



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 11th September - 2026



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

Another busy week has flown by, and it has been lovely to see the children continuing to settle into the new school year. Our Reception children have also joined us for their morning sessions this week and have made a fantastic start to their time at Gaddesden Row.

As we head further into September, there is plenty to look forward to, with exciting learning opportunities and school events.

Class Welcome Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended the Class Kenny Welcome Meeting this week. We hope you found the session helpful and informative.

A reminder that the remaining class welcome meetings will take place next week. These sessions provide an opportunity to find out more about class routines, expectations and the exciting learning planned for the year ahead.

Monday 14th September – Class Whitlock Welcome Meeting – 15:30-16:15

Tuesday 15th September – Class Peacock Welcome Meeting – 15:30-16:15

We look forward to seeing as many parents and carers as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school.

Non-Uniform Day - Monday

A reminder that this coming Monday, 14th September will be a non-uniform day. In return, we are asking children to bring in a bottle donation for our Celebration Fayre tombola. We are very grateful for your generosity and look forward to seeing the collection grow ahead of the big day!

150th Anniversary Celebration Fayre

Our 150th Anniversary Celebration Fayre is now just over a week away, and excitement is building as we prepare to celebrate this special milestone in our school's history.

Thank you to everyone who has already offered support, donated items or volunteered to help. Yesterday, a timetable of events was sent out to families, so please do check this for details of performances, activities and timings throughout the afternoon.

We are particularly looking forward to seeing our pupils take centre stage throughout the afternoon, showcasing some of the talents, creativity and confidence that make our school so special. Alongside the performances, there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy games, stalls, refreshments and activities with friends and family. As well as being a celebration of our children and community today, the fayre is also an opportunity to reflect on 150 years of Gaddesden Row JMI School. We hope it will be a memorable afternoon for everyone who has been part of the school's story, past and present, and we look forward to sharing it with you.

Raise Free Funds for Us While You Shop!

A quick reminder that you can support us every time you shop online—at absolutely zero extra cost to you. Over 7,000 major brands (including Tesco, Asda, Amazon, Boots, and M&S) will donate a percentage of your checkout total to our school fundraising pot.

How to help in 60 seconds:

Click our link: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite>

Make it automatic: Download the easyfundraising App or install the Donation Reminder browser extension so you never miss a free donation when you shop.

Whether you are buying the weekly groceries, renewing insurance, or booking a weekend away, please remember to click through easyfundraising first! Thank you for your support.

Congratulations, Mrs Braybrooke!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Braybrooke welcomed a beautiful baby boy during the summer holidays.

Mum and baby are both doing well and enjoying this special time together as a family. We know that the children, staff and wider school community will join us in sending our congratulations and best wishes.

Mrs Braybrooke hopes to pop into school for a visit soon, and we are sure she and her little boy will receive a very warm Gaddesden Row welcome when they do!



Stars of the Week

Class Whitlock: Finley
Class Peacock: Tommy
Class Kenny: Lily



Team Captains

Class Kenny held a democratic vote this week to vote for the new team and vice captains in Year 5 and 6. The children delivered their speeches very well and, in assembly this afternoon, we announced the names for each team group and gave out new badges. I know you will all represent your team groups superbly! Well done to all of you.

TEAM SAPPHIRE – Co-Team Captain: Hetty **Co-Team Captain:** Daniel

TEAM RUBY – Team Captain: Bella **Vice-Captain:** Leo

TEAM EMERALD – Team Captain: Lily **Vice-Captain:** Oscar

Our School Values

Our school value this week has been **generosity**, and we have seen many examples of it across the school. Generosity is about more than giving things to others. It can be shown through kindness, sharing, offering help, including others, and taking the time to support those around us.

Throughout the week, staff have noticed children demonstrating generosity in lots of different ways, from helping friends with their learning and sharing resources, to welcoming others into games and activities. We have also been particularly proud of how many children have helped our new Reception pupils feel happy and included as they begin their journey at Gaddesden Row.

These everyday acts of kindness help make our school the caring and supportive community that it is, and it has been wonderful to see so many children living out this value in their actions.

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W elcoming	E ncourage
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Attendance

Class Whitlock	Class Peacock	Class Kenny
100% (1 late)	100%	99%

Attendance Matters



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

Team Points for the end of this week are:



Golden Book

Well done to **Luna** for her fantastic Englis work, creating new emotions characters. Well done to **Oscar, Lily Hetty, Daniel, Leo, Lola, Amy, Isabella and Bella** for preparing and delivering fantastic team captain speeches. Well done **Lola, Lily, Bella and Hetty** for their engagement and effort learning about tenths in maths.

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.