



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 5th September - 2025



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

Welcome back to a brand-new school year. I hope you all had a lovely break over the summer and enjoyed seeing friends and family.

The children have settled back into daily school life very well this week, and we have all enjoyed welcoming them back. We are very exciting to be welcoming our new children and families who will be starting in Reception on Monday.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – IMPORTANT

Thursday 18th September – Mike Mullen Growth Mindset Through BMX Workshop

Monday 22nd September – 15.30 - 16.15 – Y2/Y3 Class Welcome Meeting

Monday 29th September – 15.30 – 16.15 – YR/Y1 Class Welcome Meeting

Monday 6th October – 15.30 – 16.15 – Y4/Y5/Y6 Class Welcome Meeting

All children came home with letters today so that families can sign-up. If you require another copy of the letter, please contact the school office.

After-School Clubs

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

Homework and Reading Books

Next week, the children in Years 2-6 will come home with their first weekly homework of the new school year. Reading books and reading records will be coming home for the first time on Monday 15th September.

Arbor Parent Portal and Parent Mail

I hope you have all been successful in joining the Arbor Parent Portal. If you are having any issues, please contact the school office and we will try to resolve any issues. Friday 19th September will be the final day we will be using Parent Mail as a form of communication. Tuesday 30th September will be the final day you will be able to make a payment via Parent Mail.

Gaddesden Wish List

Thank you so much for your amazing generosity with our school wish list. The list remains active and we will update it throughout the year. Every purchase and donation helps us to have an exciting, broad range of texts in our school library or new resources and equipment to support learning in classes.

If you are in a position to support the school in this way, 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.

Our School Values

Our vision and values ensure that the characteristics of learning are at the heart of everything we do. They underpin our teaching and learning, creating an environment that nurtures academic skills to support progress through school and beyond. Equally importantly, they help children develop life skills and experiences that prepare them to thrive as confident, happy citizens.

We take great joy in seeing our children live out our school values each day and in watching them grow week by week.

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Celebration Assembly

Our first celebration assembly will take place next Friday. We will celebrate our 'Stars of the Week,' children selected for superb presentation and 'Stars of PE.'

We also have a blank Golden Book. Who will be the first children to have their names put into it and have their accomplishments shared with the rest of the school.

The race is now on to see who the first team will be to get the most team points...



Attendance

Regular school attendance is vital for every child's learning, wellbeing, and future opportunities. Each day in school builds on the one before, and missing lessons can make it harder to keep up and feel confident.

School helps children build relationships, develop teamwork, and feel part of the community. A steady routine supports children's emotional health and helps them feel secure and ready to learn. Put simply: **every day counts**. Good attendance gives children the best chance to succeed at school and beyond. Let's work together to make this year the best it can be for school attendance.

Attendance Matters



I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Smith

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.