



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 27th November - 2025



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

Even though it's only Thursday, our school week has come to an end as tomorrow is our annual occasional day. Teachers have certainly made the most of the time, managing to fit five days of learning into four, and the children are very much looking forward to a slightly longer weekend.

Christmas Decoration Competition

Today we were delighted by the fantastic Christmas decorations brought into school! Each class selected a shortlist of designs to share in an extended assembly this afternoon. Every decoration will be proudly placed on our school Christmas tree. Photographs of the designs can be found on our school Facebook page. Congratulations to our individual class winners, Annabelle, Rylee and Lois and our overall teacher's award winner, Eva-Mae.

Bronze Badges

Well done to Harry, Luna, Kobi, Annabelle, Oakley, Tommy, Denny, Oakley, Raphy, Zephyn, Oscar, Callum and Connie for achieving your bronze badge today for 10 full weeks in school.

GRAFT Christmas Fayre

A quick follow-up reminder that our GRAFT Christmas Fayre will take place next Friday, 5th December, from 15:15 to 16:30. We hope you'll join us for a festive afternoon filled with stalls, treats, and plenty of Christmas cheer.

A big thank you for the fantastic bottle donations and raffle prizes we've received so far—your generosity really helps make the event special.

Just a quick note that Monday is our chocolate-donation non-uniform day, and any contributions will be gratefully received for use at the fayre.

Please also remember that there will be no after-school clubs on the day of the fayre.

Parent Morning – Class Galaxy

We had a fantastic time in Class Galaxy on Tuesday for our Parent Morning! It was so lovely to see so many parents joining in and taking part in learning activities alongside their children. The maths carousel was a real hit, and the children were excited to show off their skills. It was wonderful to see everyone collaborating, sharing ideas, and celebrating the children's achievements together.

A big thank you to all the parents who came — we're already looking forward to welcoming you to Class Comet's Parent Morning on Monday 9th December!

Paperless Accident Form Coming Soon!

After the Christmas break, we will be moving to a paperless accident reporting system. All accident forms will be completed digitally through Arbor and you will receive an email. This will make the process faster, more efficient, and more environmentally friendly.

Our Trip to the Panto...

Thank you to all families who have already given permission and made payment for our Christmas Pantomime visit. Just a reminder that the deadline for completing both permission and payment is Wednesday 3rd December.

Paper Chains

Each child came home today with their paper chains ready to decorate for the Christmas Lunch competition. Full instructions are included in the letter provided with the paper chains. Please decorate them and return them, along with the £2 entry fee, by Monday 8th December.



Stars of the Week

Class Star: Finley
Class Galaxy: Theo
Class Comet: Bella



Our School Values

This week our chosen value is **Resilience**. We've seen so many amazing examples of children demonstrating this throughout the school! From tackling challenging problems in maths, to persevering with tricky tasks in English, and bouncing back after setbacks in creative projects — it's been inspiring to see everyone showing determination and a "never give up" attitude. We've also been incredibly proud of the resilience pupils have shown during assessment week, approaching each paper with focus, effort, and a calm, can-do mindset. By learning to be resilient, we're helping to make our school a place where challenges are met with courage, effort is celebrated, and every child can grow and succeed.

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
95%	100%	95%

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

Team Points for the end of this week are:

926



909



891



Golden Book

Well done to **Tommy** for his excellent clay Diva lamp. Well done to **Karolina, Tommy, Noah and Bailey** for creating a fantastic dance routine to communicate feelings related to the Gunpowder Plot. Well done to **Rupert and Leo** for the amazing detail on their water cycle diagram. Well done to **Raph, Zeph and Oscar** for their brilliant fraction chains.

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.