



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back. This will be a busy and eventful term!

## Dates for your diary

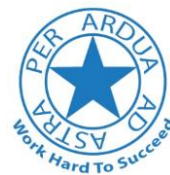
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 6:00pm- 7:15pm</b> Junior School Hall	<b>Meeting for Year 5 Parents</b> Secondary Transfer and School Journey
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>School Closure - Industrial Action</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> Junior Hall	<b>Y5 Wonderdrome</b> A planetarium dome for workshops to explore our Solar System
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>School Closure - Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>School Closure - Industrial Action</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Coronation Event</b> (More details to follow) Non Uniform day. Children are invited to dress as kings/queens or dress in a red white and blue theme to mark this historically important event
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School Closure - Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Y6 End of Key Stage 2 SATs</b>
<b>Half Term Holiday - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School Closed to the Pupils - INSET DAY</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Money Week</b> A mathematical focus week
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b> Arts Depot	<b>Upper School Choir Attend Barnet Music Festival</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Sports day</b> Reserve Sports Day in case of bad weather
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b> Athletics Ground in Cophall	<b>Barnet Athletics Festival</b>
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Y3 trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum</b> The children will participate in a Stone Age theme day
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Summer Fair</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> 7:00pm-8:00pm Junior Hall	<b>Y6 Production</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> Junior Hall	<b>Y5 Anglo Saxon Day</b> Practical activities and role play will give the children a feeling of what it was like to be an Anglo Saxon during The Dark Ages
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b> Junior Hall	<b>Y4 Ancient Greek Workshop</b> Practical activities and role play will give the children a feeling of what it was like to live in Ancient Greece
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Last Day of term - Children not required to wear uniform <b>early closure</b></b> 1:25pm Y3 and Y4 1:30pm Y5 and Y6





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## Year 5 Class Assemblies - Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall

5J Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 5G Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May

## Meeting for Year 5 Parents: Secondary Transfer and School Journey: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 6:00pm – 7:15pm

There will be a meeting for Y5 parents on the secondary transfer process and the Y6 residential school journey in the Junior School hall.

If you are interested in your child sitting selective school tests, it is particularly important that you register your child to take the tests. For some schools the closing date for registration for tests is in May. It is a good idea for parents to start looking at the websites of the schools that they are interested in to check the admission criteria.

More details will be provided at the meeting on the 24th April and will also be on our website.

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Secondary+Transfer&pid=250>

## Curriculum Events

Please see our website for more information on our engaging curriculum and events

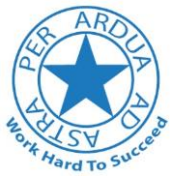
<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/news/?pid=258&nid=2>

- **Ramadan:** Assemblies this week focused on the festival of Ramadan. There was a discussion about how the principles of fasting, charity and prayer were common to other faiths. We also discussed that Easter and Passover were also celebrated this year during the holy month of Ramadan. I talked to the children about the importance of tolerance and respect of religious diversity.
- **Coronation:** On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May we will be focusing on the historical significance of the coronation of King Charles III. This will be a non-uniform day and children can dress as kings/queens or in a red, white and blue theme.
- **Football:** The girls' football team were in action on Wednesday in the Girls' Cup semi-final. It was great to see the girls thinking hard about their positioning during the match. The team are through to the final. Well done girls!

## Lost Books – Please check to see if you have any reading scheme/library books at home

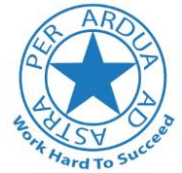
We value being able to provide books for your children to read at home, however some of these books do not get returned to school. Please check if you have any unreturned books and send them back as soon as possible.





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## School Lunches

Our catering company regularly monitors the standards in the school kitchen. Over the last couple of weeks of the Spring Term some additional monitoring has taken place in response to concerns raised by some parents. I can confirm that the food that is being prepared for your children is at the required standard and the kitchen are working hard to ensure that the items that the children particularly like, don't run out.

The new menus for next term are on the website

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=School+Meals&pid=243>

We are encouraging your children to take a balanced meal, including items from the salad bar. It would be helpful if you took a look at the menus with your child and encouraged them to do the same. Please contact the school if you have any further concerns.

## Emergency Alerts - National Test Sunday 23rd April

The Government's new Emergency Alerts system is now live, enabling people to be contacted through their mobile phone in the event of there being a danger to life near to where they are, for example severe flooding or fire in their area. If that were to happen near you, your mobile phone or tablet will receive an alert with advice about how to stay safe.

The Government plans to test the system by sending a national test alarm to all smartphones that use 4G and 5G phone networks, **at 3pm on Sunday 23 April 2023.**

On that day, compatible mobile phones across the UK will sound the alarm – a siren and vibration, lasting for up to 10 seconds. The emergency alert will appear on your device's home screen and you will need to acknowledge it before you can use other features on the phone. **It will however just be a test**, so other than to acknowledge it, **you do not need to take any further action.**

**It's important to note that the alarm will sound even if your phone is on silent.** If you're a victim of domestic abuse and you're worried that this could put you or someone you know in danger because they have a hidden phone, or you're concerned for someone else's safety, [please watch this video from Refuge to find out how to turn the alert off.](#)

## Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Advice & Support Service (SENDIASS) Coffee Morning

We are pleased to announce, Barnet SENDIASS will be holding an in-person coffee morning for parents of children and young people with special educational needs or disability:

**Date:** Monday 22 May 2023

**Time:** 10am to 12:30pm

**Location:** Colindale Area

If you have any questions, please contact: [sendiass@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:sendiass@barnet.gov.uk)





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## Polio and MMR routine vaccinations for children aged 1 to 11

Polio and MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations both provide important protection against serious illness for your child. To keep your child safe, it is important to follow the childhood immunisation vaccination schedule. Children aged 1-11 who are not up to date with their vaccinations are being offered polio and MMR catch-up vaccinations in school or at their registered GP surgeries.

The NHS will be contacting the parents of children who are not fully vaccinated to sign a consent form for school-based vaccination.

Check your child's red book or contact your GP to check your child's vaccine status. If your child has missed one of their vaccinations, please contact your GP to book an appointment and get your child up to date.

Read more about routine vaccinations: <https://bit.ly/vaccination-tips-for-parents>

Please see the letter attached that has been sent home today to our Year 3 and Year 4 parents about our decision not to mix classes this year.

With kind regards,

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar  
Head teacher

**GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY:** The next draw is this Saturday 22<sup>th</sup> April 2023, you could win £25,000! Only £1 per ticket. <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garden-suburb-junior>. You've got to be in it to win it – GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

**Amazon Wish List:** We have updated our Amazon Wishlist. We would be so grateful if you could purchase one of these books for your child's class. The list features lots of high-quality, age-appropriate books which reflect diversity in genres, authors and characters. <https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/24AGPETJO56RO>

