

Garden Suburb Junior School

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24th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carer

Diary Dates Spring Term 2025

Monday 27th January 6:00pm-7:30pm Junior Hall	Curriculum Talk for Y5 and Y6 parents – more details to follow
Friday 31st January – date correction Junior Dinner Hall	PTA Meeting All parents are welcome.
Half Term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February	
Monday 24th February	INSET Day – School closed to the children
Monday 3rd March	Lower School Art Gallery Parents invited to attend 2:30pm-4:00pm
Tuesday 4th March	Upper school Art Gallery Parents invited to attend 2:30pm-4:00pm
Friday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 14th March	Y3 Egyptian Workshops
Tuesday 11th March 3:40pm-6pm Thursday 27th March 3:40pm-6pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Tuesday 18th March	Y6 Visit WWII experience at The Lincolnsfield Centre in Bushey Children will visit a 1940s house, a dig for victory garden, the WWII museum and 1940s classroom
Thursday 20th March Friday 21st March	Y4 Visit the London Wetland Centre - more details to follow 4J 4G and 4S
Week beginning 24th March	Science Week – more details to follow
Monday 31st March 3:30pm- 5:00pm Tuesday 1st April 3:30pm-5:00pm	Lower School Disco Upper School Disco
Friday 4th April	End of Term Early closure
Tuesday 22nd April	Beginning of the Summer Term School open to the children

Year 5 Class Assemblies - Save the dates

Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall:

5S Tuesday 11th February

5J Tuesday 18th March

5G Tuesday 25th March

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

Assemblies this week focused on Martin Luther King and the history behind why his birthday is marked by a bank holiday in the USA.

After School Clubs – see flyer attached

We still have spaces available in the following clubs: Y3 Art, Y3 Ukulele and Taekwondo (all year groups)





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Dr Bike

The Dr Bike sessions are run by qualified bicycle mechanics. Members of the public can take along their bicycles to have a free, full safety check, which includes the condition of tyres, rims, gears, brake function and tyre pressure and adjustments can be made if required, all for free. Both adult and child bicycles can have the free safety check and adjustments made if necessary.

The free Dr Bike service in Barnet for the current financial year has been running since last July, and has been hugely popular, particularly among parents/carers and children. 160 bicycles have been checked and adjusted by the cycle mechanics at the 13 Dr Bike sessions that have taken place so far.

There are a couple of changes to the dates for the remaining Dr Bikes up until the end of March, which are highlighted in the table below:

Location Name	Location Description	Date	Time
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	22/01/2025	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL	12/02/2025	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	changed to 19/2/25	4pm to 7pm
Finchley, Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	12/03/2025	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	changed to 19/3/25	4pm to 7pm

Head Lice – Please check your child’s hair if there is an outbreak in your child’s class.

Head lice are a common problem, particularly in school children aged 4 to 11. They are largely harmless, but can live in the hair for a long time if not treated and can be irritating and frustrating to deal with. It’s very difficult to prevent head lice. You may want to consider regular detection combing if you’re concerned about your children or yourself. For example, on a weekly basis. For further guidance see the NHS guidance on the link below.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits/>

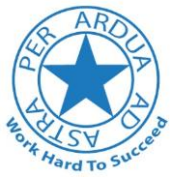
Kind regards

E. Bhavsar

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar, Head Teacher

Please see some general information below





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Funtime - Breakfast and After-School Clubs (ChildCare)

Funtime is open for both breakfast and after school club. Due to the fact that we have to limit our group sizes, all places MUST be booked and paid for in advance. For more information please contact Sharon on 07506 030 037 or email Shaz.Funtime@outlook.com

Fees

3:20pm - 5:50pm £12

3:20pm - 4:30pm £6:00

Breakfast club 7:50am- 8:45am - £4:00

Making contact with the school

We always like to hear from parents and carers in our community but would ask that all **non-urgent** messages be sent to the school by email and directed to the following contacts below:

Welfare, attendance, absence, pick-up arrangements Mrs Morgan Chiswick, welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net

Senco Support: Mrs Goldman - senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net

Other messages and to contact the Head Teacher please email Ms Bailey, our business manager: -

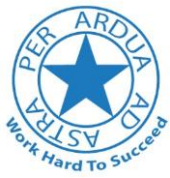
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Emails for class Teachers:

Year 3	
Miss Clarke	3S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Ms Aziz	3G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss Jouhal	3J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Year 4	
Mr J Morrissey	4J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss J Childs (Job Share)	
Miss Walters	4S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss N McKenna	4G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Year 5	
Mrs K Margolis	5S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss Bannan	5G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss C James	5J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Year 6	
Miss J Gardner	6S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss Fernando	6J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss Buck	6G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Please note: due to teaching commitments, class teachers may not be able to view or respond to emails on the day that they are sent. Urgent messages should go to Welfare or the school office.





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ParentMail – Keep informed! *If you need any help activating or logging in to your account, please contact Ms Bailey in the school office as soon as possible.* Newsletters will be sent electronically **every Friday by email** - please look out for them! ParentMail is used for all other communication from the school, including emergency messages regarding school closures etc., either by text, or by email. It is your responsibility to keep your ParentMail account updated with any contact detail changes by logging into your 'Settings'.
Please remember to also notify the school office with changes in contact details

PE Kit – It is important you make a note of your child's PE days

When your child has PE, **they need to come into school wearing their PE kit.** They will wear it for the whole day. If you have not yet purchased the new PE Kit, please ensure that your child wears plain blue coloured track suit bottoms (no branded kit). Our aim is that over time everyone will purchase the new kit, as they will get a lot of wear out of it.

Year 3 Monday and Thursday

Year 4 Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 5 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6: 6G Wednesday and Friday

6S Wednesday and Friday

6J Thursday and Friday

Extra- Curricular Activities

Gymnastics (all Year groups)	Monday
Football Year 3 and Year 4	Monday
Football Year 5 and Year 6	Tuesday
Taekwondo (all year groups)	Tuesday
Art Club Year 4	Tuesday
Art Club Year 5 and Year 6	Wednesday
Dance Club (all year groups)	Wednesday
High 5 (Netball) Year 5 and Year 6	Thursday
Spanish Year 5 and Year 6	Thursday
Gymnastics (all Year groups)	Friday

Lunch time clubs Chess clubs, Choir

