

# Garden Suburb Junior School

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28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you had an enjoyable half term. You can see from the diary below that we have an extremely busy half term ahead.

## The GSJS Art Gallery is next week.

Years 3 and 4 Exhibition: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 2:30pm – 4:00pm

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

- The children will visit the exhibitions with their class earlier in the day.
- Parents will have the opportunity to purchase their child's framed work on the day of the exhibition.
- If you are not able to attend, order forms have been sent today in your child's bag. They have also been emailed for you to print.
- **We will have musicians playing to create a gallery ambiance. Make sure that you arrive by 2:30pm if your child is performing.**

**Please note: There will be after school extra-curricular clubs on Monday and Tuesday next week**

## World Book Day is next week too! – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

We have a number of activities planned including:

- **Poetry:** Children are invited to bring in poems throughout the week (either their own poem or one they have chosen) and these will be collated into a class poetry anthology for the book corner. Children will also be reading their poems to the class. We will be focusing on physical oracy skills - volume, body language and expression.
- **Book Review Competition** – The sheet has been sent home and is also attached.
- **Dress up as a book character:** Children are invited to dress as a character from a book of their choice. However, if they need some inspiration, they can dress as a character from a book or theme that they have studied or will be studying in class. Teachers will also be discussing this in class with the children.

**Year 3** – The Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo or any historical figure from Ancient Egypt

**Year 4** – The Iron Man by Ted Hughes (farmers, space dragon, The Ironman), Victorian theme (chimney sweep, factory worker, teacher, Queen Victoria, Prince Albert, courtiers)

**Year 5** – Treason by Berlie Doherty or any Roald Dahl character

**Year 6** – Goodnight Mr Tom/World War II (dress as an evacuee, soldier, a WAAF, home guard, 1940 outfit)

## Managing Anxiety Coffee Morning: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> March at 9:00am. At this coffee morning there will be discussions about managing anxiety in children. The workshop will consist of discussions on the causes of anxiety, what maintains it, and how to manage it. If you would like to attend, please let Mrs. Goldman know by emailing [senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net)





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## Diary Dates Spring Term 2025

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>Lower School Art Gallery</b> Parents invited to attend 2:30pm-4:00pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Upper school Art Gallery</b> Parents invited to attend 2:30pm-4:00pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>World Book Day</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Y3 Egyptian Workshops</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 3:20pm <b>NEW</b>	<b>PTA Krispey Kreme Doughnut Sale</b> in the playground
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 9:00am – 10:00am <b>NEW</b>	<b>PTA Meeting</b> – all parents are welcome
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultations</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Y6 Visit WWII experience at The Lincolnsfield Centre in Bushey</b> Children will visit a 1940s house, a dig for victory garden, the WWII museum and 1940s classroom
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Y4 Visit the London Wetland Centre</b> - more details to follow <b>4J</b> <b>4G and 4S</b>
Week beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Science Week</b> – more details to follow
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 3:30pm- 5:00pm Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 3:30pm-5:00pm	<b>Lower School Disco</b> <b>Upper School Disco</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>End of Term</b> - Early closure
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Beginning of the Summer Term</b> School open to the children
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 6:00pm-7:00pm Junior Hall	<b>Meeting for Y5 Parents New</b> Secondary Transfer

## Year 5 Class Assemblies

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

**5J** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

**5G** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

## Goodbye Mrs Morgan Chiswick

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Alvares, who has worked for many years as a Learning Support Assistant, will be stepping into the role of Welfare Assistant. Many of the children already know Mrs Alvares, and I am confident that she will provide continuity in the welfare and support of your children.

Please contact Mrs Alvares for welfare, attendance, absence, lunch and pick-up arrangements:

Tel: 0208 455 3269 Option 1 Email: [welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

Today we had a special assembly to say goodbye to our Welfare Assistant, Mrs Morgan Chiswick.

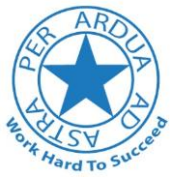
We are extremely grateful for her years of service and wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

Kind regards

*E. Bhavsar*

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar, Head Teacher





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## Please see some general information below

### 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](mailto: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 Alvares: [welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

**Senco Support:** Mrs Goldman - [senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

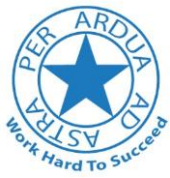
**Other messages and to contact the Head Teacher please email Ms Bailey, our business manager: -**  
[office@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

### Emails for class Teachers:

<b>Year 3</b>	
Miss Clarke	<a href="mailto:3S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">3S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Ms Aziz	<a href="mailto:3G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">3G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Miss Jouhal	<a href="mailto:3J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">3J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
<b>Year 4</b>	
Mr J Morrissey	<a href="mailto:4J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">4J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Miss J Childs (Job Share)	
Miss Walters	<a href="mailto:4S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">4S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Miss N McKenna	<a href="mailto:4G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">4G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
<b>Year 5</b>	
Mrs K Margolis	<a href="mailto:5S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">5S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Miss Bannan	<a href="mailto:5G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">5G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Miss C James	<a href="mailto:5J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">5J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
<b>Year 6</b>	
Miss J Gardner	<a href="mailto:6S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">6S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Miss Fernando	<a href="mailto:6J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">6J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Miss Buck	<a href="mailto:6G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">6G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>

**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** Thursday and Friday

**6J** Wednesday and Friday

## Extra- Curricular Activities

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

**Lunch time clubs** Chess clubs, Choir

