



Gaddesden Row JMI School Newsletter 14th November - 2025



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

Another very busy week at school has come to an end, and what a fantastic day of fundraising we've had for Children in Need! Thank you to all our families for your generous donations. The children had a wonderful time enjoying their non-uniform day and taking part in the themed lessons throughout the day. You can see lots of photos from the day on our Facebook page. Once we have the final total of money raised, we'll be sure to share it with all families.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month...

On Tuesday, we held a special assembly to mark Armistice Day. The children shared the poppies they made in class, which are now on display for everyone to see. A big thank you to the children who read the poem during the assembly – we are very proud of you. We also thank all families for your kind donations. We are truly fortunate for the freedoms we enjoy today; thanks to the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Parent Morning

What an amazing start to our first Parent Morning in Class Star on Tuesday! It was so lovely to see so many parents joining in and having fun learning alongside their children. From exploring activities together to sharing special moments in the classroom, the smiles said it all! We loved seeing everyone getting involved and celebrating all the wonderful things our children are learning every day. A huge thank you to all the parents who came along and made the morning so special — we're already looking forward to **Class Galaxy's on Tuesday 25th November!**

Happy School Bag – Thank You!

A big thank you to all the families who contributed to our Happy School Bag collection. Your generous donations will help raise valuable funds for the school, while also supporting recycling and reuse. We're delighted to share that a total of **£79.65** was raised!

A Morning with Michael Rosen

The children had a wonderful time exploring the poetry of Michael Rosen during a live webinar. They listened to his poems being read aloud, laughed at his playful language, and were inspired by his creative wordplay. It was exciting to see how much the children enjoyed engaging with his poetry and discovering the fun and rhythm in his writing!

Christmas Tree Decoration Competition

This week, we sent a digital letter to all families about our annual Christmas Tree Decoration Competition. For your convenience, an electronic copy is also attached to this newsletter. Please ensure all designs are brought into school by **Thursday 27th November**, ready to be shared during our assembly.

Library Book Borrowing Timetable

We're excited to share our library book borrowing timetable! Each class will have a designated day to visit the library and borrow books, ensuring everyone has regular access to our wonderful collection. Please encourage your child to bring their library book in on their class's library day so they can enjoy choosing new books to read at home. **If your child has any library books at home, please make sure they are returned on their library day** to keep our collection available for everyone. Regular library use helps foster a love of reading and keeps our library books circulating for all to enjoy!

Class Star – Friday

Class Galaxy – Thursday

Class Comet – Monday

Outdoor Shoes Reminder

As the field continues to get muddier at this time of year, we would like the children to continue enjoying outdoor play and learning as much as possible. To help with this, please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor footwear that they can change into at break and lunchtime. If you have not yet sent in a pair of outdoor shoes, we would be grateful if these could be brought into school as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our indoor areas clean and comfortable for everyone.

Communication with teachers

We would like to remind all families that if you need to speak to your child's teacher, or teaching assistant, then the time for this is between 08.30 and 08.45 when the playground is open. Please ensure that you park so that the drive is not blocked. After 08.45, teachers are needed in class as this is when the school day begins.

If you are unable to make these times, then please contact the school office and an appointment can be made.

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.



Stars of the Week

Class Star: Ronnie
Class Galaxy: Karolina
Class Comet: Eva-Mae



Our School Values

This week our chosen value is **Enjoying**. We've seen so many wonderful examples of children showing this value throughout the school! From laughter during group games at playtime, to the excitement of discovering something new in science, and the pride in finishing a tricky piece of writing — it's been lovely to see everyone finding joy in their learning and friendships. By enjoying what we do, we're helping to make our school a happy, welcoming place, where everyone wants to take part and do their best.

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
98%	98%	100%

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

Team Points for the end of this week are:

816



808



769



Golden Book

Well done to **Cassie, Lois, Hetty, Eva-Mae, Lola and Leo** for their fantastic Michael Rosen inspired poetry about cold food. Well done to **Connie, Cassie, Demi and Rupert** for their excellent newspaper reports about The Gunpowder Plot. Well done to **Demi** for achieving her 'Super Badger Award' from St John Ambulance. Well done to **Hetty, Lois and Raphy** for their brilliant retellings of the Journey to Bethlehem.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Smith

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.