



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 26th June - 2026



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

As we come to the end of a very warm week, I would like to thank you for your continued support and flexibility. The high temperatures have brought challenges, and we are very grateful for your cooperation, including with our early collection arrangements, which have helped us manage the week safely.

GRAFT Summer Fayre

We are looking forward to the GRAFT Summer Fayre, which will take place after school next Friday.

A reminder that we will be holding two non-uniform days to support our Summer Fayre. On Monday, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a bottle donation for the tombola. A second non-uniform day will take place on Wednesday, when we would be grateful for donations of good-quality toys or raffle prizes (such as unwanted gifts in good condition).

Thank you in advance for your support. Donations are always greatly appreciated and help make the fayre a success for all of our children and families. We hope as many families as possible will be able to join us after school next Friday for what promises to be a fantastic community event.

150th Anniversary Sponsored Walk – Reminder

As we move closer to the day, this is a reminder about our 150th Anniversary Sponsored Walk, taking place on Tuesday 7th July as part of our school celebrations.

The children will be taking part in a special walk, aiming to collectively cover approximately 150 miles to mark this important milestone. The walk will be around 3 miles in total, taking place between 11:00am and 3:00pm. We would like to warmly invite parents and carers to join us at the halfway point in the village park for a picnic lunch, and you are also very welcome to join us for part of the walk if you would like to. It would be wonderful to share this celebration with as many of our school community as possible.

A reminder that all sponsorship money should be returned by Friday 10th July. If you need a replacement sponsorship form, please contact the school office.

We are very much looking forward to what promises to be a memorable day for the children and our wider school community. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Staffing Update – September

We are pleased to share a staffing update for September.

Mrs Graham will be joining us to teach the Year 3/4 class as maternity cover for Mrs Braybrooke. We are delighted to welcome her to the team.

We are also pleased to welcome Miss Robinson, who will be joining us as a new KS2 Teaching Assistant.

We look forward to them both becoming part of our school community and working with the children next term.

Move Up Morning – Thursday 9th July

We are looking forward to our annual Move Up Morning, which will take place on Thursday 9th July from 9.30am–12.00pm.

As there are no changes to class groups or settings for September (apart from in our infant class), this year's morning will have a slightly different focus. Children will remain in their current classes but will begin preparing for the year ahead, with an emphasis on developing their new class identity for September.

We are also pleased to share that Mrs Graham, who will be covering Peacock Class during Mrs Braybrooke's maternity leave, will be in school to meet the Year 3/4 children. In addition, our new Reception starters will be joining Whitlock Class for part of the morning.

The class names for September, inspired by local sporting stars are:

- **Whitlock Class (Reception/Year 1/Year 2)** – Max Whitlock
- **Peacock Class (Year 3/Year 4)** – Jonnie Peacock
- **Kenny Class (Year 5/Year 6)** – Laura Kenny

Term Dates 2027/28

Along with this newsletter, I have sent the term dates for the 2027/28 academic year. We encourage parents and carers to review these dates and keep them for future reference when planning holidays and other commitments. The term dates are also available on the school website.



Stars of the Week

Class Star: Finley
Class Galaxy: Paisley
Class Comet: Zephyn



Our School Values

This week it has been fantastic to see our pupils demonstrating the value of **listening** across a range of learning experiences. They have shown a genuine willingness to listen carefully to others, helping to create a positive and respectful learning environment for everyone.

Pupils have demonstrated excellent listening skills by paying attention during lessons, following instructions thoughtfully, and showing respect when others are speaking. They have listened to the ideas and opinions of their classmates, worked collaboratively, and responded in a considerate and meaningful way. They have also shown great maturity in coping with the warm weather, listening carefully to staff guidance and making sensible choices to stay safe, hydrated, and comfortable throughout the school day.

Generous
Aspirational
Discovering
Responsible
Open-minded
Welcoming
Listen
Enjoy
Articulate
Resilient
Nurture Relationships
Encourage
Remember More and Know More



Attendance

Attendance Matters



Class Star	Class Galaxy	Class Comet
98%	96%	97%

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

(Attendance data covers Monday to Thursday only, due to exceptional circumstances on Friday.)

Team Points for the end of this week are:



Golden Book

Well done to **Raphy** for being extremely helpful to his friends. Well done to **Oakley** for his fantastic letter formation. Well done to **Finley** for his amazing Plus-Plus story illustration. Well done to **Theo** for being so kind and helpful.

We hope you all have a lovely, hopefully slightly cooler, 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.