



Gaddesden Row JMI School Newsletter 24th October - 2025



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

As we reach the end of this half term, it's been wonderful to reflect on how busy and full of fantastic learning opportunities it has been for the children. From engaging lessons to creative projects and exciting events, the children have embraced every experience and made excellent progress.

We hope the children have a fantastic time at the GRAFT Halloween disco, enjoying a fun way to celebrate the end of a busy half term.

Black History Week

The children loved exploring inspiring stories from *Empowering Stories for Black Children* and celebrating Black history, culture, and achievement. Our first-ever P4C afternoon was a real highlight, with pupils reflecting thoughtfully on kindness, respect, and equality. What a joyful and engaging week!

Author Visit

Children in Years 3–6 thoroughly enjoyed their author visit with Ryan Crawford on Tuesday. They learned all about his new book and his writing process. Ryan shared how his experience as a FIFA game designer influenced his approach to writing and explained the journey of getting his book published. He also answered the children's questions, including how long the writing process took and the nature of his collaboration with the illustrator. The session ended on a fun note as everyone shared their favourite jokes.

Happy School Bag

A reminder that your child came home with a letter and collection bag for our next used clothes drive with Happy School Bag. Your donations help raise funds for the school!



When: Thursday, 13th November



Where: Morning drop-off

Thank you for helping us make this collection a success!

Pumpkin Carving Competition

We had a fantastic time celebrating the end of half term and Halloween with our Annual Pumpkin Carving Competition! There were lots of great designs from the children, and it was wonderful to see their creativity on display. Well done to our winners and to everyone who took part!

Individual School Photos

We are pleased to announce that individual school photos will be taken on Tuesday 11th November. Please ensure your child comes to school in full uniform on this day.

GRAFT Update – Join the Fun!

We're excited to share some upcoming events:

- **Christmas Fayre:** Friday 5th December
- **Spring Term Events:** Curry & Quiz Night, Easter Fayre & Bonnet Parade, Whole School Self-Portrait Tea Towels

GRAFT is looking for new volunteers to help make these events a success. All funds raised go directly to benefit the children and their learning experiences. If you'd like to get involved, contact Emma De-Allie on 07956 609790.

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.



Stars of the Week

Class Star: Annabelle
Class Galaxy: Louie
Class Comet: Alexia



Our School Values

This week our chosen value is **Welcoming**. We have loved seeing so many children putting this into action by looking out for their friends, including others in games and activities, and showing kindness and support to those around them. It's wonderful to see everyone helping to make our school a warm and friendly place where friendships can grow and everyone feels valued.

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



Attendance

Attendance Matters



Class Star	Class Galaxy	Class Comet
97%	94%	98%

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

Team Points for the end of this week are:

646



616



586



Golden Book

Well done to **Elizabeth, Denny, Paisley, Louie and Karolina** for their music – staying in time and showing great teamwork. Well done to **Robin, Tommy and Karolina** for their fantastic Great Fire of London house creations. Well done to **Luna** for her amazing presentation and calculation accuracy. Well done to **Rylee** for her excellent presentation of column subtraction. Well done to **Hetty and Zephyn** for their super paragraphs about the stages of the chocolate making process.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Smith

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.