



Gaddesden Row JMI School Newsletter 20th March 2026



Good afternoon, friends, and families

What a fantastic day we've had! Our fun-filled Easter Fayre has just wrapped up, and it was an absolute joy to see so many families, children, and staff coming together. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed their time, energy, and creativity to make the event such a success, your efforts will make a real difference in supporting our school.

As we head into the final week of the Spring term, we look forward to finishing on a high note and celebrating all that our pupils have achieved.

Please be aware that we will finish at 13:30 next Friday due to the end of term.

Silver Badges

Earning their silver badge for 20 full weeks in school today are **Primrose, Luca, Lilah and Chloe** in assembly this afternoon.

Reminder: Annual Easter Decoration / Egg Competition

Just a quick reminder that our "decorate your own Easter decoration or egg" competition will take place on Friday 27th March.

There's still time to get creative and take part—we can't wait to see all your fantastic entries!

Reminder: Clubs Update

Just a reminder that this week was the final week of clubs for this term. Please note that there will be no clubs running next week.

The Summer Term clubs letter has been sent out today, and booking will go live this evening.

Sports Coaching Provider Update

We would like to inform parents that from next term, our sports coaching provider will be changing from Challenge to Sportopia.

There will be no changes to the PE curriculum or lesson structure. However, Sportopia will be offering an additional extra-curricular club, providing even more opportunities for pupils to get involved in sport.

All coaches are fully qualified and deliver high-quality sessions. We also look forward to building strong links with Sportopia to further enhance and develop our overall sports provision across the school.

Parent Open Mornings for Summer term

We're delighted to invite parents to our Summer Term Parent Open Mornings! Each session will run from 8:30–9:30am, with the first 30 minutes to explore the classroom and pupils' work, followed by a short learning activity with your child. These mornings are a wonderful opportunity to celebrate learning and strengthen the home–school connection.

Dates:

- **Thursday 23rd April** – Class Star
- **Thursday 30th April** – Class Galaxy
- **Thursday 7th May** – Class Comet

We look forward to welcoming you into the classrooms!

Exciting Update – Class Organisation from September 2026

We are making a small change to how classes are organised to better support learning and progression. From September, classes will be grouped as R/1/2, Y3/4, and Y5/6.

This change allows teachers to focus on age-appropriate teaching, secure key skills, and provide smoother transitions for pupils. Full details, along with a presentation, can be found on our school website within the Statutory Information section under Curriculum.

Changes to statutory policies

We would like to inform parents and carers that we have made some small updates to our statutory SEND policy, SEND Information Report, and Behaviour policy as part of our regular review process to ensure they remain up to date and in line with current guidance. The updated policies are available to view on the school website, and we encourage you to read them at your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Stars of the Week

Class Star: Fredrik
Class Galaxy: Noah
Class Comet: Zephyn

Our School Values

This week, it has been wonderful to see our pupils truly living out our value of articulate. Across classrooms and around the school, children have shown confidence in expressing their ideas, explaining their thinking, and engaging in meaningful discussions. Whether sharing their learning, asking thoughtful questions, or presenting their work, our pupils have demonstrated clarity, confidence, and respect for others' viewpoints. By embracing articulate communication, they are helping to create a learning environment where every voice is valued and ideas are shared with purpose.

Generous **L**isten
Aspirational **E**njoy
Discovering **A**rticulate
Responsible **R**esilient
Open-minded **N**urture Relationships
Welcoming **E**ncourage
Remember More and Know More

Attendance



Class Star	Class Galaxy	Class Comet
100%	92%	98%

Attendance Matters



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

Team Points for the end of this week are:



Golden Book

Well done to **Cassie and Hetty** for their amazing Easter project. Well done to **Oscar** for adding fantastic detail to his scene description. Well done to **Bella** for her super growth mindset in maths. Well done to **Cassie** for brilliant presentation in her geography work. Well done to **Daniel** for his sensational homework project around the curious question, 'Why do volcanoes erupt?' Well done to **Annabelle** for her excellent colourful semantics sentence building and writing. Well done to **Harry and Primrose** for their brilliant independent sentence writing. Well done to **Primrose** for her super number recognition and recording up to 50.

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.