

# Garden Suburb Junior School

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16th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Consent:** As part of your child's personal development, all year groups will be having relationships education this term. It is important that your children understand how to keep themselves safe in different situations. Assemblies this week have focused on consent, in particular in relation to their body and touching, images of themselves and passwords.
- **Relationships Sex and Health Education (RSHE):** Thank you to the parents who attended the RSHE talks today. The presentation and our RHSE policy is now on the website.  
<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=PSHE+and+RSHE&pid=1695>
- **Talk on Tuesday'** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week:  
**'What's something you're grateful for today?'**  
Please encourage your child to discuss the theme, for example with the family at dinner time.

## Online Safety Talks for Parents - **Save the date**

Perryn Jasper, Barnet Prevent Co-ordinator will deliver a meeting for our parents on online safety

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 4:30pm – 5:30pm.**

- The session will raise awareness of online risks for young people and will focus on:
- General online advice and guidance and how to reduce risk
- Generative AI risks
- Safe Gaming and appropriate sleep patterns
- Social media and popular apps to avoid
- Exploitation
- Cyberbullying
- Grooming
- How to reduce the threats and where to seek advice and support.

This meeting will be online. See the link below:

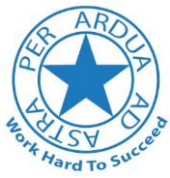
**Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)**

Meeting ID: 390 561 658 595 0

**[Join the meeting now](#)**

Passcode: RF2YX3Jw





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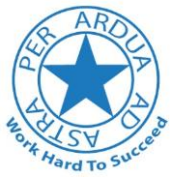
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## Diary Dates Spring Term 2026

<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> 9:00am-10:00am	<b>PTA Annual General Meeting</b> All parents are welcome in the Junior Hall
<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>No Lower School Football or Gymnastics Club</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b> 2:30pm-4:00pm	<b>Upper school Art Gallery</b> Parents invited to attend <b>No Upper School Football or Taekwondo Club</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b> Children are invited to dress as book characters
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b> Online Meeting 4:30pm – 5:30pm	<b>Online Safety Talks for Parents</b> <b>See online link above</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y3 Egyptian Workshops</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm</b> <b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultations</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm</b> <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 3:40pm-6pm</b>	<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 3:30pm- 5:00pm</b> <b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm-5:00pm</b>	<b>Lower School Disco</b> <b>No Lower School Football or Gymnastics club</b> <b>Upper School Disco</b> <b>No Upper School Football or Taekwondo Club</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>





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## Year 5 Class Assemblies

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
5S Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	4G Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	3S Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
5G Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	4S Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	3G Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
5J Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	4J Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	

## 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

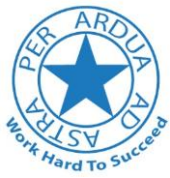
**Venue:** Blue Room, Garden Suburb Infant School

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

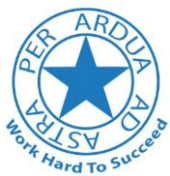
Information on secondary transfer is on the website at:

<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>	
<b>Miss I Clarke (Year Group Leader)</b>	3S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Ms N Aziz	3G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
<b>Year 4</b>	
<b>Mr J Morrissey (Year Group Leader and Assistant Head)</b>	
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>	
<b>Mrs K Margolis (Year Group Leader)</b>	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>	
<b>Mrs L Berger (Year Group Leader and Deputy Head)</b>	
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)

