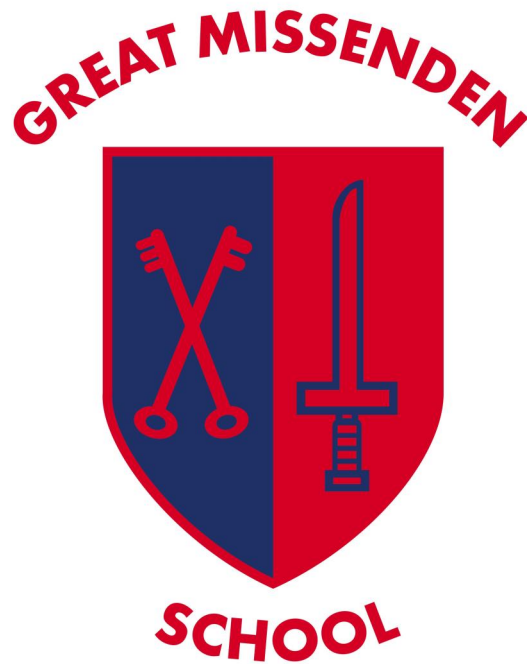




Great Missenden School - Autumn 6

*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 6 - Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Friday! A big well done to our girls' football team, who scored their first goal of the season this week! The girls have shown fantastic attitudes, determination and sportsmanship,

and we are really proud of how they have represented our school. Well done, girls! Proud to be TeamGM!

A huge thank you and well done to our House Captains, who led their first school tours for prospective parents at our Open Morning today. The feedback from parents was fantastic, with lots of lovely comments about how polite, positive, confident and articulate the children were. They did a brilliant job of showing our visitors around and sharing what makes Great Missenden such a special place. We are incredibly proud of them all!

Our Year 6 children recently completed their first PiXL assessments of the year, and we have now received the results. It has been a really positive start, with reading outcomes 14% above national figures and maths 12% above. This is a great reflection of the hard work the children have put in since September. A big well done to our Year 6 team for their continued hard work and to the children for the fantastic effort and attitude they have shown. Lots to be proud of and plenty to build on as the year progresses!

Today is also an important day for many of our Year 6 children and families as they receive their 11+ results. Whatever the outcome, we want every child to know just how proud we are of them. We have a wonderful group of kind, positive and talented young people, and no single test will ever define them or their future. Their attitude to learning, the way they treat others and the character they show each day are far more important than any test score. We are immensely proud of every single one of them!

Finally, thank you all for your continued support this week. It has been another busy week at Great Missenden, and it is lovely to see our children representing the school so positively, both in and out of the classroom.

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

Congratulations to 5F who achieved 99% attendance!

Brilliant Book

Preschool - Myla:

Myla is in the Brilliant Book for her positive can-do attitude and great determination, always eager to get involved in tasks and activities. She is consistently happy, brings enthusiasm to everything she does, and is a wonderful friend to others.

Reception - Cherie:

Cherie has made a wonderful start to Reception and has quickly become a little superstar in our class. She is working incredibly hard, is a great friend to others, and is always so helpful. Cherie shows kindness and care to everyone around her and has been a real ray of sunshine in our classroom. Thank you, Cherie, for being such a wonderful member of our class!

1C - Minnie:

Minnie, for being an all-round fabulous superstar! You have been working so hard on your independent writing and always give every task your very best effort. I am so proud of the progress you are making. You are also a kind and caring friend who shows consideration to others, and you are always ready on the carpet to listen, learn and take part. Keep up the fantastic work, Minnie!

2M- Ava:

Ava has had a brilliant week in all subjects, but especially in Maths. She has worked so hard in recalling and applying her knowledge with number bonds up to 10 and 100. I have been particularly impressed by her growing confidence and independence in her learning. Keep it up Ava!

3AH -Newton:

Newton has been making such good choices in everything he does. He's a great friend to everyone in our class, he has put so much effort into making his writing exciting to read and the best of all, he comes into school every single day with THE biggest smile! His positive attitude is a complete joy to see and highly contagious! We are so proud of you Newton!

3VW - Elias:

I am extremely proud of Elias. He has made a great start to year 3. He is such a helpful and happy member of our class and always has a smile on his face. This week he has worked so hard in his writing using our toolkit features. Well done!

4A- Henry:

Henry has had a brilliant week. He has been coming in with a smile on his face and helping me with jobs in the classroom. He has also shown great effort in his pixl tests as well as his English writing. Well done Henry!

4C -Xander:

Xander's attitude to learning is second to none. He consistently gives his very best effort in everything he does and never shies away from a challenge. Xander thinks deeply about his work, approaching every task with care and conscientiousness. He listens carefully to feedback and is always willing to seek support or ask thoughtful questions to improve his learning. Xander always be an enthusiastic learner and there will be there are no limits to what you can achieve!

5T- Eli:

I could not have chosen anyone else to go in the brilliant book this week. Eli has impressed all of us in 5T from day one. He has grown in confidence so much and is always being ready, respectful and safe. I love his can-do attitude and am sure he'll continue to achieve great things. What an absolute star!

5F -Finn:

What a great week Finn's had! He's worked so hard in his PiXLs, showing fantastic effort and resilience. I've been particularly proud of how he's pushed himself out of his comfort zone, even choosing to join in with PE (which I know isn't his favourite subject!)

Finn, you should be really proud of yourself this week – keep it up!

6H-Jess:

Jess is the epitome of a Great Missenden role model. She tries hard in **every** lesson and shares some incredible ideas. Her innovation has absolutely blown my socks off and has smashed long division! Well done for being an absolute super star.

6B -Adaline:

Adaline has been truly brilliant this week. Not only has she put some amazing effort into her reading and writing, but she has also been an example for supporting others in the classroom. Thank you, Adaline for your amazing work this week!

6P-Luke:

What a week for Luke! He has absolutely crushed it! He is working incredibly hard and living Year 6 life to the fullest. House Captain, Peer Mentor, Digital Leader... what's next? At this rate, he'll be running the school by Christmas. Luke you are doing so well and making such a brilliant

difference to everyone around you. Keep being you! When I grow up, I want to be like you! Keep it up bud!

Respect passports:

Mia 4C

Elodie 4A

Poppy 4A

Harvest Collection for One Can Trust

As part of our Harvest celebrations this year, we are delighted to be supporting One Can Trust, a local charity that provides food and support to people in our community who are facing hardship.

This collection reflects an important part of our school vision: encouraging children to look beyond themselves and "out of the window" at the wider world around them. It also brings to life our school value of community, reminding us that even small acts of kindness can make a significant difference to others.

During the week beginning 19th October, we would be very grateful for donations of non-perishable food items, which will be passed directly to One Can Trust to support local families. The most important items that are currently needed are on the attached flyer.

To spread out our donations, we have given each year group a suggested item to bring in which will be most useful for the charity's current needs. Please ensure that these products are dated until at least 2027 and beyond.

Pre-school and Reception: UHT Milk

Year 1 and Year 2: Cooking Sauces (e.g. curry sauces)

Year 3: Healthy Cereals (e.g. weetabix and oats)

Year 4: Tinned Meat Meals

Year 5: Tinned Vegetables (not tomatoes)

Year 6: Toiletries (shampoo, deodorant and toothbrushes, **NO razors** please)

If you are able, please send children into class with their donations from **Monday 19th October to Friday 23rd** October when we will be collecting them. Thank you in advance!



PTA Update

Spooktacular Disco!

A big thank you to everyone who bought disco tickets - we can't wait to see the dance moves on 14th October! We'll be sending out an email next week with allergen information for the snack bags, so keep an eye on your inbox.

Fireworks Extravaganza 2026 - Early Bird Tickets On Sale Now!

Get ready for the biggest night of the PTA calendar! Join us on Saturday 7th November at school for spectacular fireworks and music, with a huge bonfire, rides, food vans and a licensed bar. And we're bringing back the famous PTA hog roast! 

Early bird tickets are only on sale until 23rd October, and this event is always a sell-out, so be sure to grab yours before they're gone. We also really need lots of helping hands to make the night a success, especially as we're going back to running the BBQ and hog roast ourselves this year. Whether you can spare an hour or a whole evening, every bit of help makes a huge difference!

 Click to [Book your tickets](#)

 And click here to [Volunteer](#)

 OH YES IT IS... Only 2 Weeks Left for Panto Tickets!

Sleeping Beauty at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre is back with discounted PTA tickets for just £21 each! Choose from 16th or 17th December at 6pm, or 30th December at 1pm. Book by 20th October and, as always, tickets go quickly, so don't leave it too late!

 Book here: [Great Missenden School PTA](#)

 Never Miss a PTA Event!

With so much happening this term, the best way to keep up with everything in one place is to follow us on social media. You'll get reminders, ticket releases and last-minute updates straight to your phone:

 Follow the PTA on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/greatmissendschoolpta/>

 Join the PTA Facebook

group: <https://www.facebook.com/share/19H8M1kxaU/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

 Dates for the Diary

 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

See you soon

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 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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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

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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.

PRIESTFIELD ARBORETUM

Autumn Open Weekend

*A remarkable
collection of trees
in the heart of the
Chilterns*

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 October 2026
10.30am – 4pm

Free guided tours
at 11am, 1pm and 3pm

**Trees for a
Changing Climate**
Learn about how the trees
at the arboretum are coping
with a changing climate.

**Explore at
your own pace**
Enjoy autumn colour,
fruits, nuts and seeds.



Priestfield Arboretum
Stony Lane, Little Kingshill
HP16 0DS



Please park in Windsor Lane
and walk about 250 metres
up Stony Lane.



£2 adult entry
Children and FoPA members free.



Arboretum entrance what3words:
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By kind permission of the owners. Sturdy footwear advised.
No wheelchair access, toilets or refreshments. Charity no. 1191183

Find out more at
priestfieldarboretum.org.uk

Shop at the Lee

Lee Clump Road, Great Missenden HP16 9NB

Community owned, community run – by a wonderful community of volunteers.
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What you'll find in the shop

- Regular milk, oat milk & almond milk
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- Cakes and many other treats
- Frozen ready meals
- Plenty of goodies for the children (and grown-ups)
- All those useful everyday essentials



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Weekdays 7.30am - 5pm Saturdays 8am - 1pm
Sundays 7.30am - 12pm

Help keep our village shop thriving

Our volunteers allow the shop to keep serving the community, so we're always looking for more friendly faces to join us. Could you spare a regular shift, help out occasionally, or know someone who would be great? We'd love to hear from you!

Get in touch with the shop team: manager@shopatthelee.co.uk

Save the date!

Our Christmas Food & Gift Market is coming up!

Friday 20th November
6pm - 8pm

Saturday 21st November
8.30am - 1pm

There's lots more happening — and lots more to come! Keep updated



Please follow and like us



Half Term Events

Sun 11th Oct - Sun 1st Nov

Pumpkin Hunt Trail

Hunt our gardens for pumpkins to win a prize!
Best for age 3 - 11. Pre-book or drop in. £3.15 per child.
Please note museum is closed Mondays & Saturdays.



Sun 25th Oct

Halloween Ghost Hunt

Come dressed up and ready to scare in this after-dark Halloween experience. With spooky crafts, biscuit decorating and ghoulish games. Best for age 4 - 11. Pre-book. £7 per child.



Tue 27th & Wed 28th Oct

Discover & Make: Nature's Wind Chimes

Craft a natural wind chime using pine cones, feathers, twigs and twine. Best for age 4 - 11. Pre-book. £4.50 per child.



Book at wycombemuseum.org.uk

☎ 01494 957210 ✉ info@wycombemuseum.org 🌐 www.wycombemuseum.org.uk





SCAN ME



Register for Support

We aim to make Christmas a little more special by providing free toys and gifts at Christmas to children, aged 0-18 years old, that would otherwise not receive anything.

**Registrations for support are open from
26th October - 23rd November**

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Go to:
www.chilterntoybank.org
from 26th October - 23rd
November (inclusive) and
follow the link to the
online registration form.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Any parent or carer who
lives within the Chesham,
Amersham & Prestwood
area (and surrounding
villages) and is in need of
some additional help this
festive season with toys
and gifts for their children.

Chiltern Toy Bank is a registered charity
in England and Wales (11785516).

www.chilterntoybank.org





Toy & Gift Donations



Donations for new and pre-loved books, toys and gifts for children aged 0-18 are open from Saturday 24th October until Monday 2nd November 2026.

What we need:

Any new or pre-loved books, toys and gifts that are clean, complete and in good condition so they can be regifted to children this Christmas.

We really need: arts, crafts kits for ages 8+.
Science kits for ages 8+.
Gifts for teenagers (girls & boys) aged 13+.

CHESHAM

White Hill Centre
Post Office, High Street
Chesham Town Hall
(All subject to individual opening times)

PRESTWOOD

Hildreth's Garden Centre
(Subject to individual opening times)

What we cannot take:

- Soft toys without their CE label attached.
- Any toys with missing or broken pieces.
- Art kits, colouring books and make-up that are already used.
- Dressing up clothes.
- DVDs
- Large toys like bicycles or play kitchens.

AMERSHAM

Chiltern Lifestyle Centre
(Subject to individual opening times)

King's Church, Raans Road,
Amersham, Mon 26th -
Fri 30th Oct 9-3pm

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www.chilterntoybank.org



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)

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Contact Us

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

attendance@gmgl.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](#)

14th October School Disco

16th October Farmers Market

16th October Sibling and catch Up Photos

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