



Gaddesden Row JMI School Newsletter 5th June - 2026



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

As we come to the end of our first week back, I would like to thank everyone for helping the children settle back into school so positively. It has been a busy week, and it has been wonderful to see the children returning with such enthusiasm for their learning.

Gold Badges

This afternoon in assembly, we were pleased to recognise pupils who have achieved their Gold Badge for 30 weeks in school to **Kobi, Denny, Karolina, Alexia, Lois, Lily and Oscar**

Take One Book Week

This week, we have been enjoying our Take One Book Week, with the whole school exploring *The Day the Crayons Came Home* by Drew Daywalt. Children across the school have taken part in a range of creative and engaging activities inspired by the story, and it has been fantastic to see how different year groups have interpreted the book in their own unique ways. We have been particularly impressed by the children's imagination, creativity and thoughtful discussions throughout the week.

Opera Workshop

We were delighted to welcome the Royal Opera House team into school on Tuesday for the first of our Create & Sing workshops. The sessions were a great success, with children fully engaging in the creative activities and enjoying the opportunity to explore storytelling, music and performance through opera.

We are looking forward to welcoming the team back for the follow-up workshops on 16th June, when the children will continue developing their skills and ideas as part of this exciting project. We can't wait to see how their work progresses!

Speech Cup – Reminder

Our Speech Cup competition will be taking place soon as part of our continued focus on Oracy. Children should be preparing a two-minute speech at home on a topic of their choice, ready to present to their class during the week beginning Monday 15th June.

Following class presentations, three children from each class will be selected to progress to the final, which will be held in front of the whole school on Thursday 18th June.

Thank you for your support in helping the children prepare.

Happy Bags Collection – Reminder

Our Happy Bags clothing collection fundraiser will take place on Wednesday 17th June.

We would be very grateful if families could send in any unwanted clothing donations to support this event. Every item collected helps raise valuable funds for the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sports Day and Water Fight – Reminder

A reminder that our annual Sports Day will take place on Friday 19th June, starting at 9:30am (families welcome from 9:20am).

Children should come into school wearing their house team coloured T-shirt, ready for a fun day of teamwork, competition and celebration. The afternoon will also include our much-loved Water Fight.

Stars of the Week

Class Star: Finley
Class Galaxy: Theo
Class Comet: Alexia

Our School Values

This week it has been fantastic to see our pupils demonstrating the value of **responsibility** across a range of learning experiences. They have shown increasing independence, care and commitment in their work, taking ownership of tasks and ensuring they are completed to a high standard. Pupils have been responsible in their learning behaviours, making thoughtful choices, following routines well, and supporting others where needed. They have also shown responsibility in how they manage resources, listen carefully, and contribute positively to class discussions and group work. Across the school, children have consistently shown that they are developing a strong sense of responsibility, and we are incredibly proud of the maturity and attitude they have demonstrated.

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 Star	Class Galaxy	Class Comet
94%	88%	92%

Attendance Matters



Unfortunately, no money awarded this week.

Team Points for the end of this week are:



Golden Book

Well done to **Noah** for his fantastic depth of knowledge and enthusiastic engagement during the opera workshop. Well done to **Robin, Louie, Karolina, Noah, Rylee, Harley, Oliver and Henry** for their excellent butterfly lifecycle comics. Well done to **Luca** for his perfect number lines and confident counting forwards and backwards. Well done to **Kobi, Finley, and Annabelle** for making very good joins as they practised building their crayon fort. Well done to **Hetty, Lois and Alexia** for their extremely realistic playdough teeth. Well done to **Lily and Isabella** for their fantastic geometry, using protractors.

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.