



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 16th January 2026



Good afternoon, friends, and families

I hope you're well and have had a great week. Two weeks in, and we're already well and truly back into the swing of things!

Swimming Lessons

Our first swimming session was a great success. The children were assessed to ensure they are grouped appropriately, allowing them to get the most out of the upcoming lessons. Their behaviour was excellent, as always, and we look forward to seeing them make progress and build confidence over the coming weeks.

Clubs

All after-school clubs have started this week, and the children have been enjoying both new activities and some old favourites. There are still places available, so please contact the office if your child would like to join any.

Team Points Reward

I met with Team Emerald this week to discuss their chosen reward for winning the Autumn Term. They have chosen to enjoy some free time with snacks and a film, which will take place on Wednesday 28th January.

Dates for this half term

Wednesday 28th January – Emerald Autumn Team Points Winners Celebration Afternoon
Wednesday 4th February – Dacorum Sports Partnership KS1 Sports Hall Athletics Competition
Thursday 5th February – Y2-6 NSPCC Workshops
Wk. Beg. 9th February – Wellbeing Week
Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11th February – Whole School P4C Afternoon
Friday 13th February – 100th Day of School
Friday 13th February – GRAFT Valentines Disco

We're looking for new governors

Our school is currently seeking new governors to join our governing body, particularly those with experience or a background in finance. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference in the education and wellbeing of our students.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact the school office for further information. We would love to hear from you.

Easyfundraiser – A reminder

You can help raise free donations for Gaddesden Row JMI simply through your everyday online shopping. By signing up with easyfundraising and shopping via their website or app, a small donation is made to the school at no extra cost to you. There are over 8,000 retailers to choose from, including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis & Partners, and Just Eat.

Signing up is quick and easy, and every little bit helps our school.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gaddesden-row-jmi/?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=social&utm_content=raisingforascchool-wa1

Stars of the Week

Class Star: Oakley

Class Galaxy: Oliver

Class Comet: Hetty



Our School Values

This week, it has been inspiring to see our pupils putting **generosity** into action. Across the school, children have shared their time, care, and support with others—helping classmates, showing thoughtfulness, and contributing positively to the school community.

We are so proud of how everyone has embraced this value, and we look forward to continuing to encourage acts of kindness, teamwork, and thoughtfulness as the term progresses.

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W elcoming	E ncourage
	R emember More and Know More



Attendance

Attendance Matters



Class Star	Class Galaxy	Class Comet
100% (3lates)	100% (1 late)	99%

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

Team Points for the end of this week are:



Golden Book

Well done to **Lillie-Mai** for her fantastic painting. Well done to **Tommy** for his super presentation and bubble handwriting. Well done to **Oliver** for his great effort and use of capital letters and full stops. Well done to **Finley and Fergus** for their excellent independent phonics work. Well done to **Lily** for her brilliant contributions during Spanish. Well done to **Lily** for her superb understanding of sound waves. Well done to **Tommy and Bailey** for their amazing Rapunzel diary entries. Well done to **Paisley** for being super speedy with her writing.

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.