

# Garden Suburb Junior School

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30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Talk on Tuesday** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week:  
**'How can we show respect to people who believe something different to us?'**  
Please encourage your child to discuss the theme, for example with the family at dinner time.
- **Musicians for the Art Gallery:** See the dates below of the Art Gallery after half term. We will have musicians playing to create a gallery ambiance. Your Child may have already brought a letter home about this if they are interested in performing. Just in case the letter does not make it home, it is also attached for you to print and complete. Copies are also available in class.

## PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting today. All the reports will be on the website next week. Our new committee was voted in:

**Chair:** Calatlin Pogor                      **Treasurer:** Vicky Milic                      **Secretary:** Saba Rela

Thank you and goodbye to Marina Borges de Oliveira, our retiring treasurer, who has supported the PTA for many years!

## Class Assemblies

All Y3, Y4 and Y5 classes present an assembly to their parents/Carers. Please see the dates of the assemblies below. Well done to class 5G for their engaging assembly on the Tudors!

Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall.

Y5 Class Assemblies	Y4 Class Assemblies	Y3 Class Assemblies
	<b>4G</b> Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>3S</b> Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
	<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	

## Online Safety Talks for Parents - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Perryn Jasper, Barnet Prevent Co-ordinator will deliver a meeting for our parents on online safety. This meeting will be online. See the link below:

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

Meeting ID: 390 561 658 595 0

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

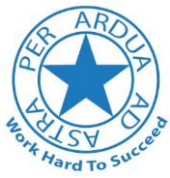
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## Rescheduled meeting

### Curriculum Talk for Y5 and Y6 parents: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 6:00pm-7:30pm in the Junior Hall

At this meeting there will be an overview of how to support your child whilst in the upper school. We are preparing the children for the next stage in their educational journey, moving to secondary school. There will be a particular focus on how best to preparation your child for the Y6 SATs.





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## Diary Dates Spring Term 2026

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February</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>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</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>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>No dance club on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March as the hall is needed for the Book Fair</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Y4 Visit the London Wetland Centre</b> 4J 4G and 4S
<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>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>

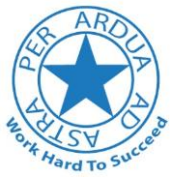
Kind regards

*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](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

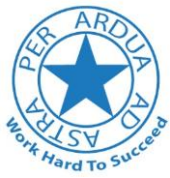
Information on secondary transfer is on the website at:

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

Information on school Journey on the website at:

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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)

