance and educational structures
- Behaviour and attendance – understanding how that works for all schools and would work specifically for our school
- Inclusion and SEND

If you are interested or know anyone who might be please contact: Paula.Kitching@gmglt.co.uk

PTA Update



A Huge Thank You to Everyone!

Now the start of the school year madness has calmed down, we wanted to take a moment to look back at what we achieved together last year - thanks to your incredible support, we raised £23,779 in 2025/26!

That funding went straight back into school life - Year 6 Leavers Books, Hall Floor Repairs, a Forest School Canopy, and Class Contributions towards trips, sports and outdoor learning. Together we really do make amazing things happen!

🌟 Our Plans This Year

We're excited to keep building on that this year, with funds going towards:

📖 New reading books for the kids

🏠 Our therapeutic classroom

📖 Annual class donations

🎓 Year 6 leavers books

We'd also love to refurbish the old swimming pool area - it's a big undertaking with high costs, so if you'd be interested in helping with this, please get in touch with the PTA!

🌈 Help Us Reach Every Family

We're trying to improve how we keep everyone up to date with PTA events, reminders, fundraising and last-minute updates.

At the moment, our social media only reaches a fraction of our school families, so our goal is to have at least one parent or carer from every family connected.

🌟 AND there's an extra reason to get connected...We're giving away a FAMILY TICKET to our upcoming Fireworks Event! 🌟

For your chance to win, simply:

📷 Follow the PTA on [Instagram](#):

💙 Join the PTA [Facebook group](#):

🏆 One lucky family will then be randomly selected to win the family Fireworks ticket!

Even if you don't use social media very often, following/joining means you're much less likely to miss reminders about upcoming events.

 You can buy tickets to all our upcoming events here: [Great Missenden School PTA](#)

 Dates for the Diary

 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

 January – 2027 Challenge

 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



FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA 2026

Spectacular fireworks and music

Saturday 7th November

Gates open at 5pm

Great Missenden C of E School

Church Street • Great Missenden • HP16 0AZ Free
parking available at Great Missenden station car park

Bonfire • Family Entertainment • Rides
Hog Roast • Licensed Bar

Early Bird Saver Tickets – available until 23rd October:
Family Ticket £25 (2 adults + 2 children) / Adults £8 / Children £6 (under 4s free)

Standard tickets – from 24th October:
Family Ticket £30 (2 adults + 2 children) / Adults £10 / Children £8 (under 4s free)

Buy tickets at gmfireworks.co.uk





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 Rebecca Marsh.

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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WHERE: BEACONSFIELD GUIDE HUT

TIME: 9.30AM-3.00PM

EARLY BIRD: 9.00AM

AGES: 3 - 10 YEARS

COST: £45.00

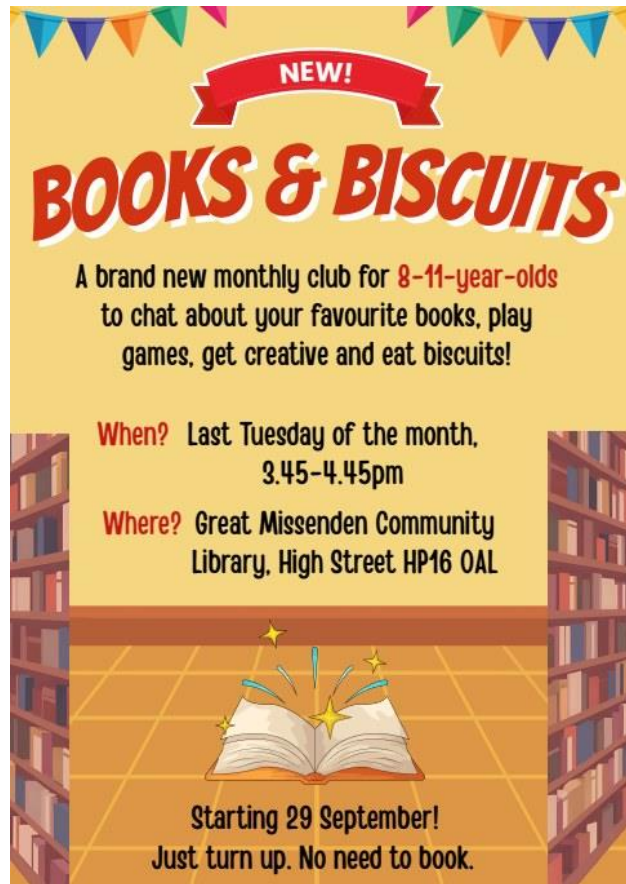
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Great Missenden Village Association Update:

The extension of the 41 bus route to Amersham will stop from the end of November. For the past few years the extension has been funded by Bucks Council in an effort to boost the network. However, it has not enjoyed significant usage and the subsidy is unsustainable. Our Councillors and representatives from Prestwood and Great Missenden have pressed hard for the service to be maintained but the Great Missenden to Amersham leg will stop from the end of November to save some of the costs. The 41 will continue to ply between High Wycombe and Great Missenden.

The Library

On a happier note, the Library is going great guns. They've got a monthly **Book Club** (2nd Wednesday of the month) which is now fully subscribed. They'd like to start a second one and need someone to be its leader. Would any of you be willing to step up?

They're also trying to set up a **Chatty Cafe Table** in the library and need a couple of volunteers to set it up. It's a regular place to meet and chat. Here's the website if you want to find out more: <https://thechattycafescheme.co.uk/>

Also new is **Books & Biscuits** - a brand new monthly club for 8-11 year olds. Starts on 29 September.

Pop into The Library and see what else is on offer!

Repair Cafe, this Saturday 10am - 1pm

Prestwood Community Centre, Nairdwood Lane

If you've never been, this is a delightful community of people who will try and fix your broken items. Electrics, woodworking, electronics, tool sharpening, sewing. Or just come along for tea and cake.

Overnight road closure

The Link Road and Frith Hill will be closed 8pm to 5.30am on 5 - to 8 October. For full patch repair.

Some dates for your diary:

Mending the Misbourne walk, Friday 2 October 10am to about 1pm

Meet in the Buryfield car park near the Memorial Hall. Guided walk tracing the river through the village and Abbey Park. In cooperation with Prestwood Nature.

Litter Pick, Saturday 10 October 10.30am -12.00

Meet on the Library forecourt.

GMVA organises a Litter Pick twice a year but it is open to anyone and everyone who cares for our village. Families welcome.

Family Advice and Education

 October Timetable All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long £24 each or FREE with School Membership Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours	
Raising Self-Esteem	5 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	5 Oct 7pm
Decreasing Depression	6 Oct 10am
Introduction to OCD	6 Oct 7pm
Improving Family Communication	12 Oct 10am
What is ACT?	12 Oct 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	13 Oct 7pm
Understanding Anger	19 Oct 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	20 Oct 7pm
FREE - ADHD and Homework	22 Oct 7-8pm
Facing Defiance	26 Oct 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	26 Oct 7pm
School Anxiety	27 Oct 10am
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 7pm

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

26th September Cross Country Gayhurst, 9-11.30am

28th September Alex Milway Author Visit (KS1 and Lower KS2)

OCTOBER

1st October Themed Lunch (Census Day)

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

2nd November PTA Meeting, 7.30pm (online)

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

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

17th December Break Up For Christmas at 2.15pm

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