



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 21st November - 2025



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

With just four weeks to go until we break up for Christmas, excitement is beginning to build across the school. The children are enjoying the run-up to the festive season, and we're looking forward to a busy few weeks of learning and celebration. Thank you for your continued support.

Bronze Badges

Today marks week 10 of the term, and we will be awarding bronze badges to Nell, Finley, Louie, Rylee, Robin, Karolina, Henry, Joy, Oliver, Paisley, Demi, Alexia, Lillie-Mai, Lois, Francesca, Bella, Lily, Rupert, Eva-Mae and Leo in assembly this afternoon. Well done for fantastic attendance!

Maths Week at Gaddesden Row!

This week we've been celebrating Maths Week across the school, and the children have absolutely thrown themselves into a wide range of numeracy and problem-solving activities.

Our youngest learners in Class Star enjoyed exploring numbers through playful, hands-on tasks and sharing in the whole-school excitement for maths.

On Tuesday, pupils in Class Galaxy and Class Disco took on a series of eight devilish puzzles and conundrums, working together with brilliant perseverance and plenty of smiles as they cracked each challenge.

KS2 pupils also proudly represented Gaddesden Row in the national England Rocks! competition on Times Tables Rock Stars, battling it out against schools across the country and showcasing just how confident and fluent they are becoming with their times tables. We placed 593rd out of the 4,356 schools who competed nationally as came 52nd out of 484 schools in our region – an incredible achievement! Special mentions to Lily, Bella and Cassie, who were our 3 most valuable players in the competition.

It's been a fantastic week of thinking hard, being creative, and celebrating the joy of maths!

GRAFT Christmas Fayre

A quick reminder that our GRAFT Christmas Fayre will take place on **Friday 5th December, from 15:15 to 16:30**. We'd love to see you there for an afternoon of festive fun, stalls, and seasonal treats.

If you are able to donate a suitable prize for the raffle, please bring it in by **Thursday 27th November**. Children will be coming home today with raffles tickets for you to purchase to be drawn at the fayre. We hope you can join us!

Please note, there will be no after school clubs on this day.

Individual School Photos

A letter has been sent home this week with details about your child's individual school photo. Please scan the QR code on the letter to view the photo and follow the instructions to place your order. Make sure all orders are submitted by **Monday 1st December**.

Parent Morning – Class Galaxy

A reminder that our Parent Morning in Class Galaxy is taking place on **Tuesday 25th November from 8:30 to 9:30**. This is a wonderful opportunity to look at your child's work and complete an activity with them. We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Change to Home Reading

After Christmas, we will be introducing a new approach to home reading. A detailed letter will be sent out nearer the end of term, but in the meantime, we would like to invite all parents to a meeting on **Wednesday 7th January from 15:30 to 16:00** to go through the changes and answer any questions. We hope you can join us!

Christmas Activities Date Reminder

Thursday 27th November – Non-Uniform Day (bring in a bottle for the bottle tombola)

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Monday 1st December – Non-Uniform Day (bring in chocolate gift for the chocolate tombola)

Friday 5th December – GRAFT Christmas Fayre

Monday 8th December – Paper Chains return

Wednesday 10th December – Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Thursday 11th December – Whole School trip to the Pantomime

Tuesday 16th December – Class Star Nativity performances.

Occasional Day

A reminder that we have our annual Occasional Day next **Friday the 28th of November** and school will be closed to all pupils.



Stars of the Week

Class Star: Harry
Class Galaxy: Denny
Class Comet: Callum



Our School Values

This week our chosen value is **Articulate**. We've seen so many wonderful examples of children showing this value throughout the school! From clearly expressing ideas during class discussions, to sharing thoughtful explanations in science, and choosing precise vocabulary in writing — it's been inspiring to see everyone communicating with confidence and purpose. By learning to be articulate, we're helping to make our school a place where every voice is heard, valued and understood.

Generous
Aspirational
Discovering
Responsible
Open-minded
Welcoming

Listen
Enjoy
Articulate
Resilient
Nurture Relationships
Encourage
Remember More and Know More



Attendance

Class Star	Class Galaxy	Class Comet
95%	93%	99%

Attendance Matters



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

Team Points for the end of this week are:

866



854



837



Golden Book

Well done to **Hetty and Lois** for fantastically neat science work. Well done to **Bella** for her amazing Spanish work about the weather. Well done to **Elizabeth, Leyton, Joy, Karolina, Rylee, Louie, Denny and Tommy** for their excellent historical reports about the people involved in the Gunpower Plot. Well done to **Luna** for her brilliant cutting and presentation skills. Well done to **Harry** for his super understanding of repeating patterns. Well done to **Bailey, Tommy, Louie, Rylee, Oakley and Leyton** for their excellent support for Reception on Wednesday. Well done to **Tommy, Elizabeth, Bailey and Louie** for creating an amazing rap with actions.

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.