



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 4th September - 2026



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

A very warm welcome to the new school year! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends.

It has been fantastic to see the children returning to school this week. They have settled quickly into their routines and have approached the start of term with enthusiasm and positivity. We are also delighted to be welcoming our new Reception children and their families, who will be joining us on Monday, and we look forward to getting to know them over the coming weeks.

Class Welcome Meetings

Our class welcome meetings will be taking place over the next two weeks. An email was sent on Wednesday with full details. Please see the dates below:

Tuesday 8th September – 15.30 - 16.15 – Y5/Y6 Class Welcome Meeting

Monday 14th September – 15.30 – 16.15 – YR/Y1/Y2 Class Welcome Meeting

Tuesday 15th October – 15.30 – 16.15 – Y3/Y4 Class Welcome Meeting.

After-School Clubs

All after-school clubs start next week and they all finish at 16.15. We still have some availability – please contact the school office to see what places are available.

150th Anniversary Fayre Reminder

Our 150th Anniversary Celebration Fayre is fast approaching, and we look forward to welcoming families, friends, former pupils and members of the local community to join us on Saturday 19th September from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

This promises to be a wonderful afternoon as we celebrate 150 years of Gaddesden Row JMI School. Visitors can enjoy live music, class performances, a variety of stalls and games, a bouncy castle, bar, and pizza van, with something for all ages to enjoy.

We are also delighted that the Mayor will be joining us to officially open our Celebration Garden, creating a special moment in what promises to be a memorable day for our school community. If you know former pupils, staff members, families or friends of the school, please help us spread the word. We would love to see as many people as possible come together to celebrate this significant milestone. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parent Calendar

A reminder that all key school dates, events and activities throughout the year will be shared via our Parent Calendar. We encourage families to check it regularly to stay up to date with important information and upcoming events.

We will continue to update it as new dates are confirmed, so please check it regularly. If you have any issues accessing the calendar, please get in touch with the school office and we will do our best to help.

Attendance

A great school year starts with great attendance. When children attend regularly, they are able to make the most of every learning opportunity, build confidence, and develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed.

Being in school each day is about more than learning in the classroom. It helps children form strong friendships, feel part of the school community, and benefit from the routines that support their wellbeing and independence.

Every day counts, and by working together to encourage regular attendance, we can give every child the best possible start and help them flourish throughout the year.



Stars of the Week

Class Whitlock: Annabelle

Class Peacock: Bailey

Class Kenny: Hetty



Our School Values

Our vision and values are at the heart of everything we do, helping to shape not only what children learn, but also the kind of people they become. Through our shared characteristics of learning, we aim to create a nurturing environment where every child feels valued, supported and inspired to achieve their best.

Alongside developing strong academic foundations, we want our children to grow into confident, kind and resilient individuals who are ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. We love seeing our values brought to life each day through the children's actions, attitudes and relationships, and it is a privilege to watch them grow and flourish throughout the year.

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W elcoming	E ncourage
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Attendance

Class Whitlock	Class Peacock	Class Kenny
98%	89%	95%

Attendance Matters



Well done to **Class Whitlock** for getting **£5** in your attendance fund!

Team Points for the end of this week are:



Golden Book

Well done to **Rupert and Hetty** for making an excellent start to their English work for the year. Well done to **Lola, Bella, Isabella, Callum and Connie** for their amazing teamwork when building bridges.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

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.