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25th April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

JUNIOR SCHOOL ARBOR LAUNCH

We have had a great response so far to the welcome email.

Well done and thank you to the 88% of our parents who have set their password and downloaded the App!

The activation link was sent out via ParentMail before the holidays. 43 families still need to activate their account.

Club Payments

Club payments have now been set up on Arbor and you will find these in the Activity section on your Arbor Parent App.

Workshop and Trips and Swimming (Y4 only)

Voluntary payments are currently being set up and you will receive an email notification with further details when the payment is due. This includes Y4 Swimming and VR workshops for Y3 and Y5.

Contact admin@gsjs.barnetmail.net if you need any help with activating your account or making payments.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- Assemblies focused on the Christian festival of Easter this week. There was also a discussion about the sad news of the passing of Pope Francis. I was very impressed with the knowledge that the children had about the Pope and the process of choosing a new Pope.
- Well one to the children who entered the egg decorating competition. We had some fabulous entries and the winners were announced in assembly today.
- Well done to the large number of children who entered our book review competition. The winners were announced today.

Safeguarding

Ygam (UK's leading charity dedicated to preventing gaming and gambling among young people) are working with the Metropolitan Police to offer an online information session to help develop your understanding of gaming and gambling harms, enabling you to have open conversations with your children. See the flyer attached for more details.





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Webinar to support parents and professionals to navigate the complex issues raised by the series "Adolescence." LIVE on Thursday 1st May, 19.00-20.00pm

This webinar will address the influence of online culture, the challenges of bullying and peer pressure, and the impact of gender dynamics, toxic masculinity, and incel culture. The crucial role of parents and guardians in supporting their children, through starting conversations will also be explored.

By attending, you'll gain valuable insights and practical strategies to support your child thrive, while also finding reassurance and community among fellow parents facing similar concerns.

Look out for the link which will be sent out next week.

There will also be access to a recording for 4 weeks until 31st May for those who are unable to attend.

SEND/Additional Needs Support

Virtual Support Session for Parents/Carers of Year 5 and Year 6 children with Additional Needs. Learn about ways to support your child in transitioning from Primary to Secondary School and what to expect. See Flyer attached for more details

Free SEND Independent Travel Training Session

Tuesday 19th August 2025 at 10.15am to 11.50am or 12.15pm to 1.50pm

Please come and join the Barnet Safe and Sustainable Travel Team on their fun and friendly summer travel training session taking place in Edgware on a private travelling bus! Suitable for children (Year 6 and above) and young people with SEND, adults with disabilities or those who are vulnerable or anxious whilst travelling on public transport.

Top travel tips will be shared in this interactive workshop, to help make travelling easier and safer as an independent traveller.

For more information and a booking form please contact road.safety@barnet.gov.uk

Secondary Transfer

Thank you to the Year 5 parents who attended the secondary transfer meeting yesterday.

Please see the website for all of the details regarding secondary Transfer.

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Secondary+Transfer&pid=250>

Y4 Swimming

All Year 4 classes will be attending swimming lessons this term. **4G lesson start on Monday.** Don't forget to get your child's kit ready!





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Diary Dates Summer Term 2025

Monday 5 th May	School Closure - Bank Holiday
Friday 9 th May	Y5 Wonderdrome A planetarium dome for workshops to explore our Solar System
Monday 12 th May - Thursday 15 th May	Y6 End of Key Stage 2 SATs
Monday 19 th May 1:30pm at Brooklands School	Barnet Music Festival Cluster Rehearsal Upper school choir to attend
Tuesday 20 th May	Y3 Visit Alyth Gardens Synagogue
Monday 19 th May - Friday 23 rd May	Walk to School Week
Half Term Holiday - Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May	
Monday 2 nd June	INSET Day – School Closed to the Children
Thursday 9 th June	Y5 Anglo Saxon Day
Saturday 14 th June 12:00pm-3:00pm	PTA Summer Fair (More details to follow)
Monday 16 th June	Y4 Ancient Greece Day
Tuesday 17 th June	Barnet Music Festival - Upper school choir to attend
Friday 20 th June Friday 27 th June	Sports day – Parents invited to attend (More details to follow) Reserve Sports Day in case of bad weather
Tuesday 10 th June	Y3 Visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum to study The Stone Age
Monday 23 rd June	Class Photos
Wednesday 25 th June	Barnet Athletics Festival
Friday 11 th July	Y5 Visit to London Wetlands Centre
Tuesday 15 th July 11:00am/7:00pm Wednesday 16 th July 11:00am/7:00pm	Y6 Production – Parents invited to attend
Monday 21 st July 6:00pm-7:30pm	Y6 Leavers Disco
Tuesday 22nd July 1:25pm Y3 and Y4 1:30pm Y5 and Y6	Last Day of term - Children not required to wear uniform early closure

Year 3 Class Assemblies

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

3G - Tuesday 6th May **3S - Monday 12th May** **3J - Tuesday 13th May**

Kind regards

E. Bhavsar

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar, Head Teacher





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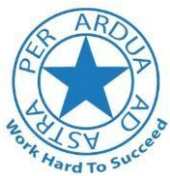
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Please see some general information below

Dr Bike sessions for a 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. See below:

Location Name	Location Description	Date	Time
Finchley, Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	14 May 2025	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	21 May 2025	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL	11 June 2025	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	18 June 2025	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)	9 July 2025	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	16 July 2025	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL	13 August 2025	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	20 August 2025	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)	10 September 2025	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	17 September 2025	4pm to 7pm





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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

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

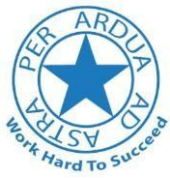
Senco Support: Mrs Goldman - senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net

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/Miss Atkinson	6G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

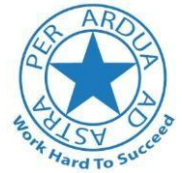
Please note: due to teaching commitments, class teachers may not be able to view or respond to emails on the day that they are sent. Urgent messages should go to Welfare or the school office.





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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

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

