



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 12th December - 2025



Good afternoon, friends, and families,

As we come to the end of term, it's a wonderful time to celebrate all the achievements, growth, and special moments from the past few months. We hope you enjoy sharing in the festive spirit with us as the term draws to a close.

Pantomime

A huge thank you to all children for how well they represented our school when we went to Harpenden yesterday to see 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' It was a fantastic morning out and well done to all of you.

Parent Morning

We really enjoyed having our Parent Morning in Class Comet on Tuesday! It was fantastic to see so many parents engaging with their children and exploring the activities together. The children were proud to share their learning, and it was lovely to celebrate their efforts as a group. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

We're excited for the next round of Parent sessions later in the year and look forward to welcoming you back to see more of the children's achievements.

Class Star Nativity

Thank you to families of children in Reception and Year 1 who have already purchased tickets for the Nativity of 'A Very Special Baby.' A reminder that the times for performances are 09.30 and 14.00 on Tuesday 16th of December.

After-School Clubs

Just a reminder that there will be no after-school clubs next week. Children will come home with letters about clubs on Monday, and booking for the spring term clubs will go live on Monday at 6pm. Full details of the clubs are included in the letter sent home with your child.

Home Reading Information Session

On Wednesday we sent out information about our new approach to home reading. To help us work together as effectively as possible, we warmly invite all parents and carers to a Reading Information Session on Tuesday 6th January from 15:30 to 16:00. During the session we will explain how reading is taught at Gaddesden Row, show what progression looks like from early readers to fluent readers, demonstrate how to read with your child (not just listen to them), share simple strategies that really help at home, and answer any questions you may have. This will be an informal, practical, and friendly session, and we would be delighted to see as many of you there as possible.

Parent Calendar

We've launched our new Parent Calendar to help families keep track of key dates quickly and easily. Parents can use the links, sent out by email earlier this week, to view the calendar online or add it directly to their personal devices; updates will appear automatically throughout the year. If you need any help setting this up, please see Mr Boxall-Goynes, who will be happy to assist.

Swimming

A reminder that swimming lessons will begin in January and will take place every Thursday morning from 15th January. The total cost is £62, which can be paid either in full by 3rd January or in three instalments: £22 by 3rd January, £20 by 7th February, and £20 by 7th March. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

End of Term Reminder

A reminder that the term will finish next Friday, with an **early finish at 1:30 pm**.

Stars of the Week

Class Star: Luca
Class Galaxy: Oakley
Class Comet: Connie

Our School Values

This week our chosen value is **Encourage**. Class Star have been brilliant as they prepare for their Nativity—cheering each other on, helping with songs and lines, and offering support whenever someone felt nervous. They've been celebrating one another's efforts and boosting each other's confidence every step of the way. Across the school, pupils have been sharing ideas, helping friends with challenges, and celebrating each other's successes. By encouraging one another, we're creating a school where everyone feels confident, supported, and ready to have a go.

Generous **L**isten
Aspirational **E**njoy
Discovering **A**rticulate
Responsible **R**esilient
Open-minded **N**urture Relationships
Welcoming **E**ncourage
 Remember More and Know More

Attendance



Class Star	Class Galaxy	Class Comet
94%	98%	99%

Attendance Matters



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

Bronze Badges

Well done to **Primrose, Luca, Bailey and Cassie** for achieving your bronze badge today for 10 full weeks in school.

Celebrating Outstanding Attendance

We're looking forward to celebrating all students who achieved 100% attendance this autumn term. Your commitment and consistency deserve recognition, and we can't wait to reward those who reached this fantastic milestone. In previous terms, our attendance prize has taken the form of an Amazon voucher... but this time, we've planned something a little different. We won't spoil the surprise - just know it's a special way of saying well done for your hard work and dedication!

Team Points for the end of this week are:



Golden Book

Well done to **Karolina** for her excellent use of stem sentences in her work on arrays. Well done to **Harry and Luna** for their amazing work on finding greater and less than, including setting each other challenges. Well done to **Tommy** for this fantastic geography work about Japan. Well done to **Annabelle** for her brilliant number formation. Well done to **Lillie-Mai** for being super supporting and helping her friend finish her work. Well done to **Cassie, Lois, Connie, Isabella, Demi, Oscar, Callum, Hetty, Raph and Zeph** for their superb presentation in science.

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.