



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 18th September - 2026



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

What a busy week it has been, and we're not quite finished yet with our Celebration Fayre taking place tomorrow!

A special well done to our Reception children, who have completed their first full week at school. They are settling in brilliantly and becoming more confident every day.

Children across the school have also been helping us prepare for tomorrow's celebrations, whether through artwork, displays or helping to make our school look its very best. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and pride they have shown as we get ready to celebrate our 150th anniversary.

Class Welcome Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended our Class Welcome Meetings over the past two weeks. It was lovely to see so many parents at the meetings, particularly those held this week. We hope you found the sessions informative and that they provided a helpful insight into class routines, expectations and the exciting learning planned for the year ahead.

We greatly value these opportunities to strengthen the partnership between home and school and appreciate the time parents took to attend.

We will be sharing dates for our first Parent Mornings after half term and look forward to welcoming you into school again soon.

150th Anniversary Celebration Fayre

The wait is almost over. Our 150th Anniversary Celebration Fayre takes place tomorrow, and we are looking forward to welcoming current families, former pupils and members of the local community for what promises to be a very special afternoon.

A few reminders before the big day:

- Parking for the event is available at Gaddesden Row Business Park, which is just on the other side of the Guide Hut. There is a path from the car park, on the opposite side of the road to the school, which leads towards the school.
- Please remember to send your child to school with their yellow school t-shirt, as this will be worn during the class and whole-school performances.
- Please bring cash if possible, as we do not have card payment facilities available at the fayre.
- On arrival, be sure to purchase a Game Card. For £10, children can enjoy 12 activities for the price of 10, making it the best value way to take part in many of the games and activities on offer.
- Don't forget to check the timetable of events sent out previously so that you can plan your afternoon and make sure you don't miss any performances or activities.
- And, of course, make sure you check the timetable carefully to see when your chance comes to soak certain teachers!

Thank you for all of your support, donations and contributions in helping us prepare for this milestone celebration. We can't wait to celebrate 150 years of Gaddesden Row JMI School with you all tomorrow.

School Council

Each class recently took part in a democratic vote to elect their new School Council representatives. Children who wished to stand shared why they would make a good School Councillor before their classmates cast their votes.

This week, we were delighted to announce the successful candidates and present them with their School Council badges. We know they will represent the views of their classmates thoughtfully and help make a positive contribution to school life throughout the year.

Congratulations to all of our newly elected School Councillors:

Class Kenny: Isabella and Eva-Mae

Class Peacock: Elsie and Leyton

Class Whitlock: Finley and Luna

We look forward to holding our first School Council meeting soon and hearing the children's ideas for the year ahead.



Stars of the Week

Class Whitlock: Fredrik

Class Peacock: Oakley

Class Kenny: Lola



Our School Values

Our school value this week has been **aspirational**, and we have seen many examples of it across the school. Being aspirational means aiming high, trying your best and taking pride in your achievements. Throughout the week, staff have noticed children demonstrating this value in their learning, showing determination when faced with challenges and always striving to improve. We have also been impressed by the enthusiasm and pride children have shown as they have helped prepare for our 150th Anniversary Celebration Fayre.

As we look forward to tomorrow's celebrations, we are proud of the ambition, confidence and positive attitudes our children have shown throughout the week.

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A	spirational	E	njoy
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O	pen-minded	N	urture Relationships
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		R	emember More and Know More



Attendance

Attendance Matters



Class Whitlock	Class Peacock	Class Kenny
96%	100%	99%

Well done to **Class Peacock** for getting **£10** in your attendance fund!

Team Points for the end of this week are:

318



312



311



Golden Book

Well done to **Bella** for persevering with her maths when she was finding it tricky and helping her classmates too. **Connie** for her fantastic focus when completing her Fantastic Beast design. Well done to **Oscar, Daniel and Hetty** for their amazing Plus Plus garden.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to celebrating 150 years of Gaddesden Row together tomorrow.

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.