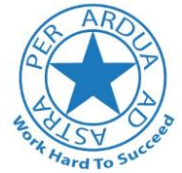


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21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to inform you that the following funds have been raised over the last couple of weeks.

**Art Gallery:** Commission on sales is £586      **PTA Doughnut Sale:** Raised £633.86

Thank you so much everyone for supporting these events.

**Moving from ParentMail for our parental communications, to a new platform called Arbor.**

Please see the email sent out on Tuesday explaining the timetable for moving over to Arbor.

Parents will be invited to set up and activate their accounts on **Friday 28th March**. Please look out for the joining instructions.

## Diary Dates Spring Term 2025

Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Week beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week – more details to follow
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 3:30pm- 5:00pm	Lower School Disco
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 3:30pm-5:00pm	Upper School Disco
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term- Early closure
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Beginning of the Summer Term School open to the children
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 6:00pm-7:00pm Junior Hall	Meeting for Y5 Parents Secondary Transfer

## Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank you to those who have already attended their consultation this week. We expect all parents to take up this opportunity. We have another session on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March** 3:40pm-6pm

Please check your Parentmail account for booking information.

**Disco Tickets will not be available to purchase on ParentMail after 9:00am on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

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

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

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

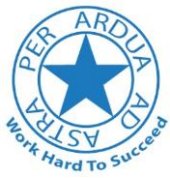
Please email [gardenjpta@gmail.com](mailto:gardenjpta@gmail.com) if you can help from 1:00pm on either day.

## Funtime- Holiday Play scheme

Funtime will definitely open the first week of the Easter Holiday - Monday 7th April to Friday 11th April.

Funtime will aim to open the second week - Monday 14th April to Thursday 17th April, but only if there is enough demand. **Please note, If you require a place for week 2 you must book no later than Monday 24th March when a decision will be made.**





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**Assemblies and Curriculum Events** : It has another engaging and busy week in school.

See the website for more details [Garden Suburb Junior & Infant School - Junior Latest News](#)

- Well done to 5J for their fabulous assembly this week.  
**5G** parents are invited to their child's assembly at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.
- **Y3 Ancient Egyptian Day:** Last Friday our school hall was transformed to give the children an Ancient Egyptian experience through art, craft and drama. This was provided by the company 'Off the Page'. Dressed in costumes, the children spent the morning building a new city and preparing the pharaoh's tomb. The children took part in the following art and craft activities: making canopic jars, bread, amulets, heart plates, shabti dolls, perfume cones, carving soap and writing on a papyrus. Drama workshops took place in the afternoon. They included an Ancient Egyptian celebration and feast where the First High Priest of Aten was appointed. Pharaoh Akhenaten and Queen Nefertiti also attended. Thank you to the Year 3 parents for supporting this event
- **Y6 Visit WWII experience at The Lincolnsfield Centre in Bushey:** The children had an informative day at the Lincolnsfield Centre on Tuesday. The Centre is located at Bushey Hall heritage site and utilises its twelve original WWII buildings to stage historical events within the grounds. The children were fully immersed all day in life as a child during WWII. Dressed up beautifully as evacuees, everyone enjoyed a hands-on learning experience where they visited a 'bombed out' London street, toured a unique reconstructed 1940s house, handled and used artefacts and clothing from the war in the museum and experienced life as Land Army volunteers in the 'Dig for Victory' garden. The wartime classroom experience was also a lot of fun and gave the children a taste of what it might have been like to make a mistake or misbehave in a lesson during 1940! Well done the children for behaving so well and participating with enthusiasm and interest.

It is especially important that we bring our history curriculum alive to enhance the children's 'cultural capital'. These experiences have provided immersion in the history topics which develops understanding, enhances remembering of learning and develops your children's historical skills and vocabulary.

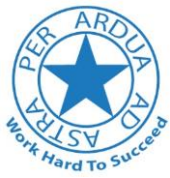
- **Y4 Visit the London Wetland Centre:** Y4 had a wonderful time on their trip to the London Wetland Centre this week. They saw so many beautiful and interesting wetland creatures, including exotic birds and adorable otters. They also worked as teams to complete a number of activities designed to make them feel closer to nature. They have been inspired to carry out more nature activities at home and at school in order to become certified 'Guardians of the Wild'. **Best of all, the trip was completely free as we were eligible for grant funding!** Every child even received a free ticket they can use to visit the London Wetland Centre again with their whole family.

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 (Child Care)

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)

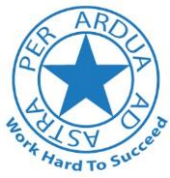
**Other messages and to contact the Head Teacher please email Ms Bailey, our business manager: -**  
[office@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

### 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>

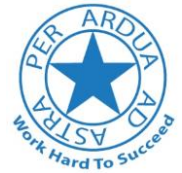
**Please note:** due to teaching commitments, class teachers may not be able to view or respond to emails on the day that they are sent. Urgent messages should go to Welfare or the school office.





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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

