

Garden Suburb Junior School

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27th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

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

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

Parents are invited to attend in the Junior Hall.

- The children will visit the exhibitions with their class earlier in the day.
- Parents will have the opportunity to purchase their child's framed work on the day of the exhibition.
- If you are not able to attend, order forms have been sent today in your child's bag. They have also been emailed for you to print.
- **We will have musicians playing to create a gallery ambiance 2:30pm- 3:15pm. If your child is performing, you will have signed and returned a letter confirming that your child is ready to perform. Make sure that you arrive by 2:30pm if your child is performing.**

**Please Note: No Lower School Football or Gymnastics Club on Monday 2nd March
No Upper School Football or Taekwondo Club on Tuesday 3rd March**

Parents will not have been charged for the above club sessions – check your original booking details.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Talk on Tuesday'** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week:
'What is the kindest thing someone has ever done for you?'
Please encourage your child to discuss the theme, for example with the family at dinner time.
- **World Book Day Friday 6th March 2026.**
The theme this year is *'Read and Relax'*.
 - Children are invited to dress as a book character
 - Some children may not want to dress as a book character. We are also inviting the children to dress in comfy clothes (track suits, onesies, pjs) - so that they are ready to read and relax.
 - Children are invited to bring a book into school about something they are 'in to' in line with the National Year of Reading theme- 'If you're into it, read into it'.

Parent/Teacher Consultations – **Please note the change of dates**

We have changed one of the dates of consultations to avoid a clash with Eid. Please note the new dates are:

Wednesday 11th March 3:40pm-6pm

Wednesday 18th March 3:40pm-6pm

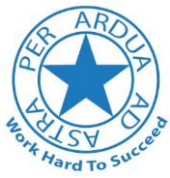
Parents of children in 4S (Miss Woods) Thursday 12th March 3:40pm-6:00pm

Wednesday 18th March 3:40pm-6pm

An email will be sent out today about booking your consultation. The booking system will open on Arbor at 12:00pm on Monday. Please make sure that you have access to the Arbor app.

Contact admin@gsjs.barnetmail.net if you have questions or need support.





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Meeting for Y5 Parents on Secondary Transfer on Thursday 16th April 6:00pm-7:00pm in the Junior Hall

At this important meeting you will gain information on the process for applying for a secondary school place for your child for entry into Y7 in September 2027.

Class Assemblies

Please see the dates of the assemblies below:

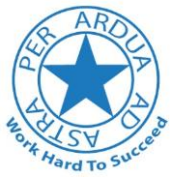
Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall.

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	

Diary Dates Spring Term 2026

Friday 6 th March	World Book Day Children are invited to dress as book characters/comfy clothes
Monday 9 th February Online Meeting 4:30pm – 5:30pm	Online Safety Talks for Parents See online link above
Friday 13 th March	Y3 Egyptian Workshops
Wednesday 11 th March 3:40pm-6pm Wednesday 18th March 3:40pm-6pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations Please note the change of data
Wednesday 11 th March 3:40pm-6pm Wednesday 18th 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 9 th March Tuesday 10 th March	Y4 Visit the London Wetland Centre 4J 4G and 4S
Tuesday 17 th 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 23 rd March	Science Week – more details to follow
Monday 23 rd March 3:30pm- 5:00pm Tuesday 24 th 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 27 th March	Last Day of term – Non uniform Day Early Closure 1:25pm Y3 and Y4 1:30pm Y5 and Y6
Monday 13 th April	Beginning of the Summer Term School open to the children – No INSET DAY
Thursday 16 th April 6:00pm-7:00pm in Junior School Hall	Meeting for Y5 Parents on Secondary Transfer





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BARNET PARENT / CARER FORUM COFFEE MORNING, WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH @ 9.15AM:

As part of the PINS project (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) The Barnet Parent Carer Forum will be hosting a coffee morning for parents of children in Garden Suburb Infant and Junior Schools to introduce the project and the forum. This meeting will be held in Blue Room in the Infant School. No sign-up is required.

SEND Reform

You may be aware that the Government released details of their intentions for SEND reform on Monday in their Schools White Paper.

A link to the White Paper is below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/every-child-achieving-and-thriving>

We know you are likely to have concerns and questions about what this may mean for your children and we are therefore delighted to let you know that Barnet are running an online Q&A session next

Thursday 5th March from 6-7.30pm at which Kim Miller, Head of SEND and Inclusion in Barnet, will explain what is known so far.

Please note that much of the detail is yet to be released so it may not be possible to answer detailed questions at this stage. Barnet will however run more sessions as more information comes to light.

There is no need to pre-register for the session. The link to join is below.

We hope you can join this very important session.

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 373 921 719 527 6

Passcode: ku3PV72U

ADHD Parent Workshop

ADHD in the 21ST Century: A face-to-face workshop for Barnet parents/carers, children, and young people (age 10 years and upwards) with a selection of exciting keynote speakers and the chance to hear about real life experiences.

Saturday 25 April 2026 13:30 - 16:30 - Artsdepot N12 OGA

Register here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Ec1uwH125m>

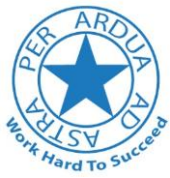
Kind regards

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

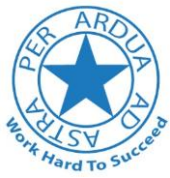
Information on secondary transfer is on the website at:

<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

