



## Gaddesden Row JMI School Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> May - 2026



### Good afternoon, friends, and families,

As tomorrow is an INSET day, I am sending this week's newsletter a little earlier than usual. It is hard to believe we have already reached half term, and what a fantastic and exciting final week it has been! From our wonderful trip to LEGOLAND Windsor Resort to our enrichment activities in school, the children have represented the school brilliantly and should be very proud of all they have achieved. We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved and restful half term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 1st June, ready for the final stretch of the school year.

### Gold Badges

This afternoon in assembly, we were pleased to recognise pupils who have achieved their Gold Badge for 30 weeks in school to **Luna, Oakley, Robin, Raphy, Zephyr, Bella, Rupert and Callum.**

### P4C Afternoon

This week's P4C (Philosophy for Children) afternoon gave the children the opportunity to explore the idea of first impressions and the importance of not judging a book by its cover. Together, they discussed the question: *"Does a bad first impression make someone a bad person?"* The children shared thoughtful opinions, challenged each other's ideas respectfully, and reflected carefully on how people can often be much more than our first assumptions. It was wonderful to see such empathy, curiosity and deeper thinking throughout the discussions, as well as the children continuing to develop their confidence, communication and reasoning skills.

### LEGOLAND Trip

We had a fantastic day on our trip to LEGOLAND Windsor Resort yesterday, and the children were a real credit to the school throughout the visit. They demonstrated excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and maturity, making the day enjoyable for everyone involved. The children had great fun exploring the rides and attractions, creating lots of happy memories together. It was wonderful to see them supporting one another, showing patience and excitement, and fully embracing all the experiences the day had to offer. We are incredibly proud of how well the children represented the school and are sure this will be a trip they remember for a long time.

### LEGOLAND DT Enrichment Day

Today, the children took part in our LEGOLAND enrichment day, working in house teams to design and create a brand-new area for LEGOLAND Windsor Resort. Using their experiences from yesterday's trip, the children reflected on the rides, attractions and themed areas they had explored to help inspire their own ideas and designs. The children demonstrated fantastic creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills as they developed their concepts and prepared their final pitches. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and collaboration shown by all of the teams throughout the day. A special well done to **Team Ruby** for their successful pitch and winning design! All of the children should be very proud of the creativity and effort they showed throughout the challenge.

### Speech Cup

As part of our continued focus on Oracy, the children will soon be taking part in our Speech Cup competition. Children are invited to prepare a two-minute speech at home on a topic of their choice before presenting it to their class during the week beginning Monday 15th June. Following the class presentations, three children from each class will be selected to progress to the final, which will take place in front of the whole school on Thursday 18th June. Children are encouraged to learn their speech by heart where possible, although prompt cards, props and presentations may also be used to support them.

## Opera Workshops

We are excited to be taking part in a special opera project in partnership with the Royal Opera House's Create and Sing programme. Pupils will enjoy two creative workshop days exploring storytelling, music and performance, with the first workshop taking place on Tuesday 2nd June. We are looking forward to this exciting opportunity for our children to experience opera in a fun and engaging way.

## SPORTS DAY and Water Fight

With one of the highlights of the school calendar fast approaching, we wanted to make sure families have the date in their diaries for our annual Sports Day on Friday 20th June. Families are welcome to join us from 9:20am, with events beginning at 9:30am. We are looking forward to a fantastic morning of teamwork, determination and friendly competition.

The fun will continue into the afternoon with our annual Water Fight! Children should come to school wearing the coloured t-shirt that matches their house team. If you are unsure which colour your child should wear, please ask a member of staff. Further information will be shared after half term.

## Our School Values

This week it has been fantastic to see our pupils embracing the value of **discovery** across a range of rich and engaging learning experiences. They have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm as they explored new ideas, took part in thoughtful discussions, and worked collaboratively to solve creative challenges. Pupils have also had the opportunity to draw on real-life experiences to inspire their thinking and design work, reflecting carefully and making meaningful connections in their learning. It has been wonderful to see them asking questions, sharing ideas and approaching each task with such interest and imagination.

Across the week, children have demonstrated a real spirit of discovery and we are incredibly proud of the curiosity, engagement and creativity they have shown.

**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

Class Star	Class Galaxy	Class Comet
96%	98%	99%

Attendance Matters



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

Team Points for the end of this week are:



We hope you all have a lovely half term!

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.