

# Garden Suburb Junior School

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9th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! We have an extremely busy and engaging term ahead of us.

### Reminder - PSHE (including Relationship, Sex and Health Education Policy)

Please see attached our Draft PSHE Policy that we are sharing with parents for consultation.

We will ask for your feedback in the coming weeks. Please see below the meetings for parents on our Relationships, Sex and Health Education.

<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b> 9:00am -10:15am Junior Hall	<b>Meeting for Y5 and Y6 Parents</b> <b>Relationship Sex and Health Education Programme.</b> There will be an opportunity to view resources and ask questions
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b> 2:00pm-3:15pm Junior Hall	<b>Meeting for Y3 and Y4 Parents</b> <b>Relationship Sex and Health Education Programme.</b> There will be an opportunity to view resources and ask questions –

### Year 5 Class Assemblies - Save the dates

All Y3, Y4 and Y5 classes present an assembly to their parents/Carers. The Y6 children perform the Y6 production at the end of the academic year. Please see the dates of the assemblies below. Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall.

Y5 Class Assemblies	Y4 Class Assemblies	Y3 Class Assemblies
<b>5S</b> Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>4G</b> Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>3S</b> Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>5G</b> Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>4S</b> Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>3G</b> Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>5J</b> Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>4J</b> Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	

### Art Exhibition – Save the dates

This half term the children will be focusing on creating a piece of work for our art exhibition which parents/carers are invited to attend.

**Years 3 and 4 Exhibition: Monday 2nd March from 2:30pm – 4:00pm**

**Years 5 and 6 Exhibition: Tuesday 3rd March from 2:30pm – 4:00pm**

### We will also have musicians playing to create a gallery ambiance.

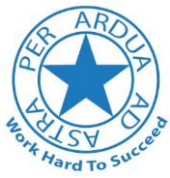
The children will visit the exhibitions with their class earlier in the day.

The company, Mini Masterworks, set up the gallery for us in the Junior Hall. The pictures are printed professionally and labelled with your child's name and the school logo. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase their child's framed work on the day of the exhibition. Order forms will also be sent home after half term if you are not able to attend. It is a memento that you will keep forever!

This year packs of greeting cards of your child's art work, will also be available to order.

**Please note: There will be no Lower School Football Club or Taekwondo Club on the week of the exhibition**





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## Diary Dates Spring Term 2026

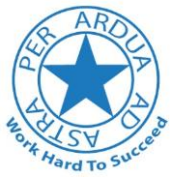
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b> 6:00pm-7:30pm	<b>Curriculum Talk for Y5 and Y6 parents</b> Junior Hall. At this meeting there will be an overview of how to prepare for Y6 SATs
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b> - to be confirmed	<b>PTA Annual General Meeting</b> All parents are welcome.
<b>Half Term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>INSET Day – School closed to the children</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> 2:30pm-4:00pm	<b>Lower School Art Gallery</b> Parents invited to attend
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b> 2:30pm-4:00pm	<b>Upper school Art Gallery</b> Parents invited to attend
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b> Children are invited to dress as book characters
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y3 Egyptian Workshops</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> 3:40pm-6pm <b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b> 3:40pm-6pm	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultations</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> 3:40pm-6pm <b>No dance club on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March as the hall is needed for the Book Fair</b> <b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b> 3:40pm-6pm	<b>PTA Book Fair – volunteers needed</b> A book fair will be held in the school hall during consultations
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y4 Visit the London Wetland Centre</b> <b>4J</b> <b>4G and 4S</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y6 Visit WWII experience at The Lincolnsfield Centre in Bushey</b> Children will visit a 1940s house, a dig for victory garden, the WWII museum and 1940s classroom
<b>Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Science Week – more details to follow</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b> 3:30pm- 5:00pm <b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b> 3:30pm-5:00pm	<b>Lower School Disco</b> <b>Upper School Disco</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Last Day of term – Non uniform Day</b> <b>Early Closure</b> 1:25pm Y3 and Y4      1:30pm Y5 and Y6
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Beginning of the Summer Term</b> School open to the children – <b>No INSET DAY</b>

### Safeguarding - stranger danger around the school

It is important to talk to your children about stranger danger, especially if they are loan travellers. We regular talk to the children about a range of safety issues regarding stranger danger.

Recently some parents have had concerns about the presence of a man on the Finchley Road, usually in the mornings near the crossing. We have been communicating with the local police regarding these concerns and the situation is being monitored. If you have any concerns, please report them directly to the Police.





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## Parenting Support

### Coffee Morning run by the Autism Advisory Team

On Wednesday 28th January we are holding a coffee morning run by the Autism Advisory Team. The talk will focus on emotional regulation and how to support our young people.

Topics will include:

- emotional dysregulation and the overwhelm bucket
- focus on emotions
- focus on routine and predictability
- masking and fawning

Although this session is aimed at parents and carers of children with autism, all parents are very welcome to attend, as you might find the strategies discussed helpful for many children.

**Date:** Wednesday 28th January

**Time:** 9:00am

**Venue:** Blue Room, Garden Suburb Infant School

### Planning for Adulthood Conference

Barnet Education and Learning Service (BELS), in collaboration with the Barnet Parent Carer Forum (BPCF), are re-running the successful Planning for Adulthood Conference. This event is aimed at parent carers of young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Speakers will focus on topics to support young people on their journey into adulthood. **See flyer attached**

### Barnet Children's Integrated Therapies

Occupational Therapy helps children develop essential skills for daily life, including self-care, education-based tasks, and play skills. If you would like to learn more **see the flyer attached** for the dates of drop-in sessions.

### Assemblies and Curriculum Events

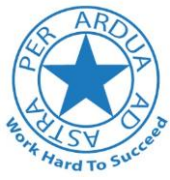
- **New Year's Resolutions:** A discussion about making new goals for improvement were discussed in assemblies this week with a particular focus on our motto 'per ardua ad astra' which we translate as 'Reach for the stars'.
- **Talk on Tuesday'** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week to discuss a quote by Albert Einstein: **'Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.'** **What do you think?** Please encourage your child to discuss the theme, for example with the family at dinner time.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

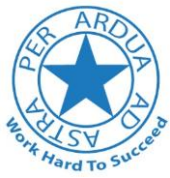
Information on secondary transfer is on the website at:

<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
<b>Year 3</b>	
Miss I Clarke (Year Group Leader)	3S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Ms N Aziz	3G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
<b>Year 4</b>	
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
<b>Year 5</b>	
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
<b>Year 6</b>	
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](mailto:welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

**Senco Support:** Mrs Goldman - [senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

**Clubs, Arbor queries and Free School Meals enquiries** - [admin@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto: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](mailto:office@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

