



Gaddesden Row JMI School

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Good afternoon, friends, and families

We are now halfway through the half term and rapidly approaching the midpoint of the school year. So far, the children have enjoyed a range of exciting learning activities and events, and over the next few weeks, we have even more planned to continue building on their achievements.

NSPCC Workshops

We are pleased to welcome the NSPCC into school on Thursday 5th February to run workshops with children in Years 2 to 6. These sessions are designed to help children understand how to stay safe, recognise risks, and know where to turn for support if they ever feel worried. The workshops provide a safe and engaging space for children to learn important safety messages in an age-appropriate way.

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week 2026 is taking place from 9th-13th February 2026. This year's theme is "*This is My Place*", focusing on the importance of belonging and feeling connected. Throughout the week, children will take part in activities that help them explore what makes them feel included, supported, and valued.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day takes place on Tuesday, 10th February 2026. This year's theme is "*Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI*". The focus is on helping children understand the impact of Artificial Intelligence and encouraging safe, responsible use of technology.

Rolling Drop-off and Collection

Can I please ask parents to remember that we run a one-way system at collection and drop-off to ensure the safety of our children as we have had some near misses recently. If you wish to park-up at either end of the day, please follow the one-way system to reach your parking space or park on the road and walk down. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Celebrating 150 Years!

This year marks a very special milestone for our school as we celebrate 150 years of learning, community, and tradition. Celebrations will take place throughout the summer term and continue into the autumn and spring terms next year, with a range of events and activities planned for students, families, and the wider community. Please keep an eye on future newsletters and communications for more details on how we'll be marking this exciting occasion together.

Stars of the Week



Class Star: Luca
Class Galaxy: Noah
Class Comet: Lily

Our School Values

This week, it has been wonderful to see our pupils putting **aspiration** into action. Across the school, children have been setting personal goals, challenging themselves in their learning, and striving to do their very best in every task. From tackling tricky problems in class to trying new activities with confidence, pupils are showing curiosity, determination, and a willingness to persevere. We are so proud of how everyone has embraced this value, and we look forward to continuing to encourage a growth mindset.

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



Attendance Matters



Attendance

Class Star	Class Galaxy	Class Comet
95%	98% (5 lates)	98% (6 lates)

Well done to **Class Galaxy** for getting £5 in your attendance funds!

Team Points for the end of this week are:

195



154



170



Golden Book

Well done to **Luca** for this super confident reading and application of phonics. Well done to **Oscar, Lois and Zephyn** for their fantastic teamwork whilst sorting inventions by date. Well done to **Cassie** for her amazingly accurate sorting of inventions by date. Well done to **Luca, Luna, Sebby, Nell, Kobi, Primrose and Harry** for their excellent understanding of related facts.

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.