



Gaddesden Row JMI School Newsletter 1st May - 2026



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

It's been a slightly quieter start to the week with Class Comet away on their residential from Monday to Wednesday, but it has been lovely to have everyone back together again for the end of the week.

We are now halfway through the half term and are looking forward to the long weekend ahead with the bank holiday on Monday. We hope you all enjoy the extra day and have a lovely, restful weekend together.

Parent Open Mornings

We had another fantastic time at our Parent Open Morning in Class Galaxy – thank you to all the parents who joined us. It was lovely to welcome you into 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 session:

Thursday 7th May – Class Comet

Scooter Workshop – Friday 8th May

We are looking forward to our upcoming Scooter Workshop on Friday 8th May, delivered by BMX Academy. All pupils will attend an introductory assembly, with children in Class Star and Class Galaxy also taking part in practical workshop sessions during the day.

As a reminder, the additional information has now been sent out. Please ensure you return the signed waiver form promptly. If your child will need a 3-wheeled scooter and you have one at home, do send it in with them on the day. Thank you for your support, we're sure the children will really enjoy this exciting opportunity!

Class Comet Residential

Our Class Comet residential trip was a wonderful success, and the children had a truly memorable experience. They represented the school brilliantly, showing enthusiasm, resilience and excellent teamwork throughout their time away.

We have loved hearing about the children's experiences and all they achieved during the trip. It is clear they made the most of every opportunity, supported one another and returned with growing confidence and plenty of positive memories.

A big thank you to all the staff involved in organising and leading the visit. Your time, care and dedication ensured everything ran smoothly and made the experience so special for the children.

150th Anniversary – Design a Tea Towel Project

A quick reminder that children will be completing their self-portraits in school on Tuesday as part of our special anniversary project.

Thank you to those who have already responded regarding past and future pupils, it is much appreciated.

Further information about ordering tea towels will be shared soon.

Save the Date – 150 Year Celebration! Saturday 19th September, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

We're excited to invite you to a very special community celebration as Gaddesden Row JMI School turns 150 years old!

This milestone event promises to be a fantastic afternoon for all ages, with stalls, games, food, and entertainment.

This is more than just an event. It's a chance to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the rich history of our school together. Please help us make it extra special by spreading the word. Share the poster with friends, family, neighbours, and anyone with a connection to the school - we'd love to see as many familiar and new faces as possible!

We're also looking for people to help make the day a success:

- Interested in volunteering?
- Want to run a stall, activity, or game?
- Have an idea to contribute?

We'd love to hear from you! Please get in touch and be part of this memorable occasion.

Let's come together to celebrate 150 amazing years—we can't wait to see you there!



Stars of the Week



Class Star: Ronnie
Class Galaxy: Joy
Class Comet: Eva, Lola and Lillie-Mai

Our School Values

This week, it has been fantastic to see our pupils truly embracing the value of *Remember More and Know More*. Across the school, children have been building on their learning by recalling prior knowledge and making meaningful connections to new ideas. In lessons and beyond, pupils have shown great enthusiasm in strengthening their understanding; revisiting what they have learned, applying it in different contexts, and supporting one another to deepen their knowledge. It has been particularly encouraging to see children taking pride in what they can remember and confidently using this to help them progress further.

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

Attendance



Class Star	Class Galaxy	Class Comet
97%	95%	100%

Attendance Matters



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

Team Points for the end of this week are:



Golden Book

Well done to **Annabelle, Finley, Fergus, Ronnie, Lilah and Oakley** for their fantastic number formation, especially with the number 4. Well done to **Class Comet** for challenging themselves in the face of new adventures and representing our school brilliantly. Well done to **Mr BG** for going the highest on Jacob's Ladder. Well done to **Mrs Kerry and Mrs McCormick** for their efforts on Jacob's Ladder and the Giant Swing. Well done to **Connie** for being super kind and helpful at lunchtime. Well done to **Oakley, Elizabeth, Karolina, Leyton, Rylee and Noah** for their excellent explanation texts about the lifecycle of a butterfly.

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.