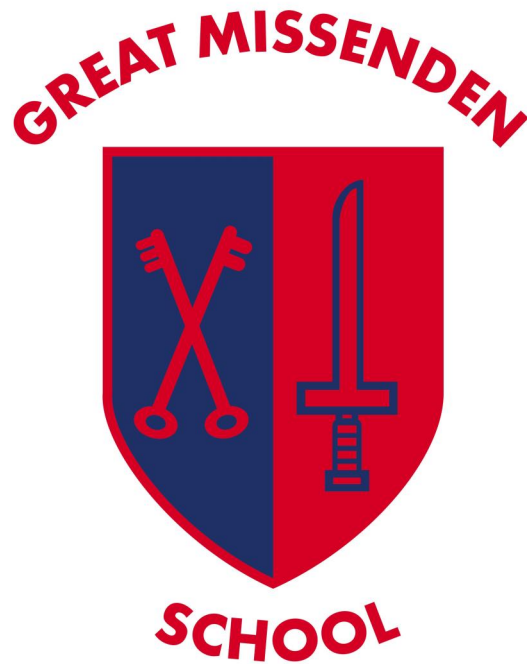




Great Missenden School - Autumn 7

*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 7- Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Friday everyone! Just one more week to go until half term!

We've had our Geography Development Week this week, and it's been great to see so much excellent Geography happening across the school. There has been some really impressive map work, from our youngest learners in Preschool all the way through to Year 6. It's been lovely to celebrate all the Geography the children are doing and see how their knowledge and skills are developing.

We're always looking for ways to bring learning to life, so if you work in a profession linked to any of the topics the children are studying, we'd love to hear from you! It would be fantastic to have more parents coming into school to share their knowledge and experiences with the children. Please do get in touch with the school office or speak to your child's class teacher if you think you could help.

The PTA disco was also excellent fun this week! A huge thank you to the PTA and all the other volunteers who helped organise such a brilliant event for the children. It really is appreciated!

Lots still to come in our final week of the half term, and we're looking forward to finishing strong!

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

Congratulations to 2M who achieved 100% attendance!

Office Update

- Individual School Photographs are ready to view and order using the QR code on your proof card. The sibling photos should be available by the end of next week. If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711.
- Parent Consultations are now available to book. **Please note** that the following teacher led clubs will be **cancelled on Tuesday 3rd November** due to the parent consultations:
 - Podcasting

- Netball
- Learning through Play
- Book Club

Brilliant Book

Preschool - Harry:

Harry has settled wonderfully into Pre-School and joins in enthusiastically with all aspects of learning and play. He is showing growing resilience by confidently trying new challenges and persevering when things become tricky.

Reception - Oliver:

Oliver has made a fantastic start to life at Great Missenden School! He is full of enthusiasm, works hard and always brings a smile and a wonderful sense of humour to the classroom. Oliver makes brilliant contributions to our class discussions and is a great friend to others, working and playing happily alongside his classmates. What a superstar!

1C - Buzz:

Buzz, fantastic writing! You have been working so hard on your letter formation and doing a brilliant job of getting all of your amazing ideas down on paper. You are a superstar, and it has been wonderful to see how much you have learnt and achieved in just half a term. Keep up the excellent work - we are all so proud of you!

2M - Ralph:

Ralph has shown a fantastic attitude to his learning this week. He was consistently worked hard and has particularly impressed me in our Science lessons, where he confidently contributed to our class discussions and made brilliant use of our key scientific vocabulary. Well done Ralph, and keep up the fantastic work!

3AH - Isabella:

For trying really hard with her presentation and handwriting. She has listened well and taken on feedback, working hard with her learning. Isabella is also very kind to others and keen to learn – well done, Isabella!

3VW - Angus:

Angus has settled in very well to 3VW. This week he has been a super star. He has been so helpful, always offering to do class jobs and he produced a very informative fact file about rivers around the world. Keep up the great work!

4A - Jude:

Jude has been really impressing me in recent weeks. He is such a creative child who is now really flexing his writing muscles. He has been channeling his creativity into his hot write and proving himself to be an excellent writer. Well done Jude!

4C - Arthur:

Arthur has consistently demonstrated an excellent attitude to learning this week. He is always ready to begin, often being one of the first pupils with his book open, writing his date and LO. Arthur has shown a real passion for mathematics, alongside impressive resilience when tackling areas of English that he may find more challenging. He is a conscientious learner who always strives to do his very best. Arthur, keep up your caring nature and enthusiasm for learning, and there is no doubt that you will continue to achieve great things!

5F - Florence:

Florence has had another fantastic week! She continues to be a positive role model, consistently showing what it means to be ready, respectful and safe. She always contributes her brilliant ideas during lessons and has written a fantastic warning story. I was also really impressed with her KILLER dance moves at the school disco! Keep up the amazing work and never stop being you!

5T - James:

James has had a great first term in 5T. He is always polite and respectful, and we've been really impressed by how willing he is to give everything a go. Whether it's science, PE or reading, James gets stuck in and tries his best. Keep up the amazing attitude, James!

6H - Poppy:

Poppy has been exceptional this week! She has shared so many of her ideas to the class during lessons, she is in the process of writing an excellent hot-write and has been noticed for being awesome by many members of staff. Well done, Poppy!

6B - Annabel:

This week, Annabel has been an amazing peer mentor, has completed some brilliant work, especially with place value in her maths. She has also demonstrated excellent self-regulation

strategies when things have been difficult and helped deliver a spectacular house captain assembly. Well done, Annabel!

6P -Fraser:

What can't Fraser do?! He's mastered long division in Maths, written an incredible warning story in English and continues to be a fantastic role model, even working overtime with the other Penn House Captains to create a brilliant first House Captain assembly. The only thing letting him down? His football team. Remember, Fraser, as bad as Chelsea may seem, Tottenham will always be a lot worse! 😊 Keep being a 6P Legend!

Respect Passport

Alice F-W in 6H.

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

🎆 Fireworks Extravaganza 2026 - Early Bird Ends Soon!

Only 1 week left to grab early bird tickets for our Fireworks Extravaganza on **Saturday 7th November**! Early bird closes on 23rd October, and this event is always a sell-out, so don't miss out. Expect spectacular fireworks and music, a huge bonfire, rides, food vans, a licensed bar and the famous PTA hog roast! 🐷

🎫 Book your tickets: [Great Missenden School PTA](#)

🧑 We Really Need You!

This year we're running the BBQ and hog roast ourselves, which means we need lots of helping hands on the night, as well as people to help on the bar and man the gates. Even just an hour of

your time makes a huge difference, and we'll make sure everyone gets to see the fireworks. We can't do it without you!

 [Volunteer](#)

OH YES IT IS... Only 4 Days Left for Panto Tickets!

Our discounted tickets for Sleeping Beauty at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre are just £21 each, but you need to book by Tuesday 20th October. Choose from:  16th December – 6pm  17th December – 6pm (the last day of term - a perfect way to start the holidays!)  30th December – 1pm

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

Second-hand Halloween Costume Sale

Get ready to trick or treat! Our second-hand Halloween costume sale is on Friday 23rd October at 3.15pm on the KS2 playground. It's the perfect way to find a spooky outfit without breaking the bank, while giving pre-loved costumes a second life! We'd also love a few volunteers to help set up and man the stall, so if you can spare a little time, please sign up here:

 [Volunteer](#)

Dates for the Diary

 23rd October – Second-hand Halloween Costume Sale, 3.15pm on the KS2 playground

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

 7th November – Fireworks Night  4th December – Christmas Singalong

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

 17th December – Aylesbury Theatre Panto - Sleeping Beauty, 6pm (last day of term!)

 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

🎉 **Congratulations Ms Turner!**

A big congratulations to Ms Turner, who followed our social pages and has won a family ticket to the Fireworks Extravaganza!

❤️ **A Big Thank You!**

Huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the disco - the kids had a brilliant time, and it wouldn't have happened without you.

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@gmglc.co.uk or you can contact the [Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board](#)

Community News and Events



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.

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.
Your friendly village shop is here to make life that little bit easier, with everyday essentials and treats, so you save a trip further afield.

Shop local, please support our village shop!

What you'll find in the shop

- Regular milk, oat milk & almond milk
- Fresh bread, sandwiches, salads & pastries
- Fresh local meat and produce
- Cakes and many other treats
- Frozen ready meals
- Plenty of goodies for the children (and grown-ups)
- All those useful everyday essentials



Scan the QR code



to leave us a
Google review!



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





A vibrant, comic-book style poster for Springbucks Gymnastics Club. The background is orange with black and white comic-style clouds and stars. Three young gymnasts are shown in various poses: one in a handstand, one in a split leap, and one in a handstand. A large yellow starburst in the top left contains the word "WOW!". The text "SPRINGBUCKS GYMNASTICS CLUB" is in black, followed by "AUTUMN CAMPS" in large yellow letters. Below this, the dates "Hazlemere 28/10 & 21/12 & Marlow 29/10 & 23/12" are listed. A central yellow starburst says "BOOK IN TODAY!". A QR code is in the bottom right, and the website "www.springbucks.co.uk" is at the bottom. The year "2026" is written in yellow next to the QR code.

WOW!

SPRINGBUCKS
GYMNASTICS CLUB

**AUTUMN
CAMPS**

Hazlemere 28/10 & 21/12 & Marlow 29/10 & 23/12

**BOOK IN
TODAY!**

2026

www.springbucks.co.uk

**NEW HOLIDAY CAMP
SET UP FOR 2026 !!!**

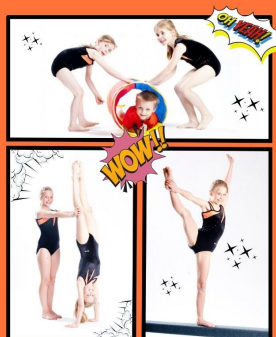
SIBLING DISCOUNT – 15% discount if 2 or more siblings are being booked onto camp for a full day, just use the promo code CAMP-1515

Jr Gym Camp (ages 3 & 4) - 9 – 1pm or 1 - 4pm – cost £25
Gymnastics Camp Days (age 5 – 12 yrs) - 9am – 4pm - cost £45
Tramp Camp (ages 5 – 16 yrs) at Hazlemere 1 – 4pm - cost £20

**CAMPS RUNNING
EACH HALF TERM
& SCHOOL HOLS**

HAZLMERE YOUTH CENTRE
Camp Day - Wednesdays
COURT GARDEN, MARLOW
Camp Day - Thursdays

**MULTI
SESSION
DISCOUNT**



Booking 2 full days or 3 half? 15% off with promo code CAMP-1515
Booking 3 full camp days? 20% off with promo code CAMP-2020



GREAT MISSENDEN LTC

OCTOBER HALF TERM TENNIS CAMPS

26TH - 30TH OCTOBER



09:00-12:00
or
09:00-15:00

BOOK 5 DAYS
GET 1 FREE!



Ages
5-14
Players of any
level!



All sessions
delivered by a
passionate team of
qualified coaches!



Early Morning drop
off from 8:30am



Racket hire
available



Sibling
discounts!



CONTACT

info@makeitennis.co.uk
or book with the link below



<https://make-it-tennis.pembee.app>



SCAN ME



Play • Learn • Improve



JOIN US FOR STEINER INSPIRED ARTS & CRAFTS HALLOWEEN HOLIDAY CLUB

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2026
09.30-15.00

SUITABLE FOR AGES 5-11
Qualified Educator facilitating all activities

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ENHANCED DBS CHECKED

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£75 inc. all resources
& a drink
Packed lunch
required
NO NUTS



MAX 8 CHILDREN PER
SESSION

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each child



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facilities



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bigtutoringchesham@gmail.com

Find us on
Instagram



October Half Term

24 October - 1 November 2026

This October half term, enjoy frightfully fun family activities at Discover Bucks Museum! Get creative with Halloween crafts and spooky science! Brave families can take on the Creepy Doll Hunt around the museum and no visit is complete without a trip to the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery and our SAXONS exhibition.

Discover more at discoverbucksmuseum.org
or scan the QR code



SCAN ME



Spiders & Webs

Monday 26 October

Make a colourful yarn-wrapped spider and weave a hanging web. 10am – 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 4-11

Ghouls and Ghosts

Tuesday 27 October

Make a 3d haunted scene for a moveable ghost to fly through. 10am – 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 4-11

Clay Monster

Wednesday 28 October

Sculpt yourself a terrifying (or not so terrifying) Halloween monster. 10am – 3pm, drop in. Suitable for ages 3-11

Spooky Science

Thursday 29 & Friday 30 October

Our popular Spooky Science workshop is returning for 2026! Join us for some spooky science: make a bubbling witches brew, create ogre slime and more! Timed slots. Suitable for ages 5-11

Play, Discover, Learn!
this October Half Term
in the Roald Dahl
Children's Gallery

For more event
details, charges and
to book please scan
the QR code
or visit
discoverbucksmuseum.org

Enjoy our spooky Trail
on everyday 24 October -
1 November

Creepy Doll Hunt

Saturday 31 October

Visit the museum after dark this Halloween for our Creepy Doll Hunt: explore one of the oldest buildings in Aylesbury by torchlight and discover the haunted dolls hidden throughout the museum. From 6.30pm, timed slots. Suitable for ages 10+

The SAXONS

Until 1 November 2026

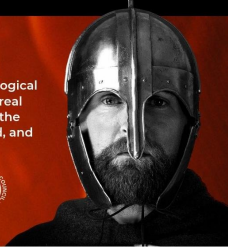
The SAXONS brings together extraordinary archaeological discoveries to tell powerful human stories. Through real artefacts, immersive displays, and vivid storytelling, the exhibition reveals how people lived, fought, believed, and were remembered over 1,300 years ago.

Discover Bucks Museum
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org

Registered Charity Number 153345



ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND





Half-term: Tuesday 27 October | 10.00 - 12.00

Superheroes, manga and anime workshop

Great Missenden Community Library. Free.
Ages 7-14 (under 8s must be accompanied by an adult)

Buckinghamshire Libraries
www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries



Family Advice and Education

 November 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	
Introduction to OCD	2 Nov 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	2 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	9 Nov 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 Nov 7pm
What is ACT?	10 Nov 10am
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	16 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 Nov 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	17 Nov 10am
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 7pm
FREE - Responding to Stress & Anxiety	19 Nov 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	23 Nov 10am
Facing Defiance	23 Nov 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
School Anxiety	24 Nov 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)

<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](#)

19-22nd October SEND Parents Evenings

22nd October Chiltern Open Air Museum Trip (Reception & Year 1)

23rd October Second-hand Halloween Uniform Sale

23rd October Harvest Service at the Church (Years 1-6)

23rd October EYFS Walk to Boug's Meadow,

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

26th November National History Museum Trip (Year 5)

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