



Garden Suburb Junior School

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12th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

PTA Events

Reminder: Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale Today

The PTA are selling doughnuts and hot chocolate after school in the playground today.

Cash and card accepted!

Choir and Ukulele Concert Tuesday 16th December 2:15pm in the Junior Hall

The children rehearsed their concert this week in front of the whole school and are looking forward to performing for parents next week.

Children performing in this concert are allowed to wear a seasonal or favourite jumper on Tuesday.

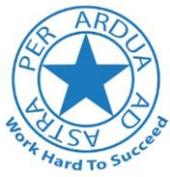
Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Violin Concert:** Well done to the children who performed in the concert this week and thank you to Miss Lodge for preparing them.
- **Talk on Tuesday'** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week is:
Are the best things in life free?
Please encourage your child to discuss the theme, for example with the family at dinner time.

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2025

Tuesday 16th December 2:15pm Junior Hall	Choir and Ukulele Concert – Parents of children who are performing are invited to attend Children performing are allowed to wear a seasonal or favourite jumper
Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner The dinner hall will be decorated, staff will eat their lunch with the children and all children (including packed lunch children) will have hats and crackers. All children are allowed to wear a seasonal or favourite jumper
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

The last parent coffee mornings of the year will be 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.

September 2026 - July 2027 Academic Year Term Dates

See attached the term dates for the next academic year – please ensure that when booking holidays you refer to these dates. Holidays during term time are not authorised.

Science/Environmental Education

Grants from the Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust and The Residents Association were successfully applied for to re-develop the pond in the nature garden. This was applied for by two of our regular volunteers, Ms Coury and Ms Asquith.

The work on the pond started in November 2025. We now have a refurbished and deeper pond, which will hold the water better. The children will be able to study pond life and habitats and enjoy the peace in this lovely space. We are very grateful to our neighbour (and ex-parent), Mrs Morris, who allowed us to fill the pond from her water supply.

Polite Reminder - Head Lice

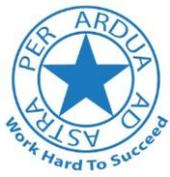
Although this is the season for sharing and caring - some things are best not shared! Parents have requested that we send an additional reminder about checking hair for eggs so reinfection is limited!

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

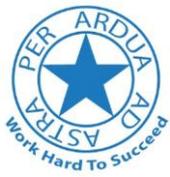
Information on secondary transfer is on the website at:

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

Information on school Journey on the website at:

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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

