



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 9th October - 2026



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

What another busy week we have had at Gaddesden Row! The children have continued to work hard across the school, and it has been lovely to see them enjoying their learning and making the most of all the opportunities that school life brings. With just two weeks until half term, there is still plenty to look forward to, including Class Whitlock's exciting trip to Whipsnade Zoo next week and our Halloween celebrations later this month.

Whipsnade Zoo Trip

We are really looking forward to Class Whitlock's trip to Whipsnade Zoo next week! The children are very excited, and we know it will be a fantastic opportunity to bring their learning to life. A huge thank you to our families for helping to coordinate transport for the trip. We really appreciate everyone who has offered lifts and worked together to make the arrangements possible. Your support is hugely appreciated and helps us to provide these exciting experiences for the children.

GRAFT Halloween Disco

A reminder that GRAFT have organised a Halloween Disco on **Friday 23rd October**, taking place after school from 3:15pm to 4:45pm.

Pumpkin Carving Competition

Don't forget that our annual Pumpkin Carving Competition will also take place on **Friday 23rd October**. Children should complete their pumpkin designs at home and bring them into school on the morning of the competition. We'll display all of the pumpkins during a special whole-school assembly, with prizes for the best carvings. We're looking forward to seeing everyone's creative designs!

Happy Bags Collection

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our recent Happy Bags collection. We are delighted to have raised **£95.85 for the school!**

Thank you for your support - it's fantastic that unwanted clothing can be put to good use while also raising money for our children.

Christmas Cards

If they have not already, then the children will soon be bringing their completed Christmas card artwork home, along with an information leaflet.

A reminder that the ordering process is slightly different this year. Families will need to photograph their child's completed artwork and upload it directly to the website using the QR code on the leaflet. Orders for Christmas cards and other available products can then be placed online.

Full details were sent to families by email earlier this week. If you have any questions or experience any difficulties with the ordering process, please contact the school office.

Parents' Evening

A reminder that our first Parents' Evening of the year will take place on **Monday 19th October**.

Please remember that there will be **no after-school clubs on this day**, as all staff will be involved in parent consultations.

Parent Open Mornings

Following the success of our Parent Open Mornings last year, we are delighted to be inviting families back into school this term. These mornings are a wonderful opportunity to come into the classroom, see where your child learns and take part in a short activity together.

We love welcoming parents into school and sharing a little glimpse of the children's learning with you. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us!

Our mornings will run from **8:30–9:30am** on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 11th November – Class Kenny**
- **Wednesday 18th November – Class Peacock**
- **Wednesday 25th November – Class Whitlock**



Stars of the Week

Class Whitlock: Noah
Class Peacock: Paisley
Class Kenny: Connie



Our School Values

This week our chosen value has been **Open-Mindedness**. We have seen some lovely examples of this across the school this week. From children listening carefully to their friends' ideas, to being willing to try something new or reconsider their thinking, our pupils have shown that being open-minded is an important part of being a great learner. Our assembly on National Space Week was a lovely example of this too, encouraging children to be curious about the world around them and to think about ideas that might be completely new to them. We are really proud of the way our children **ask questions, listen to one another and approach new ideas with curiosity**. Well done everyone!

G enerous	L isten
A spirational	E njoy
D iscovering	A rticulate
R esponsible	R esilient
O pen-minded	N urture Relationships
W elcoming	E ncourage
	R emember More and Know More



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

**Well done to Class Peacock and Class Kenny
for getting £5 in your attendance fund!**

Attendance Matters



Team Points for the end of this week are:



Golden Book

Well done to **Finley** for his immaculate maths work, including completing two challenges. Well done to **Lilah, Primrose, Finley and Kobi** for their beautiful English work on the Great Fire of London. Well done to **Isabella, Lily, Oscar and Lola** for the fantastic diary entries about Ancient Greece. Well done to **Bella, Lily, Izzy, Daniel and Oscar** for outstanding effort and creative thinking when partitioning decimal numbers. Well done to **Rupert** for his awesome fact file about space. Well done **Connie** for her focus and effort in completing her work.

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.