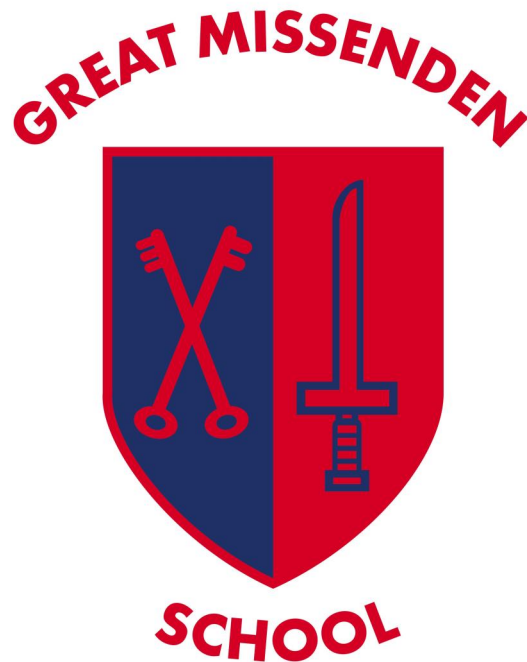




Great Missenden School - Autumn 5

*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 5) -2nd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Friday! It has been another busy and positive week at GM. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Our School Council have been working hard on ideas to improve playtimes for everyone. They have been speaking to children across the school, gathering their views and researching lots of different activities and equipment that could make our KS1 and KS2 playgrounds even more enjoyable.

As part of this, we wondered whether any families might have suitable items at home that are in good condition but are no longer being used. The children are particularly interested in things such as giant Jenga, diablos, hula hoops, balance games, giant Connect 4, outdoor games, chalks and other equipment that could be enjoyed safely at break and lunchtime.

If you have anything that you think might be suitable, please get in touch with the school office. Our School Council Co Chairs will also be writing to families next week to tell you a little more about their plans.

We would also love to hear from any parents, carers or family members who work in a profession connected to our curriculum focus this term.

We are particularly interested in anyone whose work links to Geography who might be willing to come in and speak to a class or perhaps contribute to an assembly. This could include jobs connected to maps, travel, the environment, weather, planning, construction, conservation, transport or working in different parts of the world.

We would equally love to hear from anyone working in a Science related profession. Hearing directly from people who use these subjects in their everyday work is a fantastic way to bring learning to life and inspire the children about where their learning might take them in the future.

If you would be happy to get involved, please contact the school office. We would love to hear from you.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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 96% - Well done everyone, lets keep it up!

Congratulations to 6B who achieved 100% attendance!

Illness and Absence

Not sure if your child is well enough for school?

It can sometimes be difficult to decide whether your child is well enough to attend school when they are feeling unwell. The NHS provides helpful guidance for parents and carers on common childhood illnesses and when children should stay at home.

Please take a look at the following resources:

[NHS guidance](#)

[DfE Video](#)

Brilliant Book

Preschool - Luca:

Luca has settled into pre-school incredibly well and comes in each day happy, confident and ready to learn. He joins in with all activities with great enthusiasm and particularly impressed us during Spanish this week, where he participated beautifully and showed a real interest in learning new words.

Reception - Dave:

Dave has made such a fantastic start to life in Reception. He is a great friend to others, works and plays beautifully alongside his classmates, and always shows kindness and care. Dave has a wonderful sense of humour and brings so much fun and happiness to our classroom every day!

1C - Freya:

Freya, you are amazing! Your writing has already improved so much, particularly with your presentation and use of finger spaces. I have been wowed by the sentences you have written. You are an absolute superstar! Keep up the fantastic work!

2M - Samuel:

Samuel always gives 100 per cent enthusiasm and effort into his work. He is an excellent model for the class who always comes in with a big beaming smile and is always ready to learn. I am especially impressed with how much more independent he is becoming. This is thoroughly deserved and keep it up Samuel!

3AH -Amberle:

For having an incredible attitude towards her learning, always trying her hardest, being kind to others and putting enthusiasm into everything she does. Keep being you, Amberle!

3VW - Amelie

Amelie has worked very hard this week in English. She has produced some lovely writing innovating our model text. She is such a wonderful member of our class, always offering to do jobs and being helpful. Super job, Amelie!

4A - Charlie:

Charlie has been on fire recently. He is working really hard in all subjects and is showing he can be a trustworthy member of the class. I can see how much he is improving, especially in his English work. Well done Charlie!

4C - Jonah:

Jonah has stood out this week for his kind, supportive and patient attitude towards others. Jonah is an exemplary role model who consistently demonstrates our school values. He throws himself enthusiastically into all areas of learning, and I am especially excited to watch his creative ideas unfold into fantastic pieces of writing.

5T - Pippa:

Pippa should be so proud of her learning this week. She has shown so much resilience and perseverance in her Maths and English. It has been great seeing her fantastic ideas in her writing especially – keep it up!

5F - Daisy:

Daisy has shown fantastic resilience and a brilliant growth mindset this week! Despite injuring her thumb, she's continued to complete all her work, finding new ways to overcome challenges. She's used technology creatively to support her writing and has even helped her peers to use it effectively too. Great work Daisy!

6H - Effie:

Effie is always an absolute ray of sunshine to have in 6H. She has put in 100% effort with her writing and Maths. I can always count on her to be a role model for other children! Also a huge thank you for always laughing at my jokes.

6B - Noah:

Noah has been brilliant this week! He has been working so hard in every lesson and has been putting a lot of effort into his presentation. His enthusiasm in writing lessons has been infectious and great to see! Well done, Noah!

6P- Amelia:

What a brilliant week for Amelia! She has worked so hard and wowed me with her innovative writing and determination in Maths. She has shown such a fantastic attitude to her learning. She should be incredibly proud of herself!

Congratulations to the following children for completing their respect passport:

Eden R 6H, Aaron 6H, Mia 4C

School Photos

Individual Photos:

The children had their individual school photographs taken today. This year we are using a new photography company, Vancols and the ordering process is a little different.

Please look out for a registration card with an individual QR code, which your child will bring home in their bag. You will need this to access and order your child's photographs online.

The photographs are expected to be available to view and order sometime next week. We will send a further message as soon as they are ready.

If your child was not in school today they will have another opportunity to have their photo taken on Friday 16th October.

Sibling Photos:

Sibling photos will be taken **Friday 16th October 2026**.

If you have siblings at the school and would like their photographs taken together **you must complete [this form](#)** as we will only be taking photographs of families that have requested these. We will not be able to add on the day as the QR codes are allocated in advance. Please complete the form **by Friday 9th October 2026**.

[Great Missenden School - Sibling Photos 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Office Update

Flu Vaccinations:

The Bucks Immunisation Team will be visiting school on **Wednesday 7th October 2026** to administer flu vaccinations to children in **all year groups**. If your child attends Pre-School but is not normally in on a Wednesday and you would like them to receive their vaccination, you are welcome to bring them in and accompany them for this. Please let Mrs. Swallow know if you plan to bring your child in for their vaccination. Please make sure you have given your consent.

Job Vacancy

Join Team GM!

We are looking for a caring and enthusiastic Wrap-Around Care Assistant to join our team. You will provide a safe, positive and engaging environment for children before and after school, supporting their wellbeing and leading fun activities. Duties also include preparing and serving healthy snacks.

For more information and to apply [click here](#).



GREAT MISSENDEN SCHOOL

Apply Via Mynewterm

Wrap-Around Care Assistant

Great Learners Trust

6 hrs a week:
Mon 7.50am - 8.50am
Wed 7.50am - 8.50am
3.15pm to 6pm
Thu 3.15pm to 4.30pm

Open Morning

We are holding our **School & Pre-School Open Morning** on **Friday 9th October at 9:30am**

If you know anyone who may be looking for a place for their child, please do share this information with them. It's a great opportunity to visit our school, meet the staff, see our facilities, and find out more about what we have to offer.

We look forward to welcoming prospective families and showcasing our wonderful school community. Please help us spread the word! 😊



Seeking new Governors

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

Good News

A huge congratulations to Lily Baron in Class 4A, who represented GM in the Gayhurst Cross Country event on Saturday 26th September.

Lily delivered an outstanding performance, showing determination and resilience throughout the race and earning a fantastic **1st place** in the Year 4 girls' event! Last year she finished in 3rd place in the same race, making this year's result a remarkable personal achievement!

We are so proud of Lily's hard work, commitment and success. She truly embodies our school motto: **Believe and Achieve!**

Well done, Lily!

If you have a good news story to share with the school community, please email office@gmglt.co.uk



Cross Country Success at Gayhurst School

Last Saturday morning, 13 children proudly represented Great Missenden School at a cross-country event hosted by Gayhurst School. All 13 competitors showed fantastic determination, enthusiasm and effort, and should be extremely proud of their achievements. A special congratulations goes to Isla (Year 2), who finished 5th in the KS1 Junior Dash, Alexander (Year 3), who achieved 10th place in the Year 3 Boys' race, and Lily (Year 4), who secured an outstanding 1st place in the Year 4 Girls' race. Well done to everyone who took part and represented the school so brilliantly!!

PTA Update

 Last Chance for Disco Tickets!

Sales close this Wednesday 7th October, so we can do the necessary safeguarding checks - we cannot extend it so don't miss out!

[Book tickets](#)

We also really need more volunteers for the Years 5/6 disco - we've only had two sign up so far, and we can't go ahead without more hands on deck! If you can spare some time, we'd be so grateful:

[Volunteer](#)

 OH YES IT IS... PANTO TIME!  

Only 3 weeks left to book! Once again, Great Missenden School PTA has secured discounted tickets for Sleeping Beauty at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre for just £21 each!

 16 Dec – 6pm  17 Dec – 6pm  30 Dec – 1pm  £21 per ticket  Book by 20 October 2026

Bringing friends or family? Book as a group if you'd like to sit together - we'll do our best, but seating together can't be guaranteed.

Tickets go quickly, so book early to avoid disappointment!

[Book here](#)

 Come Along to Our Next PTA Meeting!

Our next PTA meeting is Monday at 7.30pm at The Cross Keys - we'd love to see as many new faces as possible! We'll be talking all things disco, fireworks and the Christmas singalong.

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

 4th December – Christmas Singalong

 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

Hope to see you Monday!

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



Spaces available for this academic year

GREAT MISSENDEN SCHOOL & PRE-SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Looking for a new school or pre-school for your child?

Come and see what makes our school such a special place to learn, grow and thrive. Meet our friendly staff, tour our wonderful facilities and discover the exciting opportunities available!

 **FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER | 9.30AM**

 **Great Learners Trust**

Become a Foster Carer with us



We provide:

- 24/7 support from qualified social workers
- professional training programme
- competitive financial allowance
- additional annual benefits & rewards

Call us to find out more
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Berry Lane, Milton Keynes, MK17 8HS



OCTOBER CAMP

WHEN: MON 26TH - WEDS 28TH OCTOBER

WHERE: BEACONSFIELD GUIDE HUT

TIME: 9.30AM-3.00PM

EARLY BIRD: 9.00AM

AGES: 3 - 10 YEARS

COST: £45.00

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

10% off in
September

TAX FREE
CHILDCARE ACCEPTED

To book spaces: www.calmlittleminds.co.uk

E: hello@calmlittleminds.co.uk

NEW!

BOOKS & BISCUITS

A brand new monthly club for **8-11-year-olds**
to chat about your favourite books, play
games, get creative and eat biscuits!

When? Last Tuesday of the month,
3.45-4.45pm

Where? Great Missenden Community
Library, High Street HP16 0AL



Starting 29 September!
Just turn up. No need to book.



Great Missenden Village Association Update :

This Friday, 2 October Winterbourne Walk

Meet at the Buryfield car park outside the Memorial Hall at 10am. In this second walk, experts will help us explore the River Misbourne from Great Missenden to Banks Pond (opposite the Chiltern Hospital). We'll see how the river flows through the village in culverts and learn the history of Warren Water and Banks Pond. Along the way we'll look around at the plants and the trees that are part of the Winterbourne ecosystem. GMVA and Prestwood Nature are sponsoring this second FREE walk as an introduction to Chilterns National Landscape's Mending the Misbourne project. All welcome, no need to book, just turn up. This is a 2.6 mile walk at moderate pace, including one steep slope and a set of steps, so may not be suitable for those with impaired mobility. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a drink.

Market this Sunday 4 October 10am - 3pm

This Sunday is Market day. Cars out by 8am, please. As well as the regular food stalls - bread, meat, Italian, the coffee van - there have also been some interesting craft stalls recently. Worth a look. And of course our local shops will be open so come down and say hello.

Litter Pick, Saturday 10 October 10.30am - 12 noon

Meet on the Library forecourt All welcome. Litter pickers and bags provided. Please bring your own heavy-duty gloves. If you are coming, please reply to this email and I will send you the Health & Safety guidelines.

Priestfield Arboretum Open Weekend, Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 October 10.30am - 4pm

Hidden gem. Five acre collection of more than 200 unusual trees from around the world. Guided tours at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. Please see attached poster for more information.

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@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](#)

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

16th October Farmers Market

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)

4th December Christmas Singalong

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