

Garden Suburb Junior School

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10th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers)

Parental engagement is really important in order to support your child to do their best. You should have all taken up the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. Please make contact with your child's teacher if you have not yet had a meeting.

PTA Meeting- Friday 24th October 9:00am in the Junior Hall

All parents are welcome to attend. We will be discussing the fund-raising events for this term and the future.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Y5 Black History Workshops:** Drama workshops took place on Monday and the children learnt about the jobs people did who came to the UK on 'The Wind Rush'.
- **'Inside Out Day':** 'World Mental Health Day' was marked on Thursday when we all wore our tops inside out to help focus on the importance of being aware of feelings. In assembly we focused on the importance of not hurting the feelings of others with our words.
- **Year 4 Visit to Verulamium :** The children learnt all about life as a Roman, explored a Roman Theatre, toured a Roman Museum, learnt about a Roman hypocaust and even had the chance to handle real artefacts from Roman times. The children participated and behaved extremely well. Thank you to everyone who supported with this valuable educational trip.
- **Black History Month;** Black History Month has been marked in the UK for more than 30 years. It takes place during the month of October. It happens because so often in the past, the contributions to the community made by black people were ignored or played down. Black History Month aims to address this unfairness, by celebrating the achievements and contributions of the black community over the years. At Garden Suburb Junior School, we have focused on Black History month for many years. We now incorporate aspects of black history throughout the year across the curriculum. All year groups began their focus on an aspect of Black History in October:

Year 3 – Inspirational black figures including:

- Desmond Tutu who was once the curate at Golders Green Parish Church.
- Benjamin Zephaniah's with a focus on his book 'The Nature Trail'.
- Jacob Lawrence who is an artist.

Year 4 - Ruby Bridges, the first African-American child to attend an all-white public elementary school in the American South.

Year 5 - Floella Benjamin's book 'Coming to England' and also 'The Windrush'.

Year 6 - Slavery and injustice.

- **Talk on Tuesday:** Please encourage your child to discuss the theme, for example, with the family at dinner time. The theme this week is:

**Who is a famous black figure alive today that you find inspirational?
Why?**





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Cycle to School Week 13th- 17th September 2025

Next week is Cycle to School Week. As a Gold Accredited TfL school, we encourage our students to use methods of active transport as regularly as possible. This could include transport that that avoids contributing to pollution for example, cycling, walking and scooting. We are asking children to complete a sheet about where they could cycle to in different areas of the world. (See the sheet attached). This could be about a country that is important to them, one they have visited before or one that they would really like to go to. Completed sheets should be returned to our Travel Ambassador, Miss Clarke (3S) and winning entries will be displayed across the school.

Harvest/Sukkot

As part of our focus on Harvest/Sukkot we are collecting food for Homeless Action Barnet (HAB). See below the types of food we are asking for. Food will be collected in the main entrance Monday 13th October.

The Food We Would Like:

<u>Tins</u>	<u>Packets/Jars</u>
Vegetables: potatoes, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, tomatoes	Sugar, Rice, Jam, Pasta Cereal
Soup, Fish, Meat, Fruit	Coffee/ Teabags

Health and Welfare

Flu Vaccine: Friday 17th October 2025

Just a reminder that the flu session for Garden Suburb Junior School is taking place in the afternoon of Friday 17th October. Once again this year they will be offering the flu nasal spray to all children as well as the porcine free injectable alternative for immunocompromised children or children who cannot have the nasal spray for religious reasons. Click on the link below to complete the consent form.

<https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/barnet>

Please complete the consent form even if you DO NOT want your child to have the flu vaccine.

If you feel you have made a mistake on the form or if you have any questions, please contact the Vaccination UK team on 020 8150 7505. Attached is a flyer from Vaccination UK for more details.

Holiday Child Care

Please see the Funtime flyer attached.

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar /Head Teacher





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Please see some general information below

Arbor– Keep informed!

If you need any help activating or logging in to your account, please contact the school office as soon as possible: admin@gsjs.barnetmail.net.

Newsletters will be sent electronically **every Friday by email** - please look out for them! Arbor 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 Arbor account updated with any contact detail changes. **Please remember to also notify the school office with changes in contact details for our own records system.**

Lone Travellers - Parents need to complete a 'Lone Travelling' form if children are travelling to or from school without an adult. **This is only permitted for Y5 and Y6 pupils.** All Y5 and Y6 children will bring home a Lone Traveller form to complete on Tuesday. Forms can be requested from Mrs Alvares welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net if arrangements change throughout the year.

Mobile Phones

Most schools now are **not** allowing pupils to bring in mobile phones for safeguarding reasons. Exceptional circumstances will be considered for Y5/Y6 pupils and a request should be put in writing using our 'Mobile Phone Parental Request Form'. Smart phones with cameras and access to the internet will not be permitted.

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 school kit, as they will get a lot of wear out of it.

Year 3 Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 Wednesday and Friday

Secondary Transfer and School Journey

Information on secondary transfer is on the website at:

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

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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:

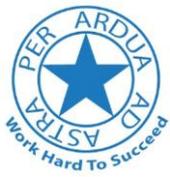
Emails for class Teachers: Please note: due to teaching commitments, class teachers may not be able to view or respond to emails on the day that they are sent. Urgent messages should go to Welfare or the school office.

Class Teacher	Email
Year 3	
Miss I Clarke (Year Group Leader)	3S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Ms N Aziz	3G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Year 4	
Mr J Morrissey (Year Group Leader and Assistant Head)	
Ms C James	4J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss E Woods	4S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss P Bowry	4G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Year 5	
Mrs K Margolis (Year Group Leader)	5S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss E Bannan	5G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss B O'Connor	5J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Year 6	
Mrs L Berger (Year Group Leader and Deputy Head)	
Miss J Jouhal	6G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss N Fernando	6S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss H Buck/Miss G Atkinson	6J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Welfare, attendance, absence, pick-up arrangements Mrs Alvares, welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net

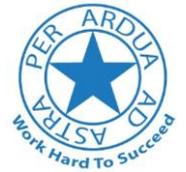
Senco Support: Mrs Goldman - senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net





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Clubs, Arbor queries and Free School Meals enquiries - admin@gsjs.barnetmail.net

Other messages and to contact the Head Teacher or a member of the Leadership Team please email Ms Bailey, our business manager: - office@gsjs.barnetmail.net

