



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 5th December - 2025



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

What a busy first week of December it has been! The children have been working incredibly hard across the curriculum, showing curiosity, creativity, and determination in everything they do. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and progress as we dive into the festive season.

GRAFT Fayre

We hope everyone had a wonderful time at our Christmas Fayre after school! So much hard work and dedication went into making the event special, and we want to give a huge thank you to everyone at GRAFT for helping make it a fantastic success. We can't wait to share how much we raised very soon. Thank you all for your support and festive spirit!

Staff Update

We are excited to share that Miss Knight, our wonderful Class Galaxy TA, will be starting a new role closer to home in the new year. Her dedication and energy will be sorely missed and the fantastic support she has given our children since joining us in February 2021 has left an indelible mark on our school community. Please join us in wishing her every success in her new role; she will always be part of our Gaddesden Row family!

Paper Chains

We hope the children have had lots of fun designing their paper chains! Don't forget, the deadline to bring them into school is Monday 8th December. Once all the chains are in, I'll weave them together to decorate for our Christmas Lunch and we will pick the winning designs. We can't wait to see all the creations!

Parent Morning – Class Comet

Just a reminder that we're looking forward to welcoming you to Class Comet's Parent Morning on Tuesday 9th December!

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day – Wednesday 10th December

Next Wednesday, we'll be celebrating Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day! Children should wear their normal school uniform, but they are invited to add some festive cheer with a Christmas jumper. We can't wait to enjoy this special day together and get into the holiday spirit!

Whole-School Trip to the Pantomime

We would like to remind all families that next Thursday, 11th December, the whole school will be going to Harpenden to see Jack and the Beanstalk. The coach will be leaving promptly at 9:00am, so please ensure your child arrives at school on time to avoid any delays. We are looking forward to a fun and festive outing!

After-School Clubs

Next week will be the final week of after-school clubs for this term. Letters will be sent to all families before the end of term with details of the clubs available from January.

End of Term Reminder

A reminder that the term will finish on Friday, 19th December, with an early finish at 1:30 pm.

Bronze Badges

Well done to **Sebby, Fergus, Lilah, Leyton, Noah, Hetty, Isabella and Chloe** for achieving your bronze badge today for 10 full weeks in school.



Stars of the Week

Class Star: Fergus
Class Galaxy: Henry
Class Comet: Chloe



Our School Values

This week our chosen value is **Nurturing Relationships**. We've seen so many wonderful examples of children demonstrating this throughout the school! From supporting classmates with their learning, to showing kindness and respect in group activities and helping others feel included and valued — it's been inspiring to see everyone working together and building positive connections. Pupils have been excellent at listening to each other, collaborating on projects, and offering encouragement and support when needed. By nurturing relationships, we're helping to make our school a place where everyone feels valued, cared for, and able to grow both academically and personally.

Generous
Aspirational
Discovering
Responsible
Open-minded
Welcoming
Listen
Enjoy
Articulate
Resilient
Nurture Relationships
Encourage
Remember More and Know More



Attendance

Class Star	Class Galaxy	Class Comet
91%	96%	89%

Attendance Matters



No money this week unfortunately.

Team Points for the end of this week are:



Golden Book

Well done to **Kobi, Fergus and Finley** for their brilliant teamwork when building their car garage. Well done to **Finley, Lilah, Luna, Kobi and Harry** for their super handwriting. Well done to **Henry** for this fantastic independent science work. Well done to **Robin** for this excellent work on adding equal groups. Well done to **Rylee** for her superb presentation when drawing arrays. Well done to **Henry** for this great work identifying and using arrays.

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.