



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 25th September - 2026



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

This time last week, it felt as though every conversation started with the words "Have we remembered...?" Thankfully, after the huge success of our Celebration Fayre, life has returned to something resembling normality! While the pace may have been a little less frantic, it has still been a busy and productive week, with children working hard, making progress and enjoying the many opportunities that school life has to offer.

150th Anniversary Celebration Fayre

What an incredible afternoon we had at our 150th Anniversary Celebration Fayre! We were absolutely blown away by the number of people who came along to help us celebrate this very special milestone. It was wonderful to welcome current families, former pupils, staff, governors and members of the local community, all coming together to celebrate 150 years of Gaddesden Row JMI School.

The atmosphere throughout the afternoon was fantastic, with so many people enjoying the performances, activities, stalls and displays. It was particularly special to see past and present members of our school community sharing memories, reconnecting with old friends and creating new memories together.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event. Whether you volunteered your time, donated prizes or refreshments, helped with set-up and clear-up, ran a stall, performed, attended as a guest or simply spread the word, you played a part in making the day such a success. The generosity and support shown by our community was truly overwhelming.

Special thanks must also go to the Friends of Gaddesden Row, our staff and governors, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes over many months to plan and deliver such a memorable event. The dedication, enthusiasm and teamwork shown throughout the planning process made this celebration possible.

As we continue our 150th anniversary year, the fayre will remain a wonderful reminder of what makes our school so special: a strong, supportive community that is proud of its past and excited for its future.

We are still adding up the final figures, but we look forward to sharing how much was raised through the event in the coming weeks. Thank you once again for your generosity and support. Every penny raised will help us continue to provide enriching opportunities and experiences for our children and will leave a lasting legacy from this landmark celebration.

Thank you for helping us make our 150th Anniversary Celebration Fayre such a memorable and successful occasion.

Happy Bags Collection

Information about our upcoming Happy Bags clothing collection fundraiser was sent home with children this week. The collection will take place on Monday 5th October.

We would be very grateful for any donations of unwanted clothing. Every bag collected helps raise valuable funds for the school, so please do consider supporting the collection if you are able.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Parents' Evening

Our autumn term Parents' Evening will take place on Monday 19th October.

A letter containing further information, including booking arrangements and appointment details, will be sent home next week. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to discuss their child's progress and learning so far this term.

Online Safety

We are aware that some children are accessing social media platforms and online services that are intended for older users. Many of these apps have age restrictions in place to help protect children from content and interactions that may not be suitable for them.

We encourage parents and carers to regularly check the apps and websites their children are using and to have ongoing conversations about staying safe online. Thank you for your support in helping us promote safe and responsible technology use both at home and at school.



Stars of the Week

Class Whitlock: Poppy-Iris

Class Peacock: Leyton

Class Kenny: Callum



Our School Values

Our school value this week has been **discovering**, and we have seen many examples of it across the school. Being a discoverer means being curious, asking questions, trying new things and learning from the world around us.

Throughout the week, staff have noticed children demonstrating this value in their learning, exploring new ideas, tackling challenges with enthusiasm and developing their understanding across a range of subjects. It has also been wonderful to hear children reflecting on last weekend's 150th Anniversary Celebration Fayre, discovering more about our school's history and the important role it plays within our community. Children have also enjoyed discovering and exploring our new garden area, taking great interest in the opportunities it provides for learning, play and reflection. We are proud of the curiosity, engagement and positive attitudes our children have shown as they continue to discover and learn something new every day.

Generous **L**isten
Aspirational **E**njoy
Discovering **A**rticulate
Responsible **R**esilient
Open-minded **N**urture Relationships
Welcoming **E**ncourage
 Remember More and Know More



Attendance

Class Whitlock	Class Peacock	Class Kenny
93%	99%	96%

Attendance Matters



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

Team Points for the end of this week are:

488



479



475



Golden Book

Well done to **Noah B** for his fantastic reading and engagement during reading buddies on Tuesday. Well done to **Bella** for her beautiful presentation in maths. Well done to **Amy, Daniel, Eva-Mae, Lola, Rupert, Leo, Chloe and Connie** for excellent effort when creating a timeline in history. Well done to **Daniel, Connie, Isabella and Rupert** for their focus when using formal language in the fantastic beast non-chronological report. Well done to **Hetty** for her beautiful classification key in science.

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.