

Garden Suburb Junior School

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5th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

PTA Events

- **'The Sustainable Seasonal Fair'**

The children enjoyed their shopping experience at the Seasonal Fair today! Thank you so much to our hard working PTA for organising this fabulous event and to parents for supporting it. Thank you everyone for your donations. In addition, a great big thank you to those who baked biscuits to sell. Thank you to our Chair of the PTA, Catalin Pogor, for co-ordinating this magical event! Approximately £2,000 was raised!

- **Reminder: Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale – Friday 12th December after school in the playground**
Cash and card accepted!

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Y3 Visit Warner Brother Studios:** Year 3 jumped aboard the Hogwarts Express, on Tuesday, from Platform 9 and 3/4 and headed off to see the magic behind the Harry Potter films at the Warner Brother Studios. They enjoyed creating their own games using real film props in their instructional writing workshop before heading off on a tour around the studios. Using green-screens and CGI, the children also created their own quidditch photos. The tour ended with a 360 walk around the model of Hogwarts, which was decorated in snow for the 'Hogwarts in the Snow' event. It was a truly magical day, which I am sure will inspire some fabulous writing. The children had a fantastic time. See the photographs on the website.

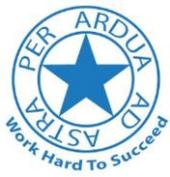
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- **Talk on Tuesday'** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week is:
There is as much pleasure in giving, as in receiving. What do you think?
Please encourage your child to discuss the theme, for example with the family at dinner time.

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2025

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





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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

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.

Extra-Curricular Activities

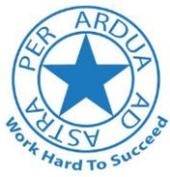
Check your email for information on the clubs for the Spring term. Please note that an additional science club has now been added on Wednesdays.

Kind regards

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

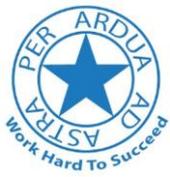
Information on secondary transfer is on the website at:

<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

