



## Gaddesden Row JMI School Newsletter 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026



### **Good afternoon, friends, and families**

What a lovely first week back it has been! The children have returned full of energy and smiles, quickly settling into routines and enjoying being back together with their friends. Classrooms have been busy with great learning and plenty of proud moments already - a wonderful start to the half term ahead.

### **Silver Badges**

Earning their silver badge for 20 full weeks in school today are **Luna, Kobi, Rylee, Oakley, Karolina, Henry, Lois, Raphy, Zephyr, Rupert, Eva-Mae and Callum** in assembly this afternoon.

### **Take One Book Week**

Take One Book Week has been a creative and inspiring week across the school, centred around the beautiful story *Ocean Meets Sky* by The Fan Brothers. Children explored the text thoughtfully, discussing its themes, imagery, and sense of adventure, and used it as inspiration to write their own fantasy stories.

Linking their English work with Geography, children also designed and created detailed maps to chart the journeys from their stories. It has been wonderful to see such creativity combined with careful geographical thinking, and to watch ideas from one book spark such rich learning across the curriculum.

### **World Book Day**

A quick reminder that although the official World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating at school on Wednesday 4th March. This will be our dress-up day, and we can't wait to see the children come as a book character that links to their favourite hobby or activity - creativity is very welcome! Classes will enjoy special book-themed activities throughout the day, and there will be a whole-school picture hunt to add extra fun. It promises to be a joyful day full of stories, imagination, and celebration of reading.

### **Exciting News from Our School Community**

We're delighted to share that Mrs Braybrooke is expecting a baby. This is wonderful news for her and her family, and we know the whole school community will be pleased to hear it.

Mrs Braybrooke will remain with us until the end of this academic year before beginning her maternity leave over the summer. During the coming months, she will continue in her role as usual, and we will ensure that plans are carefully put in place to provide continuity and stability for our pupils when she begins her leave. Further information about arrangements for next year will be shared in due course. Please join us in wishing Mrs Braybrooke a happy and healthy pregnancy, and every happiness as she prepares to welcome her new arrival.

### **Happy Bags Clothes Collection – Reminder**

A reminder that our Happy Bags clothes collection will take place on Thursday 12th March. If you are planning to donate, please ensure your filled bags are brought into school by the morning of Thursday 12th March. Bags can include good-quality adult and children's clothing, paired shoes, belts, handbags, toiletries, perfumes, souvenirs and unwanted gifts (please ensure all items are clean and in a reusable condition). Thank you for your continued support. Your donations help raise valuable funds for the school while also supporting sustainable reuse of clothing.

### **INSET Day – Friday 13th March**

A reminder to parents that Friday 13th March is an INSET day. School will be closed to all pupils on this day as staff will be undertaking training and professional development.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 16th March.



## Stars of the Week



**Class Star:** Ronnie  
**Class Galaxy:** Tommy  
**Class Comet:** Daniel

### Our School Values

This week, it has been heart-warming to see our pupils truly living out our value of **welcoming**. With two new children joining our school community, everyone has made a special effort to offer smiles, kind words, and helping hands. From showing new classmates around to making sure they had someone to play with, our children have demonstrated kindness, empathy, and a real sense of belonging. We are so proud of the thoughtful way our pupils have embraced this value and helped ensure that everyone feels part of our school family.

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



## Attendance

Attendance Matters



Class Star	Class Galaxy	Class Comet
82%	93%	98%

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

Team Points for the end of this week are:

576



616



510



### Golden Book

Well done to **Isabella and Bella** for their fantastic singing performance during our Electric Umbrella performance. Well done to **Demi, Chloe, Theo and Harley** for their amazing dancing during our Electric Umbrella performance. Well done to **Raphy, Rylee and Henry** for their excellent jokes during our Electric Umbrella performance. Well done to **Lillie-Mai** for her awesome drawings of Eeyore. Well done to **Ronnie** for being so nice and kind to other children. Well done to **Fergus** for this brilliant number writing all the way up to 31.

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.