

Garden Suburb Junior School

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21st November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

'The Sustainable Seasonal Fair' Friday 5th December.

Thank you to those of you who have made donations for the Seasonal Fair. We are asking you to donate approximately 8 items in good condition for sale at the Seasonal Fair.

We will be collecting until **Thursday 4th December.**

Please make every effort to donate. This is an event that the children enjoy very much!

Some parents have requested if they can donate money instead of gifts. However, we are trying to reduce the jobs that our hardworking PTA have to do, in order to provide these lovely events for your children. To reduce their workload, we are really happy for parents to purchase new items (instead of donating money) if parents prefer to do this.

Baking for the Seasonal Fair

This year the PTA is planning a festive biscuit stall at the seasonal fair. This is a stand where children can buy a small bag of homemade biscuits (usually 3 biscuits per bag), for £1.

It is always a popular stand! In order to make sure no child is disappointed, the PTA try to ensure that there are enough bags of biscuits so that should every child wants to purchase one, they can. In practice, that means 330 bags of biscuits (and at 3 per bag, that's 990 biscuits to bake!) The PTA is therefore calling all willing bakers to please volunteer to help!

Volunteers all bake to the same recipe and will be provided with cookie bags and stickers to package up their biscuits. If you are willing to bake a batch or two of biscuits to contribute, please click on the link below to join the baking WhatsApp group and the PTA will be in touch!

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DGcCPg3w1KN1zRCmcBXeTF>

On the day of the Fair- Friday 5th December

Remember to get some cash ready for your child to spend at the fair!

The fair is during the morning and is a wonderful fundraising event!

Children can wear a **seasonal/favourite jumper** with their uniform

On the day of the fair children should bring:

1. **Spending money** for shopping (no more than £15, coins only, no notes if possible) in a named purse/wallet
2. **A bag** with their name on to carry their purchases





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Diary Dates Autumn Term 2025

Monday 24th December	Deadline for Seasonal Decoration competition
Tuesday 25th November	Additional Photographer Session 1:30pm- see below
Wednesday 26th November	Y5 Visit Hampton Court
Tuesday 2nd December	Y3 Visit Warner Brothers Studio -The Making of Harry Potter
Friday 5th December 9:00am - 12:30pm	PTA Fund Raising Event- Seasonal Fair Remember to get some cash ready for your child to spend at the fair! Children can wear their Seasonal/Favourite Jumper
Monday 8th December 2:15pm Junior Hall	Violin Concert Parents of children performing are invited to attend
Tuesday 16th December 2:15pm Junior Hall	Choir and Ukulele Concert – Parents of children who are performing are invited to attend
Friday 12th December	Seasonal/Favourite Jumper Day – we collect small donations for charity Children are invited to wear their seasonal/favourite jumper
Friday 12th December	PTA Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale PTA fund raising event after School in playground
Friday 19th December	Last Day of term – Non uniform Day Early Closure 1:25pm Y3 and Y4 1:30pm Y5 and Y6
Monday 5th January 2026 Children back to school	Start of the Spring Term PLEASE NOTE - NO INSET DAY

Reminder: Additional Photographer Session on Tuesday 25th November at 1:30pm

This session is to take individual photographs of the large number of children who were absent during the October session. The photographer has extended the upcoming session so that any parent who would like their child's photograph retaken may also do so. If you would like your child to have their photo taken again, please email admin@gsjs.barnetmail.net with the subject line 'School Photograph' and include your child's full name and class in the message.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- 'Talk on Tuesday' is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week is:
Which learning power do you think is the most important and why
We have asked the children to have discussions at home and they can then feedback in their classes. Our Learning powers are:

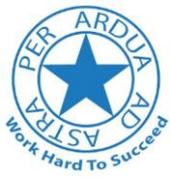
Respectfulness, Reflectiveness, Resilience and Resourcefulness

Please encourage your child to discuss the theme, for example with the family at dinner time.

More details about our learning powers can be found on the website:

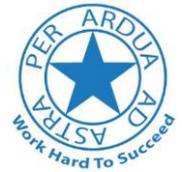
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- **Seasonal Decoration Competition:** Information was shared with the children on this competition in class a few weeks ago. See the information below on how to submit your child's entry:
 - It must be able to hang - it **can't be too heavy** and **needs a loop at the top**
 - It can be made from **any materials** – paper, felt, tissue paper, pipe cleaners, pom poms, papier maché, recycled materials are perfect.
 - It must be labelled with your child's **name and class**
 - Please bring the decorations in by **Monday 24th December**. The decorations will be judged by the school council on **Wednesday 26th December**. There will be a winner in each year group!

Support for Parents

We are pleased to announce the following parent coffee mornings in the Junior School Hall 9:00am – 10:00am run by (Barnet Integrated Clinical Services (BICS)

If you would like to attend, please let Mrs. Goldman know: senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net

Understand and managing emotion regulation: Monday 1st December

This session will help parents/carers understand more about what causes dysregulated emotions, and how to support children and young people on improving their emotional literacy. It will teach parents healthy emotion regulation strategies they can model to support the wellbeing of their children.

Understanding and Managing Anxiety: Wednesday 3rd December at 9:00am in the Infant School Hall

This presentation will have a particular focus on children with neurodivergent conditions including autism, specific learning difficulties and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Managing challenging behaviour: Monday 15th December

This session will provide parents and caregivers a chance to understand some of the causes of difficult behaviour and how to bring about positive behaviour. This includes learning how to give effective instructions, selective listening, praise, and rewards.

Seasonal 'Thank You' to our Support Staff

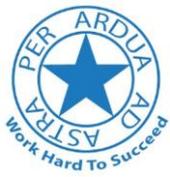
It has been our custom for many years for the children to say 'thank you' to our support staff, for all that they do for the school, by giving them a Christmas gift. These are invaluable members of staff whose dedication and hard work is often unseen. This includes our: meal time supervisors, kitchen staff and cleaning staff, caretakers Mr Adolphe and Mr Shepherd and the team of learning support assistants. We would be very happy to receive your donations – please send any donations, in a sealed envelope marked 'Support Staff Christmas Gifts' and ask your child to hand to their class teacher, by Thursday 11th December. Kind regards

E. Bhavsar

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar /Head Teacher

Please see some general information below





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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

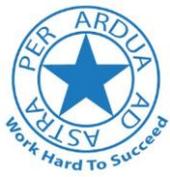
Information on secondary transfer is on the website at:

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

Information on school Journey on the website at:

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/Default.asp?title=School+Journey&pid=1760&action=saved>





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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

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

