



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 30th January 2026



Good afternoon, friends, and families

January is almost over, and what a busy start to the year it has been! With just two weeks to go until half term, there's still plenty happening across the school. It has been lovely to see our children engaging enthusiastically in lessons, clubs, and special projects, showing great energy and creativity.

GRAFT Valentine's Disco – Friday 13th February

We're excited to announce that the GRAFT Valentine's Disco will be taking place after school on Friday 13th February! Full details, including timings and how to take part, will be shared with parents very soon. We can't wait for a fun and festive afternoon for all the children!

Team Emerald

The children in Team Emerald enjoyed their reward on Wednesday for being last term's winning team. They spent the afternoon with snacks, free time, colouring, and watching a film. All children thoroughly enjoyed their well-deserved treat!

Paperless Accident Form Coming Soon!

After the February half term, our paper accident books will have almost run out, and we will be moving to a fully paperless accident reporting system. All accident forms will be completed digitally through Arbor, and you will receive an email confirmation. This change will make the process faster, more efficient, and more environmentally friendly.

We're Looking for New GRAFT Members

Many of our current GRAFT members will be leaving at the end of this school year. Without new faces to join, GRAFT may not be able to continue supporting our school community in the future.

Being part of GRAFT is a wonderful way to get involved, help organise events, fundraise, and make a real difference for our students.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact the school office for more information. We would love to hear from you!

Early Success for Our New Home Reading Approach

We've recently introduced a weekly book change system, and although it's still very early days, the signs are already encouraging. Children are taking more time to enjoy their books rather than rushing through them, and staff are enjoying hearing them read and discuss stories more regularly. We're excited to see this approach helping to foster a love of reading, and we look forward to sharing more progress in the coming months!

Library Book Change Day

Please note that Class Galaxy's library day has moved from a Thursday to a Friday.



Stars of the Week

Class Star: Lilah
Class Galaxy: Henry
Class Comet: Cassie



Our School Values

This week, it has been fantastic to see our pupils putting **discovery** into action. Across the school, children have been exploring new ideas, asking thoughtful questions, and showing excitement in their learning. From investigating science experiments to uncovering creative solutions in projects, pupils are demonstrating curiosity, imagination, and a readiness to explore the unknown. We are so proud of how everyone has embraced this value, and we look forward to continuing to nurture a love of learning and discovery in all areas of school life.

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 |
|------------|--------------|-------------|
| 78% | 100% | 97% |

Attendance Matters



Well done to **Class Galaxy** for getting **£10** in your attendance funds!

Team Points for the end of this week are:



Golden Book

Well done to **Luna and Nell** for their fantastic independent sentences about the man on the moon. Well done to **Lilah** for her super word writing about the man on the moon. Well done to **Hetty and Raphy** for their brilliant speeches about time travel. Well done to **Demi, Bella, Oscar, Callum, Cassie, Zephyn and Lois** for their amazing use of the four pillars of public speaking. Well done to **Bella, Francesca, Hetty, Oscar and Lillie-Mai** for their perseverance with long division.

I 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.