

Garden Suburb Junior School

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14th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carer

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Safer Internet Day:** Safer Internet Day was focused on this week with a special assembly led by our digital leaders. The theme of the assembly was how to spot, respond to and report all types of scams online. Scams can take many forms and may target anyone, including young people. See the link below for some top tips for parents.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

- **Kids Online World** provide a comprehensive hub of information to help children and parents stay informed and ensure their children's safety online. The website is packed with up-to-date popular apps, games and online trends that kids are engaging with. **They also offer practical guides on setting up parental controls, privacy settings, and other tools to help you manage and monitor the digital activities of children and young people.** www.kidsonlineworld.com

- **Smartphone Free Childhood:** See the email sent home earlier today about the Barnet campaign to manage smartphone use for your children. From September 2025, new cohorts of children moving to most secondary schools will no longer be permitted to bring smartphones or smart watches into their school for the duration of their time in Years 7-11.

Please be aware that our school policy is:

- Children are **Not** permitted to bring a smartphone into school.
- Only Y5 and Y6 children are allowed to be lone travellers
- The parents of lone travellers need to complete a lone traveller form and, if needed, request permission to bring a phone into school.
- If lone travellers need a phone then it should be a brick phone and must be handed to the class teacher at registration

Many children in Y5 and Y6 will pressurise parents to be a lone travellers as they think this will mean they will be able to have a phone. While we understand that it is important for Y6 children to develop independence, being a lone traveller is not necessary at primary school. Lone travelling could wait until the Summer Term of Y6 to develop independent travelling skills.

Year 5 Class Assemblies

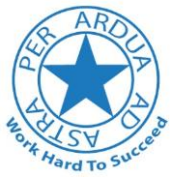
Well done to 5S for their fabulous assembly on the environment this week!

Y5 Parents are invited to attend their child's assembly at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall:

5J Tuesday 18th March

5G Tuesday 25th March





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Art Exhibition – Save the dates

This half term the children have been focusing on creating a piece of work for our art exhibition which parents/carers are invited to attend. Ask your children about the art they have been creating.

Years 3 and 4 Exhibition: Monday 3rd March from 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Years 5 and 6 Exhibition: Tuesday 4th March from 2:30pm – 4:00pm

The children will visit the exhibitions with their class earlier in the day.

The company, Mini Masterworks, set up the gallery for us in the Junior Hall. The pictures are printed professionally and labelled with your child's name and the school logo. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase their child's framed work on the day of the exhibition. Order forms will also be sent home after half term if you are not able to attend. It is a memento that you will keep forever!

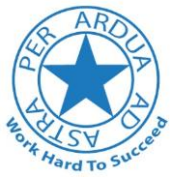
We will also have musicians playing to create a gallery ambiance. Your Child will bring a letter home today if they are interested in performing. Just in case the letter does not make it home, it is also attached for you to print and complete.

Please note: There will be no Lower School Football Club or Taekwondo Club on the week of the exhibition.

Diary Dates Spring Term 2025

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
Thursday 24th April 6:00pm-7:00pm Junior Hall	Meeting for Y5 Parents New Secondary Transfer





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Managing Anxiety Coffee Morning: Monday 10th March 9:00am in the Junior Hall

It is now widely accepted that as many as 8 to 11% of children and adolescents suffer from anxiety that affects their ability to get on with their lives. Barnet Integrated Clinical Services (BICS) will be holding a Coffee Morning in the Junior hall on Monday 10th March at 9:00am. At this coffee morning there will be discussions about managing anxiety in children. If you would like to attend, please let Mrs. Goldman know by emailing senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net

2025-2026 Term Dates

Please see attached the term dates for 2025/26 academic year.

I hope that you have an enjoyable holiday!

School opens to the children after the half term break on Tuesday 25th February.

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: -

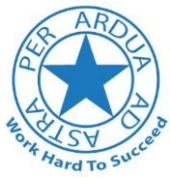
office@gsjs.barnetmail.net

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

