



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 23rd July - 2026



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

As we arrive at the end of this academic year, it is impossible not to feel a sense of pride when reflecting on how far the children have come. The year has brought many opportunities, challenges, and successes, and the children have approached each one with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn.

The children have formed friendships, discovered new talents, overcome obstacles, and created lasting memories along the way. Watching their confidence grow and seeing them mature into capable, thoughtful young people has been a privilege. They leave this year with much to be proud of, and every child has contributed to the many successes and special moments that have made this year so memorable. As the children look ahead to the next stage of their journey, we know they are ready to embrace the exciting opportunities that await them in September.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – IMPORTANT

Tuesday 1st September – INSET – School Closed.

Wednesday 2nd September – Children in Y1-6 return to school.

W/b: 7th September – Children in YR start school.

W/b: 7th September – All after-school clubs begin.

Parent Welcome Meetings

Tuesday 8th September – Year 5/6

Monday 14th September – Year R/1/2

Tuesday 15th September – Year 3/4

All sessions will run from 3pm-4pm

Year 6 Leavers' Farewell

Today, we gathered as a school community to celebrate and say goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 children as they reach the end of their primary school journey. It was a morning filled with pride, laughter, reflection and, of course, a few tears as we looked back on the many memories they have created during their time with us.

This particular group holds a special place in my heart, as they were the very first class to welcome me when I joined the school as Deputy Headteacher. Over the years, I have had the privilege of watching them grow into the remarkable young people they are today. Their enthusiasm, kindness, resilience and sense of humour have brought so much to our school, and it is impossible to imagine the school without them.

Whilst we are excited to see what the future holds for each and every one of them, there is no doubt that they will be missed immensely by both staff and pupils alike. The children leave behind a legacy of friendship, hard work and determination, and they should be incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

As they embark on the next stage of their education, I hope they carry with them the confidence to embrace new opportunities, the courage to face challenges, and the belief that they can achieve whatever they set their minds to. Although they may be moving on, they will always remain a valued part of our school family.

Good luck, Year 6. Thank you for the memories, the laughter and the impact you have had on our school. We are incredibly proud of you all and look forward to hearing about the wonderful things you go on to achieve.

Attendance Awards

Well done to **Louie, Joy, Leo and Lillie-Mai** for not having a single day off school this year! 100% attendance!

Fergus, Oakley, Lilah, Luna, Robin, Joy, Denny, Louie, Rupert, Leo, Callum, Hetty, Lillie-Mai, Raphy and Zephyr have not had a day off this term! Well done all of you, and I hope you enjoy gift bag.

It has been extremely pleasing to see our overall attendance rising this academic year.

Lost Property

We still have lots of un-named uniform items that have not been redeemed. The lost property box will be out on the playground at home time again. A reminder that any remaining items will be given to GRAFT to be sold back in second-hand uniform sales.

After-School Clubs

All after-school clubs will start week beginning the 7th of September. We do still have availability at some after-school clubs. Please contact the school office for further details. A reminder that all clubs finish at 16.15.

Could you be the newest member of GRAFT?

As we look ahead to another exciting year, we're keen to welcome new volunteers to our fundraising team. GRAFT has a huge impact on the opportunities and experiences we can provide for our children, but its success depends on the support of our parent community. If you've ever thought about getting involved, now is the perfect time. Please see the attached poster for more information.



Stars of the Term



In assembly this morning, we celebrated our stars of the term. It was a pleasure to share and celebrate your achievements and successes with everyone. **Always listening, always showing a positive attitude, always following our golden rules, and always taking responsibility.**

Class Star: Finley

Class Galaxy: Rylee

Class Comet: Lois

Our School Values

This week, it has been wonderful to see our pupils demonstrating our value of **nurturing relationships** in so many different ways. Throughout the school, children have shown kindness, respect and consideration towards one another, helping to create a positive and supportive environment where everyone feels valued and included.

As we approach the end of the school year, there have been many opportunities to celebrate the friendships and connections that have been built over the past months. Whether working collaboratively in lessons, supporting one another during activities, or simply taking the time to include others in games and conversations, the children have shown the importance of building strong and caring relationships.

Our Year 6 children have been wonderful role models in this area, reflecting on the friendships they have formed and the memories they have shared throughout their time at school. Across all year groups, pupils continue to demonstrate that positive relationships are at the heart of a happy and successful school community. We are incredibly proud of the kindness, empathy and respect they show towards one another every day.

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N urture Relationships
E ncourage
R emember More and Know More

Team Points

As we reach the end of the school year, it is time to count every team point from September until today. This will determine our Team Group Champion. Points for the end of 2025/26 Academic Year as followed:



EMERALD – 2981



RUBY - 2979



SAPPHIRE – 2952

CONGRATULATIONS TO TEAM EMERALD FOR BEING THIS YEAR'S WINNING TEAM GROUP!

A Personal Thank You

As another successful school year comes to an end, I would like to thank all of our families for your continued support throughout the year.

It has been a privilege to continue to lead such a wonderful school community and to see our children grow, achieve and make so many special memories. The partnership between home and school is invaluable, and I am incredibly grateful for the encouragement, trust and kindness you continue to show.

I wish you all a happy, relaxing and well-deserved summer break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Miss Smith

Gaddesden Wish List

If you are in a position to support the school, please have a look at our wish list which can be located via this link: [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk) This can also be found on the school website, in the top right-hand corner, quick links section.

At Gaddesden Row JMI School, we are fully committed to the safeguarding of pupils and take E-Safety very seriously. With the support of parents, we pro-actively teach our pupils how to keep themselves safe, including online.