

# Garden Suburb Junior School

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7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

This has been an extremely busy week packed with engaging curriculum events.

**Art Gallery:** The exhibition was well attended by parents. Thank you. I was especially proud of the musicians, who volunteered to do individual performances over the two days, whilst parents browsed the art work. Thank you to Mr Silverman, Music Co-ordinator, for encouraging the children to perform. The art exhibition has been a tradition for a few years now and I am sure that some of you will be gathering quite a collection of your children's art work. Thank you also to our class teachers who supported your children to produce these quality pieces of art. Ms Aziz, Art and DT Co-ordinator who also contributed to the success of this event.

**World Book Day:** It was lovely to see the children in their costumes. Thank you for supporting with this. The day started with a special assembly presented by the Y6 House Captain and we linked some of the activities to our focus on developing oracy skills. Children had discussions about their favourite books and they were introduced to some new word games. All classes were also given a new game for Golden Time called The Art of Conversation. This is a game that families may enjoy playing at home. <https://amzn.eu/d/0vxn5NW>  
Ask the children about the games that they played today.

## Diary Dates Spring Term 2025

<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y3 Egyptian Workshops</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 3:20pm</b>	<b>PTA Krispey Kreme Doughnut Sale</b> in the playground
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 9:00am – 10:00am</b>	<b>PTA Meeting</b> – all parents are welcome
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm</b> <b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultations</b>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<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
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Y4 Visit the London Wetland Centre</b> - more details to follow <b>4J</b> <b>4G and 4S</b>
<b>Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Science Week</b> – more details to follow
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 3:30pm- 5:00pm</b> <b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 3:30pm-5:00pm</b>	<b>Lower School Disco</b> <b>Upper School Disco</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>End of Term- Early closure</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Beginning of the Summer Term</b> School open to the children
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b> 6:00pm-7:00pm Junior Hall	<b>Meeting for Y5 Parents</b> Secondary Transfer

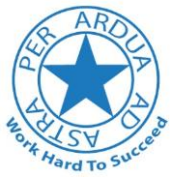
## Year 5 Class Assemblies

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





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## PTA Meeting Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 9:00am – 10:00am

All parents are welcome to attend. We will be discussing:

- The discos
- The Summer Fair
- Moving from ParentMail for our parental communications, to a new platform called **Arbor**. We have looked at feedback from parents in other schools who are already using Arbor, and this has been really positive. We will be introducing Arbor to you very soon and hope to engage all of our parents with the new informative parent portal. Please look out for the Arbor communications coming to you soon. We will be looking for volunteers to support parents with moving to this new platform.

**Junior Disco are now available to purchase - see the Parentmail that was sent out earlier this week.**

Tickets can be purchased until Wednesday 26th March.

**Tickets will not be available to purchase on ParentMail after this date.**

Tickets are available via Parentmail > Payments > Shop > Events > PTA Junior Disco 2025

**Years 3 & 4 ~ Monday 31st March ~ 3:30pm - 5:00pm**

**Years 5 & 6 ~ Tuesday 1st April ~ 3:30pm - 5:00pm**

**IMPORTANT** - We will need volunteers to help at each disco for the events to take place. Please complete the slip on the letter and return it to your child's class teacher.

## PTA Krispey Kreme Doughnut Sale Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March

The PTA have organised a doughnut sale in the playground at the end of the day next Friday. You can pay by cash or card. The doughnuts will be the bargain price of £1.80 (they would cost £2.85 if bought at the Krispey Kreme stall).

## Parent Teacher Consultations

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm**

Please check your Parentmail account for booking information

## Managing Anxiety Coffee Morning: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 9:00am in the Junior Hall

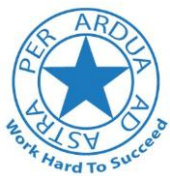
It is now widely accepted that as many as 8 to 11% of children and adolescents suffer from anxiety that affects their ability to get on with their lives. Barnet Integrated Clinical Services (BICS) will be holding a Coffee Morning in the Junior hall on Monday 10th March at 9:00am. At this coffee morning 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)

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)

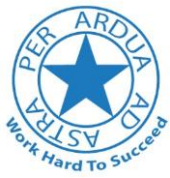
**Other messages and to contact the Head Teacher please email Ms Bailey, our business manager: -**  
[office@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

### 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

