



Gaddesden Row JMI School

Newsletter 9th January 2026



Good afternoon, friends, and families

Welcome back and happy New Year! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week and see classrooms full of energy, enthusiasm and smiles once again. The children have settled quickly into routines, showing a positive attitude to learning as we begin a new term together.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for all children begin on Thursday, 15th January. The coach will leave school at 10:15 to take us to Hemel Hempstead Leisure Centre and return by 12:15.

Please ensure that children wear their PE kit on swimming days, ideally a tracksuit, PE t-shirt, and trainers, as this makes changing easier. Children should not wear tights on these days.

Thank you for helping lessons run smoothly!

Clubs

All after-school clubs start next week, and they all finish at 16.15. We still have some availability at some clubs – please contact the school office to see what places are available.

Home Reading Information Session

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend our Reading Information Session this week. It was lovely to see so many of you there and to share how reading is taught at Gaddesden Row, along with practical ways you can support your child at home.

For those who were unable to attend, a recap of the key information has been sent to all families via Arbor. The presentation and accompanying letter have also been shared on the school website so that everyone can access the information.

We are pleased to let you know that all reading books will begin coming home for the first time on Monday. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to develop confident, fluent readers.

100% Attendance

Well done to all the children who achieved 100% attendance last term! We were delighted to celebrate with a special party on Wednesday, and it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves so much. It was a lovely way to recognise all their hard work and commitment, and a reminder of the positive start they have made to the new term.

Team Point Reward

Our team point winners for the Autumn term will be meeting on Monday to decide how they would like to celebrate their success. The reward celebration will take place on Thursday 28th January, and we are looking forward to seeing the children enjoy their well-earned treat!

Upcoming Dates

Don't forget to check our Parent Calendar to keep up with upcoming dates and events.

Launched last term, it can be viewed online or added straight to your personal devices, with updates appearing automatically throughout the year.

If you need a hand accessing it, setting it up, or have any questions about upcoming dates, just speak to a member of staff.



Stars of the Week

Class Star: Sebby
Class Galaxy: Tommy
Class Comet: Raphy



Our School Values

It has been a pleasure to see how well the children have returned to school this week, with so many pupils proudly demonstrating all of our school values from the very first day. Across the school, children have shown kindness, curiosity, perseverance and respect, supporting one another and taking pride in their learning.

As we move into next week, we are looking forward to placing a special focus on our value of **Generosity**, encouraging pupils to think about how they can give their time, care and support to others.

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

Attendance Matters



Class Star	Class Galaxy	Class Comet
98%	97%	99%

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

Team Points for the end of this week are:



Golden Book

Well done to **Raphy, Callum, Zephyn and Oscar** for their fantastic persuasive argument for handerpants.

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.