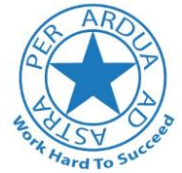


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6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

I am proud to work in a community that is tolerant and respectful. This has been an extremely difficult week due to the international situation. Many of our families are directly impacted by recent events. Your children have worked and played harmoniously together.

Whilst we have not discussed the conflicts that are going on in the world directly with your children, we have provided support where necessary and will continue to do so. Staff are being vigilant in observing and listening to your children. We are making sure that the children know that they can get support if they are feeling upset or anxious. Tolerance and respect will continue to permeate everything that we do.

It is important, for both parents and children, to understand that discussions around the current situation are very sensitive and should be avoided in and around the school premises. I urge you to protect your children from being exposed to the news or having unsupervised access to online material. We have to protect our children from the atrocities that are happening in the world

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are concerned or feel that more support is needed for you or your family

## Amalgamation of the schools - Parent/Governor Meetings

Please see the letter that came out from the Governing Body earlier this week regarding the future of the schools. Below are details of meetings for parents, with the Governors, where you can find out more about the plans and ask any questions. The meetings are:

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 9:00am in Blue Room in the Infant School**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 6:00pm in the Junior School Hall**

If you have any feedback or questions for the Governors, regarding the amalgamation, please use the following email: [primary@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:primary@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

## Parent/Teacher Consultations –

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm

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

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm

The booking system is open. Please make sure that you have access to the Arbor app.

Contact [admin@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:admin@gsjs.barnetmail.net) if you have questions or need support.

## Second Hand Uniform Sale Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 3:00pm-4:00pm

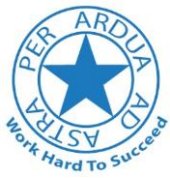
The PTA will be selling second hand uniform in the playground.

**PTA Discos** – see the email sent home today with information on how to purchase tickets

**PTA Meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 9:00am Junior Dinner Hall**– we need volunteers to help at the disco.

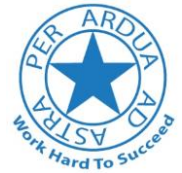
Please attend the meeting if you are able to help at this event.





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## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Art Gallery:** It was lovely to see so many parents attend our art galleries this week. Well done to the 40 musicians who also performed. Please see the email sent home this week for details of how to purchase items directly from Minimasterworks, if you would like to make further purchases of your children's art work.
- **Talk on Tuesday'** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week:  
**'What is your favourite book and why?'**  
Please encourage your child to discuss the theme, for example with the family at dinner time.
- **Thank you for supporting your children to enjoy World Book Day!**  
**The theme at school was 'Read and Relax'.** It was lovely to see children in their comfy clothes, as well as in their book character costumes.
  - **Each class had a delivery of thirty new books in new display boxes.** These books were chosen using feedback from our **Book Worms** on the genres and authors that the children enjoy reading. A few weeks ago, Sanchita, from The Childrens Book Shop in Muswell Hill, met with the **Class Reps** who shared the findings from these surveys, so that she could choose a range of books for each class using their ideas and feedback. The **House Captains** sorted and stamped the books ready for delivery to each class. This was a real team effort! Sanchita has introduced the children to a range of quality text, including new authors, to engage, extend and encourage reading. We used £3,000 of gift aid money to purchase these books. The Muswell Hill Childrens Book Shop gave the school great discount too!
  - **The National Year of Reading theme- 'If you're into it, read into it'.** The children enjoyed sharing books, that they had brought into school from home, in paired reading sessions.
  - **World Book Day Token:** Your child should have brought home their token today. This can be spent in book shops. The tokens **will not** be able to be spent at our book fair next week.

## Book Fair Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 3:20pm

The Muswell Hill Childrens Bookshop is providing a Book Fair next week in the Junior hall during parent/teacher consultations. There will be a range of quality text and the author, Steven Butler, will be there to advise and support. For every book sold the school will raise £1. We will put funds raised towards buying more books for the children to enjoy. There will also be a Book Fair the following week on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March** in the Junior Hall 3:20pm- 4:45pm

## Little Voices Holiday Theatre Camp, 7th to 10th April 2026 at Garden Suburb School

The show we will be working on and performing is called "Hawaiian Roller Coaster" and will be inspired by **Lilo and Stitch**. Early Bird offer available until March 7th. The link to find out more and book is below:

[APRIL HOLIDAY CAMP](#)

## Funtime - Childcare

**On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – the last day of term there will only be breakfast club (no after school club).

During the holiday the club will run from **30<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

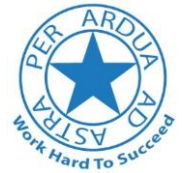
**On 13<sup>th</sup> April** (first day of the summer term) breakfast club will be open.





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## 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 12 <sup>th</sup> March	3S Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
4S Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	3G Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May
4J Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	

## Diary Dates Spring Term 2026

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Egyptian Workshops
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm	Book Fair <b>No dance club on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March as the hall is needed for the Book Fair</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Visit the London Wetland Centre 4J 4G and 4S
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> March	Science Week
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 3:30pm- 5:00pm Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm-5:00pm	Lower School Disco <b>No Lower School Football or Gymnastics club</b> Upper School Disco <b>No Upper School Football or Taekwondo Club</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of term – <b>Non uniform Day</b> <b>Early Closure</b> 1:25pm Y3 and Y4      1:30pm Y5 and Y6
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Beginning of the Summer Term School open to the children – <b>No INSET DAY</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 6:00pm-7:00pm in Junior School Hall	Meeting for Y5 Parents on Secondary Transfer

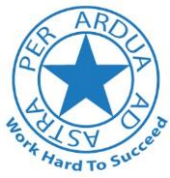
Kind regards

*E. Bhavsar*

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar /Head Teacher

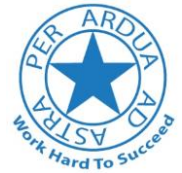
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## Courses and Coffee Morning for parents

### BARNET PINS ONLINE SESSIONS:

Please see below a list of online sessions parents are invited to, with the links to the meetings:

1. Understanding Roles of Specialist Teams (Speech & Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Educational Psychology)

Facilitator: Joann Moore Date: 23rd March Time: 18:00–19:00

MS Teams link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/35558646357229?p=GRThKmoRgvbltTX9Ti>

2. Positive Relationships & Behaviour

Facilitator: Lucy Baker Date: 24th March Time: 18:00–19:00

MS Teams link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/39919696954079?p=sJqCiWa8H5Dq6PAIDj>

3. Energy Accounting & Zones of Regulation

Facilitator: AAT – Luci Rose Date: 14th April Time: 13:30–14:30

MS Teams link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/33402220141406?p=SmvHe4punoPcpbFRuc>

4. Adaptive Teaching & Supporting Social Connections

Facilitator: Joann Moore Date: 17th April Time: 13:00–14:00

MS Teams link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/33592623255152?p=jaXMt8wG5hcltImLoF>

**MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH at 9.00AM: PINS COFFEE MORNING FOR PARENTS/CARERS:** As part of the PINS project (Barnet's Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) we are inviting Parents and Carers to **Blue Class** for a Coffee Morning on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March that will be led by Speech and Language therapist, Julia Mansell, and Occupational Therapist, Mardian Vries who will be discussing the following:

### Speech and Language Focus:

What is Speech and Language therapy?

What can I do to help my child?

What language should I speak in?

What tech helps my child?

How can I manage transitions?

How can I get Speech and Language therapy for my child?

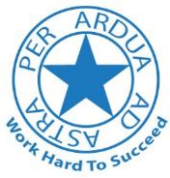
### Occupational Therapy Focus:

Sensory based functional need

Environmental supports

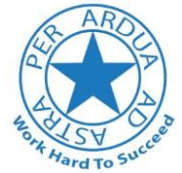
There is no need to sign up, just come along on Monday morning.





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## **BICS Coffee Morning on Sleep Hygiene 9:00am Tuesday 10th March in the Junior School**

We would like to invite you to a BICS run coffee morning on creating calming and effective bedtime routines for your child. We'll cover common sleep challenges, practical tips for creating a restful bedtime routine, and ways to make your child's bedroom a sleep-friendly space. You'll learn simple strategies for winding down, encouraging relaxation, and setting consistent sleep rules. We'll also touch briefly on the "step-by-step ladder" approach to easing sleep struggles. Whether your child struggles to fall asleep, stay asleep, or simply needs a better bedtime routine, this session will give you tools and ideas to support healthy, happy sleep.

## **ADHD Parent Workshop**

ADHD in the 21<sup>ST</sup> 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 0GA

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

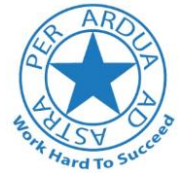
**Please see below some general Information for Parents**





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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>

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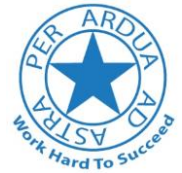
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## Making contact with the school

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)

