Great Missenden School - Autumn 8

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 8- Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a start to the school year it has been! It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled into their new classes and routines. There has been so much fantastic learning

taking place across the school, and already so much progress to celebrate. I am incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and positive attitudes the children have shown throughout this first half term.

Unfortunately, the torrential rain today meant we had to make the decision not to walk to the church for our Harvest Service. Instead, we brought the service into school! A huge thank you to Malcolm for braving the weather and coming up the hill to join us, and a very well done to the children who led the service so confidently and beautifully.

Thank you also to everyone who generously donated items for **One Can Trust**. We have collected a tremendous amount, which will make a real difference to individuals and families in our wider community who need a little extra support. It is a lovely example of our school values being put into action.

And there is so much more to look forward to! Next half term promises to be another exciting one, with trips, visits, performances and plenty of new opportunities for the children to learn, grow and shine. We certainly won't be slowing down!

Finally, a huge thank you to the wonderful staff team for all their hard work this half term, and to you, our parents and carers, for your continued support.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term, whatever you have planned. Enjoy some well-earned family time, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back after the break, refreshed and ready for another exciting few weeks.

Have a wonderful half term!

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 93% - We know attendance can dip towards the end of term, but every day in school counts. We look forward to working together next term to improve our attendance figures and ensure every child has the best opportunity to learn and thrive.

Congratulations to 4C who achieved 96% attendance.

Book Fair

The Book Fair returns the first week back after half term! Please come along and purchase a book for your child if you are attending parents' evening by scanning a QR code on the day, or pay online when you receive their wish list home that week and the book will be delivered to them. As a school, we earn money as rewards to spend with Scholastic which we can then use to keep reinvesting in books for our classroom bookshelves and school library. We really appreciate your support.

Sports Ambassadors

A big well done to all of our Year 6s who trialled to become Sports Ambassadors! We are so proud of everyone who took part and were really impressed by the level of talent on show.

Congratulations to the following children who will be representing Year 6 as our Sports Ambassadors:

6P: **Cameron, Zak, Annabelle & Amelia**

6H: **Xander, Aaron, Alissia & Jess**

6B: **Josh, Henry, Emily & Alizah**

Well done, everyone! We can't wait to see you getting involved and inspiring others across the school! 🏆

Office Update

- **The cut-off date to order individual photos with free delivery back to the school is Monday 26th October at midnight.** (Well 11:59.59pm to be exact!) For any further assistance placing an order with Van Cols please contact the customer service team on 01206 273711 or aftersales@vancols.com Sibling and catch up photos should be available next week and will have a later cut off date for delivery.
- Parent Consultations are now available to book for the 3rd and 4th November. **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

- We are looking forward to our special **FUDGE Day** on **Tuesday 17th November**, from **8.50am to 10:30am**. To help us plan and manage numbers, we would be grateful if you could complete the short form below to confirm your attendance:

FUDGE Morning - Tuesday 17th November 2026 – Fill out form

PTA Update

🎆 **Fireworks Extravaganza 2026 - LAST DAY for Early Bird!**Today is your last chance to grab early bird tickets for our Fireworks Extravaganza on Saturday 7th November! Early bird closes tonight, and we've already sold a lot of tickets, 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, Really Need You!**

We are still desperately short of volunteers for the night, especially on the BBQ and bar. 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: Great Missenden School PTA

🗓️ **Dates for the Diary**

💻 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 FeteWishing everyone a lovely half term! 🍂

Lucy (mum to Daisy and Louis)

PTA Chair

Safeguarding

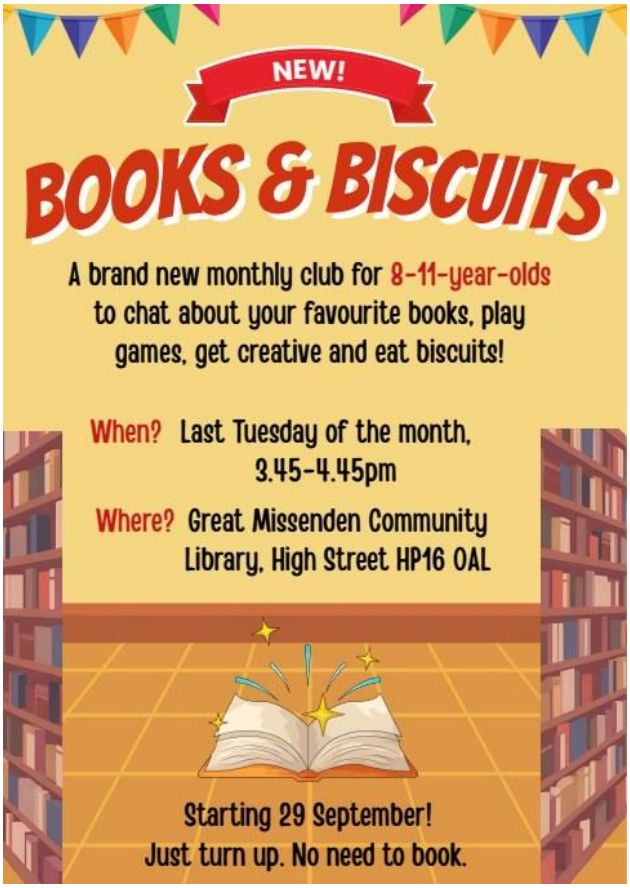
The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Lucia Magee (Attendance & Welfare Officer)

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.**

, is Rebeccca 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



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

OPEN

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

Scan the QR code to leave us a Google review!

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	Saturday 21st November
6pm - 8pm	8.30am - 1pm

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

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WYCOMBE MUSEUM

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

making christmas
CHILTERN TOY BANK
a little more special

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 (1175510).

www. chilterntoybank.org

Toy & Gift Donations

CHILTERN TOY BANK

making christmas a little more special

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+.

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.

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)

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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WOW!
SPRINGBUCKS
GYMNASTICS CLUB
AUTUMN
CAMPS
Hazlemere 28/10 & 21/12 & Marlow 29/10 & 23/12
2026
BOOK IN
TODAY!
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

GMLTC
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@makeittennis.co.uk
or book with the link below
https://make-it-tennis.pembee.app
SCAN ME
MAKE IT TENNIS
Play • Learn • Improve

Bridge the Gap
Tutoring & Art

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

- **OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE**
- **ENHANCED DBS CHECKED**
- **QUALIFIED PAEDIATRIC FIRST AIDER**

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

MAX 8 CHILDREN PER SESSION

One to one attention and support for each child

SELF CONTAINED, WELL EQUIPPED VENUE

Brightly lit studio with washroom facilities

COMPREHENSIVE AND ENGAGING

Seasonal Arts & Crafts

Find us on Facebook

Location: Chesham HP5 2RT

BOOK TODAY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT:
btgtutoringchesham@gmail.com

Find us on Instagram

Discover Bucks Museum
& Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Discover Bucks Museum
Church Street
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org
01296 331441

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

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

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

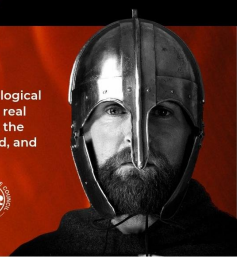
Clay Monster
Wednesday 28 October
Sculpt yourself a terrifying (or not so terrifying) Halloween monster. 10am – 3pm, drop in.
Suitable for ages 3-11

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

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.

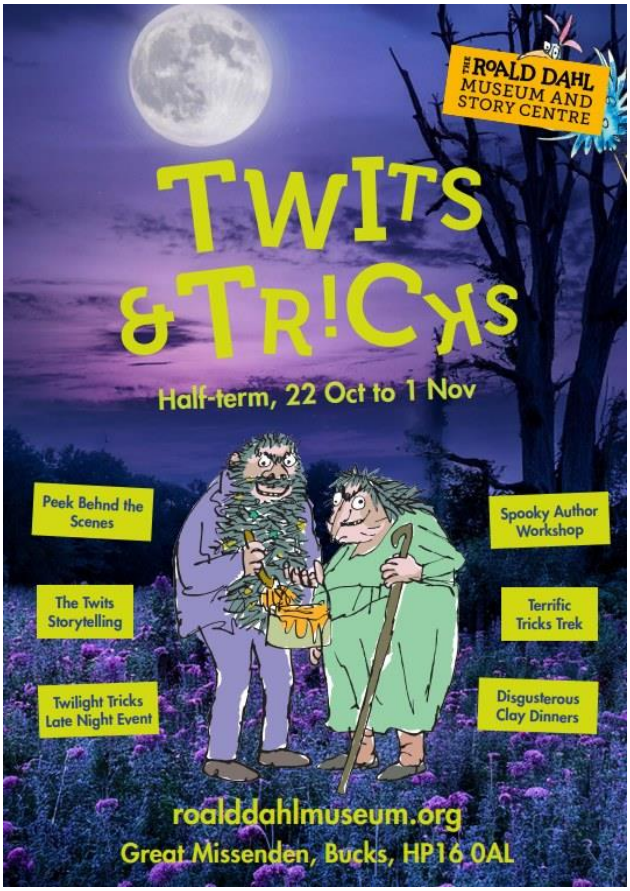


Discover Bucks Museum
Aylesbury HP20 2QP
discoverbucksmuseum.org

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Registered Charity Number 1153345

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
@BucksLibraries


THE ROALD DAHL MUSEUM AND STORY CENTRE
TWITS & TRICKS
Half-term, 22 Oct to 1 Nov
Peek Behnd the Scenes
Spooky Author Workshop
The Twits Storytelling
Terrific Tricks Trek
Twilight Tricks Late Night Event
Disgusterous Clay Dinners
roalddahlmuseum.org
Great Missenden, Bucks, HP16 0AL

Family Advice and Education

FACE

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)

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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

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

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

23rd November National History Museum Trip (Year 5)

25th November Inset Day

DECEMBER

1st December MAGEE Day (Mum's, Aunties, Grandmothers and Everyone Else)

2nd December EYFS Christingle Service at St Peter and St Paul Church, 9:30am

2nd December Christmas Lunch

4th December Christmas Singalong PTA

10th December Christmas Jumper Day

11th December Y3 Christmas Performance to parents, 2pm

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

17th December Break Up For Christmas at 2.15pm

18th December INSET Day

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