Gaddesden Row JMI School
Newsletter 26th November - 2026

Good afternoon, friends, and families,
As we head towards the end of November, the festive excitement is beginning to build around school! We've had another busy week of learning, creativity and opportunities, and there is plenty to look forward to as we move towards Christmas.

Bronze Attendance Badges
This week, we'll be awarding further bronze attendance badges to children who have completed 10 full weeks of school this academic year! It's fantastic to see so many children reaching this milestone, and we look forward to celebrating their commitment and consistency. Well done to **Harry, Primrose, Nell, Kobi, Luca, Lanayah, Noah B, Poppy-Iris, Oakley, Robin, Oliver, Paisley, Bella, Connie and Daniel** on receiving their badge this week!

Winter Art Workshops
Class Peacock have completed their winter art workshop this week, and it was a huge success! The children have produced some beautiful artwork and thoroughly enjoyed exploring their creativity. Classes Kenny and Whitlock will be completing their own winter scene paintings next week, which will be available to purchase at our GRAFT Christmas Fayre. These will make lovely keepsakes for families and are a fantastic way to support our school.

Class Whitlock Parent Open Morning
This week we welcomed parents into Class Whitlock for our final Parent Open Morning of the term. Thank you to everyone who joined us! These mornings are a lovely opportunity for families to share in the children's learning and see some of the fantastic things happening in our classrooms. We really appreciate your continued support.

Opera Workshops
This week the children also took part in our opera workshops, continuing their preparations for the Big Sing at Watford Palace Theatre next summer. It has been wonderful to see the children developing their singing and performance skills, and building their confidence along the way.

GRAFT Christmas Fayre
A reminder that our GRAFT Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 4th December, from 3.15pm–4.30pm. We hope you'll join us for a festive afternoon filled with stalls, treats and plenty of Christmas cheer!
A big thank you for the fantastic donations and raffle prizes we've received so far – your generosity really helps make the event special. Monday 30th November is our gifts and chocolate non-uniform day, and any contributions will be gratefully received for use at the fayre. Please also remember that there will be no after-school clubs on the day of the fayre. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Christmas Trips – Consent and Payment Reminder
A quick reminder that consent and payment for both our whole-school pantomime trip on Thursday 10th December and Class Kenny's Warner Bros. Studio Tour on Friday 11th December need to be completed via Arbor. Please make sure that both consent and payment are submitted for your child so that we can finalise arrangements. Thank you!

Christmas Postbox
Our Christmas Postbox will be opening in school on Monday 30th November! Children are welcome to bring in their Christmas cards for friends and staff, and our little posties will help deliver them around school in the run-up to Christmas. Please remember to write the recipient's name and class clearly on the envelope to help us make sure every card finds its way to the right person!

A Festive Bedtime Story Advent Calendar
We've been asked to share something a little different with our families this Christmas! The *Father Christmas Bedtime Story Advent Calendar* features 24 original stories, read by Father Christmas himself, with a new story to enjoy each evening throughout December. If you're looking for a little extra festive magic at bedtime, you can find out more at www.christmasbedtimestories.co.uk.

Key Dates – Rest of the Autumn Term

- **Friday 27th November:** Occasional Day – School Closed
- **Monday 30th November:** Non-Uniform Day – Gifts and Chocolate
- **Friday 4th December:** GRAFT Christmas Fayre
- **Wednesday 9th December:** Christmas Dinner
- **Thursday 10th December:** Whole-School Pantomime Trip
- **Friday 11th December:** Class Kenny Warner Bros. Studio Tour
- **Tuesday 15th December:** Class Whitlock - Nativity
- **Friday 18th December:** Last Day of Term

Stars of the Week

Class Whitlock: Lanayah
Class Peacock: Nalaya
Class Kenny: Leo

Our School Values

This week's school value is **Nurture Relationships**. At Gaddesden Row, we know that the relationships we build with one another are at the heart of our school. Whether it's welcoming someone into a game, helping a friend who is finding something tricky, listening carefully when someone is speaking or simply making sure everyone feels included, the little things we do every day help make our school a happy and supportive place to be. We want our children to understand that strong relationships are built through kindness, respect, trust and looking out for one another. This links beautifully with our termly Philosophy for Children (P4C) afternoon next week, where children will work alongside pupils from other classes to explore some of life's bigger questions. Through thoughtful discussion, sharing their ideas and listening to different perspectives, the children will have the opportunity to learn from one another and put this week's value into practice.

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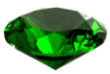
Attendance

Class Whitlock	Class Peacock	Class Kenny
91%	92%	94%



Unfortunately, no money this week.

Team Points for the end of this week are: 1,522 1,508 1,495





Golden Book

Well done to **Leyton and Tommy** for their super aim during active maths activities. Well done to **Harley** for trying his hardest even when he had hurt himself. Well done to **Finley** for being super helpful and an excellent listener. Well done to **Ronnie and Annabelle** for joining in with the active maths activities so sensibly when others around them were being silly.

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 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.