



Gaddesden Row JMI School Newsletter 8th May - 2026



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

As we head into the final two weeks of what has been a very busy half term, there is still plenty to look forward to across the school. It's always a lively and exciting time of year, with lots of events and opportunities for the children to enjoy.

We would also like to wish our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck for their SATs next week. We know how hard they have worked and are confident they will do us, and more importantly themselves, proud.

Parent Open Mornings

It was wonderful to celebrate Class Comet's morning yesterday. The event had such a positive atmosphere, and it was a real pleasure to see so many families joining us to share in the children's learning. The pupils were incredibly proud to showcase what they have been working on, and it was lovely to see the strong sense of community these mornings create.

These events have been a fantastic addition to the school calendar this year, and we are delighted with how well they have been received. We are pleased to confirm that they will continue next year, with the aim of holding one each term.

Scooter Workshop – Friday 8th May

We had a fantastic time at our Scooter Workshop today, delivered by BMX Academy. All pupils enjoyed an engaging introductory assembly, and children in Class Star and Class Galaxy took part in practical sessions throughout the day.

It was wonderful to see the children developing their skills, building confidence and, most importantly, having lots of fun. The enthusiasm and positive attitudes on display made the day a real success, and it was great to see so many pupils challenging themselves and supporting one another.

Thank you for your support in preparing for the day – it was a brilliant experience for everyone involved.

School Games Mark

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

150th Celebration Garden Design

We are currently finalising the design and will be sharing this with you soon. The first stage of the project will be site clearance, and if you are able to support with this, please contact the office.

LEGOLAND Trip and Enrichment Day

A reminder that our LEGOLAND trip will take place next Wednesday. We will be departing school at 9:00am, so please ensure children arrive on time and ready for a prompt departure. We will be leaving LEGOLAND at 4:00pm, with an expected return to school at approximately 5:00pm, depending on traffic.

On the Thursday following our visit, we will be holding a LEGOLAND enrichment day in school, designed to build on and enhance the children's learning from the trip. Further information will follow.

INSET Day

A reminder that Friday 22nd May is an INSET day, so the school will be closed to children on this day.



Stars of the Week

Class Star: Annabelle
Class Galaxy: Eva
Class Comet: Demi



Our School Values

This week, it has been fantastic to see our pupils truly embracing the value of **generosity**. Across the school, children have been showing kindness, sharing their time and resources, and looking out for one another in thoughtful and meaningful ways.

In lessons and beyond, pupils have demonstrated a genuine willingness to support each other; whether that's helping a classmate, including others in their play, or offering encouragement when it's needed most. It has been particularly encouraging to see children taking pride in being kind and recognising the positive difference their actions can make to those around them.

- G**enerous
- A**spirational
- D**iscovering
- R**esponsible
- O**pen-minded
- W**elcoming
- L**isten
- E**njoy
- A**rticulate
- R**esilient
- N**urture Relationships
- E**ncourage
- R**emember More and Know More

Attendance



Class Star	Class Galaxy	Class Comet
92%	97%	99%

Attendance Matters



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

Team Points for the end of this week are:



Golden Book

Well done to **Raphy, Cassie, Lois, Zephyn, Rupert, Eva-Mae, Hetty, Leo and Connie** for their super neat presentation when creating classification keys. Well done to **Bella** for her concentration and presentation when creating her classification key. Well done to **Rupert, Connie, Alexia, Cassie and Bella** for their fantastic history posters. Well done to **Primrose, Luna and Sebby** for their excellent independent sentence writing. Well done to **Louie, Bailey, Theo and Elizabeth** for their brilliant Greek Myth story explanations.

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.