



**Gaddesden Row JMI
School
Newsletter 24th April - 2026**



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

It has been another busy and exciting week in school, and the lovely weather has certainly helped to make it even more enjoyable for the children. There has been a real sense of positivity across the school, with children showing great enthusiasm in their learning and making the most of every opportunity both inside and outside the classroom.

Chance to Shine Cricket Taster Morning

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome coaches from Chance to Shine into school for a cricket engagement morning. The children had a fantastic time taking part in a range of fun and active sessions, where they were able to develop their skills, build confidence and enjoy learning more about the game.

It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, teamwork and energy from all pupils throughout the morning. We hope this experience has inspired many of them to continue enjoying cricket both in and out of school. We look forward to welcoming Chance to Shine back again in the future for further sessions.

150th Anniversary Design Project

Thank you to all the children who submitted their amazing designs for our 150th Anniversary Design Project. We have been incredibly impressed by the creativity, effort and thought that has gone into each entry.

We will now be carefully looking through all the designs and will either choose one or draw on a combination of ideas to help transform the space into an exciting and inspiring area for our children. We will share further updates once the final design choices have been made - watch this space!

Parent Open Mornings

We had a fantastic time at our Parent Open Morning in Class Star yesterday – thank you to all the parents who joined us. It was wonderful to see so many of you in the classroom, sharing in the children’s learning and taking part in activities together. The children were incredibly proud to show off their work, and it made for a really special morning.

We are looking forward to welcoming more of you to our upcoming sessions:

- Thursday 30th April – Class Galaxy
- Thursday 7th May – Class Comet

Toys in School (including ‘squishies’)

As we know you will be aware, bringing toys into school is against school rules. Recently, we have seen an increase in toys, particularly squishy toys, being brought in. These are proving to be a distraction during learning time, are often getting broken, and are beginning to cause disagreements between pupils.

The only exception to this is for specific fidget or sensory resources that have been agreed in advance with the SENCo or Class Teacher.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a calm and focused learning environment.

Scooter Workshop – Thursday 8th May

We are excited to be welcoming back BMX Academy, who delivered our fantastic BMX workshop in the Autumn, for a Scooter Workshop on Thursday 8th May.

All children will take part in a whole-school assembly to introduce the session, and pupils in Class Star and Class Galaxy will also have the opportunity to take part in hands-on workshops during the day.

Further details will be shared soon.



Stars of the Week



Class Star: Nell
Class Galaxy: Leyton
Class Comet: Isabella

Our School Values

This week, it has been wonderful to see our pupils really demonstrating the value of encouragement. Across the school, children have been supporting and motivating one another, offering kind words, celebrating each other's successes, and helping their peers to keep going when things feel challenging.

Whether in the classroom or during less structured times, it has been lovely to see children building each other's confidence and creating a positive atmosphere where everyone feels able to try their best. By encouraging one another, our pupils are helping to create an environment where resilience grows and everyone feels uplifted and valued.

- G enerous
- A spirational
- 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
98% (2 lates)	98%	98% (1 late)



Well done to **Class Galaxy** for getting **£5** in your attendance fund!

Team Points for the end of this week are:



Golden Book

Well done to **Henry** for his excellent concentration and description of the magical forest. Well done to **Denny** for the sheer volume of writing completed when describing his magical door. Well done to **Fergus** for this super understanding and representation of numbers 10-13. Well done **Sebby** for his amazing effort and attitude across all his lessons.

We 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.