

Garden Suburb Junior School

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6th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Mental Health Awareness Week:** The importance of feeling a sense of belonging was the focus of assemblies this week. Belonging is the feeling of being a valued part of the groups and places that are important to us. We discussed the importance of feeling cared for and comfortable to be ourselves. The children have been encouraged to take part in an art activity 'This is My Place' by creating a personal map. This can include places, groups, or activities where they feel they belong. See your child's Google Classroom for more details as well as the link below:
<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/resources/this-is-my-place-art-activity/>
- **Talk on Tuesday'** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week:
'How can we help others feel a sense of belonging in our school'
Please encourage your child to discuss the theme, for example with the family at dinner time.

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.

Y4 Class Assemblies	Y3 Class Assemblies
4G Thursday 5 th March	3S Tuesday 5 th May
4S Tuesday 17 th March	3G Tuesday 12 th May
4J Thursday 26 th March	

Online Safety Talks for Parents - Monday 9th 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?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 390 561 658 595 0

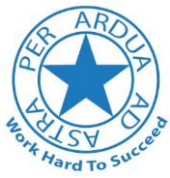
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Perryn Jasper will also be repeating this Online Safety Talk after half term – the details for this will be shared next week.

Curriculum Talk for Y5 and Y6 parents: Monday 9th 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

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

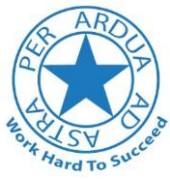
Kind regards

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.

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

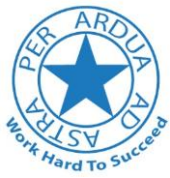
Information on secondary transfer is on the website at:

<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

