



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 17th July - 2026



Good afternoon, friends and families,

The final full week of term has come to an end, and what a fantastic week it has been! Our children have continued to work hard, embrace new opportunities, and create wonderful memories with their friends and teachers. With just three and a half days of the academic year remaining, excitement for the summer holidays is certainly building. We still have a few special events and celebrations to enjoy before the end of term, giving us the chance to reflect on a wonderful year of learning, growth, and achievement. Thank you, as always, for your continued support—we look forward to ending the year on a high together.

Yesterday morning, Gaddesden Row JMI School featured on Hertfordshire's MIX 92.6 Breakfast Show as part of their Random School Selector feature. It was a proud moment to hear our school receive a special shout-out and celebrate everything that makes Gaddesden Row such a special place. We hope many of you were able to tune in and share in the excitement!

End of Year Show

Oliver with a Twist was a tremendous success, and we could not be prouder of all the children involved. They performed with confidence, enthusiasm, and plenty of smiles, showcasing their talents and the hard work they put into rehearsals over the past few weeks. The audience enjoyed two fantastic performances, and the children truly shone on stage.

A huge thank you to GRAFT for running the refreshments stall and helping to make the evening so enjoyable. Your continued support of our school is greatly appreciated.

A very special thank you also goes to Mr BG for the many hours of planning, rehearsing, and preparing that made the show such a success. His dedication, creativity, and commitment to our children are truly appreciated.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came along to support the performances. It was a wonderful celebration of our pupils' talent, confidence, and spirit, and a fitting highlight as we approach the end of another fantastic school year.

150th Anniversary Garden Clearing

A reminder that our next 150th Anniversary Garden Clearing session takes place tomorrow from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. If you can spare a few hours, we would be delighted to have your help. Whether you're green-fingered or simply happy to lend a hand, every contribution will help us create a wonderful outdoor space for our 150th anniversary celebrations. Please bring any gardening tools you have, and refreshments will be provided.

Thank you to everyone who has already shared their availability for the summer holidays. Whether you can spare an hour or a full day, your support will make a real difference and help create a lasting legacy for our children. Please send your availability by Monday 20th July so we can share the volunteer schedule before the end of term. Thank you for your continued support.

Clubs

Information about the clubs available from September has now been shared with families.

Booking opened yesterday at 6:00pm, and we encourage you to sign up promptly to secure a place. Clubs begin on Monday 7th September and will run from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. Please note that clubs may be cancelled if there is insufficient demand.

End of Year Reports

Your child's end-of-year report has been made available today via Arbor. We hope you enjoy reading it together and celebrating the progress, achievements, and successes they have enjoyed throughout the year.

We are incredibly proud of all our pupils have accomplished and thank our staff for their dedication and commitment in supporting every child to thrive.

Please remember to complete the feedback form linked in the cover letter to confirm that you have received and read your child's report. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

GRAFT Fundraising

As we come to the end of another busy year, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to all our families for supporting our fundraising activities. Together, we have raised over £3,500 this year, an amazing achievement that will benefit all of our children.

Our most recent fundraising events included the Sponsored Walk (£734.50), the Tea Towel Project (£134.70) and the Summer Fayre (£476). These events would not have been possible without the generosity, enthusiasm and support of our wonderful school community.

Thank you for helping to make this year such a success. We are incredibly grateful for your continued support.

End of Term

A reminder that the children break-up for the end of term next Thursday at 1.30pm.

Stars of the Week

Class Star: Oakley
Class Galaxy: Henry
Class Comet: Amy

Our School Values

This week it has been wonderful to see our pupils demonstrating our value of **resilience** in so many different ways. Across the school, children have shown determination, perseverance and a positive attitude when faced with challenges, continuing to try their best even when tasks have been difficult.

Our End of Year Show was a wonderful example of resilience in action. Learning lines, practising songs, remembering choreography and performing in front of an audience all required commitment and perseverance. The confidence and determination shown by every child was fantastic to see.

Children have also demonstrated the value of **resilience** in their learning and daily life around school. Whether tackling challenging work in the classroom, overcoming setbacks, solving problems independently or trying something new, pupils have shown that resilience helps them to grow in confidence and achieve their very best. We are incredibly proud of the determination they continue to show each day.

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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

Attendance



Class Star	Class Galaxy	Class Comet
98%	100%	99%

Attendance Matters



Well done to **Class Galaxy** for getting **£10** in each of your attendance fund!

Team Points for the end of the summer term are:

822



832



858



Congratulations to **Team Sapphire** for being summer term winners.

4 more days left for children to collect team points to help earn the house Cup for 2025/26.

Who is it going to be?

Golden Book

Well done to **Annabelle, Luna and Ronnie** for their amazing group project to design their own dinosaur. Well done to **Demi, Cassie, Lois, Alexia and Lillie-Mai** for the care and kindness they showed to our special guests on Monday. Well done to **Class Comet and Class Galaxy** for their fantastic performances of Oliver with a Twist. Well done to **Karolina, Theo, Henry, Noah, Paisley, Elsie, Robin, Eva, Oliver and Joy** for the maturity shown during their PSHE lessons this week.

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.