



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 19th June - 2026



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

Lovely to have the sunshine back — it feels like everything has a little more energy with the brighter mornings and longer evenings. We've had another busy and successful week in school, with plenty of great learning, creativity, and positive moments across the classrooms.

Gold Badges

This afternoon in assembly, we were pleased to recognise pupils who have achieved their Gold Badge for 30 weeks in school to **Lilah, Demi, Isabella and Eva-Mae.**

Happy School Bag Collection

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Happy School Bag collection on Wednesday. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing £108.90.

All funds raised will go towards the development of our 150th Celebration Garden, helping us create a special space to mark this important milestone in our school's history.

Thank you for your continued support and kindness. It is greatly appreciated.

Speech Cup

Well done to all of the children for taking part in this year's Speech Cup competition. Every child participated in the class heats, and we were delighted by the confidence, effort and enthusiasm on display.

A special congratulations to our nine finalists, who represented their classes superbly in the final. The standard was extremely high, and the judges had a difficult task choosing a winner.

Congratulations to our overall Speech Cup champion, Rylee, on a fantastic performance.

We are already looking forward to building on this success with more oracy competitions next year, including the launch of our first Poetry Cup in the autumn term.

Sports Day

Thank you to all the families and friends who joined us for this year's Sports Day. We were fortunate with the weather, and the children were fantastic throughout the morning, showing great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship in every event.

We are incredibly proud of all the children for the way they participated and supported one another. Congratulations to **Team Emerald** for securing the highest number of points and becoming our Sports Day champions!

Soaked to the Bone...

The children had a fantastic time this afternoon taking part in our annual water fight. Armed with water pistols, buckets and plenty of enthusiasm, everyone joined in and enjoyed cooling off in the sunshine!

It was wonderful to see so much laughter, teamwork and good sportsmanship throughout the event, and the children represented the school brilliantly.

Non-Uniform Day for the Summer Fayre

As you know, our annual Summer Fayre will be taking place on Friday 3rd July, between 15:15 and 16:30, with a range of different stalls and activities to be enjoyed by everyone. On Monday 29th June, the children are invited to wear their own clothes to school in exchange for bringing in a bottle for the tombola.

150th Anniversary Garden Clearing

Thank you to everyone who came along to help with the garden clearing on the 13th. We made so much progress and achieved a huge amount in just a few hours.

A reminder that the next garden clearing session is taking place tomorrow (20th June), between 11:00am and 3:00pm. If you are available and able to help, your support would be greatly appreciated as we continue preparing the grounds for our 150th anniversary celebrations. Please bring any suitable garden tools if you have them. Refreshments will be provided on the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

Class Photographs

Class photographs will take place on Monday 22nd June. Children should attend school in full uniform on this day.

We are also hoping to capture a whole-school photograph to include in our 150th anniversary time capsule.

We're Looking for New GRAFT Members

As we approach the end of the school year, many of our current GRAFT members will be leaving, including a number of key organisers. Despite earlier interest, we are still in need of new volunteers to join the team.

Without a committed group of volunteers, GRAFT will not be able to continue in its current form. This would unfortunately mean we are unable to run the events and fundraising activities that enrich the experiences of our children.

GRAFT plays a vital role in bringing our school community together and supporting a wide range of events and opportunities for pupils. Being involved is a rewarding way to contribute, share ideas and make a real difference.

If you are interested in joining, or would like to find out more, please contact the school office. We would be very grateful to hear from anyone willing to get involved and help ensure GRAFT can continue.



Sports Day 2026

Super Stars

Ruby: Leo

Emerald: Harley

Sapphire: Daniel



Water Fight 2026

Most Soaked

Ruby: Lilah

Emerald: Lily

Sapphire: Alexia

Our School Values

This week it has been fantastic to see our pupils demonstrating the value of **welcoming** across a range of learning experiences. They have shown kindness and openness towards others, making visitors feel comfortable and valued during their time in school.

Pupils have been welcoming to visitors by greeting them politely, showing good manners, and demonstrating respectful behaviour around the school. They have taken care to listen carefully, respond appropriately, and represent the school in a positive and considerate way.

Across the school, children have consistently shown that they are developing a strong sense of what it means to be welcoming, and we are incredibly proud of the care, maturity, and positive attitude they have demonstrated.

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



Attendance

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

Attendance Matters



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

Team Points for the end of this week are:

639



629



649



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.