

Garden Suburb Junior School

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13th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Amalgamation of the schools - Parent/Governor Meetings

There will be another meeting for parents, with the Governors, where you can find out more about the plans and ask any questions on **Monday 16th 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

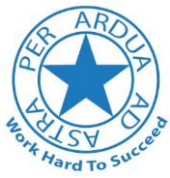
PTA Discos – see the email sent home last week with information on how to purchase tickets on Arbor. Please note that tickets will not be issued – teachers will have a list of children who are attending.

We need volunteers to help at the disco. Please return the slip at the bottom of the letter sent home last week or email: gardenjpta@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Ramadan:** This Islamic festival has been a focus in assemblies over the last few weeks. We focused on celebrating our diversity and discussed the similarities between the faiths and beliefs within our community.
- **Optimism:** We discussed the importance of understanding that everyone doesn't always see things the same way by focusing on an optical illusion. The children also learnt about the optimistic view of Nick Vujcic who was born with tetra-amelia syndrome, a rare disability characterised by the absence of arms and legs.
- **Y4 Visit the London Wetland Centre:** Y4 had a wonderful time on their trip to the London Wetland Centre this week. They saw so many beautiful and interesting wetland creatures, including exotic birds and adorable otters. They also worked as teams to complete a number of activities designed to make them feel closer to nature. It was lovely that the weather was good for this outdoor trip too! The children have been inspired to carry out more nature activities at home and at school in order to become certified 'Guardians of the Wild'. **Best of all, the trip was completely free as we were eligible for grant funding!** Every child even received a free ticket that can be used to visit the London Wetland Centre again with their whole family.
- **Y3 Ancient Egyptian Day:** On Friday our school hall was transformed to give the children an Ancient Egyptian experience through art, craft and drama. This was provided by the company 'Off the Page'. Dressed in costumes, the children spent the morning building a new city and preparing the pharaoh's tomb. The children took part in the following art and craft activities: making canopic jars, bread, amulets, heart plates, shabti dolls, perfume cones, carving soap and writing on a papyrus. Drama workshops took place in the afternoon. They included an Ancient Egyptian celebration and feast where the First High Priest of Aten was appointed. Pharaoh Akhenaten and Queen Nefertiti also attended. Thank you to the Year 3 parents for supporting this event
- **Talk on Tuesday'** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week:
'Would you rather live in the past or the future?'





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Funtime - Childcare

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

During the holiday the club will run from **30th March – 2nd April**

On 13th April (first day of the summer term) breakfast club will be open.

Safeguarding Notice

It has been drawn to my attention that some of our loan travellers are not always behaving well on the Finchley Road. Children should not be gathering with friends or popping into the shops to make purchases in the morning. Please check that your child understands that they should come straight to school and that they should always behave respectfully in the community.

Class Assemblies

Well done 4G for their fabulous class assembly this week! 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
4S Tuesday 17 th March	3S Tuesday 5 th May
4J Thursday 26 th March	3G Tuesday 12 th May

Diary Dates Spring Term 2026

Wednesday 18th March 3:40pm-6pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Thursday 19th March 3:40pm- 4:45pm	Book Fair
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
Monday 23rd March 3:30pm- 5:00pm	Lower School Disco No Lower School Football or Gymnastics club
Tuesday 24th March 3:30pm-5:00pm	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
Thursday 16th April 6:00pm-7:00pm in Junior School Hall	Meeting for Y5 Parents on Secondary Transfer

Book Fair Wednesday 18th March 3:20pm 4:45pm

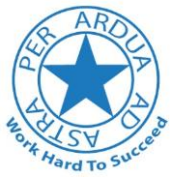
The Muswell Hill Childrens Bookshop is providing a Book Fair again next week in the Junior hall. For every book sold the school will raise £1.

Kind regards

E. Bhavsar

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar /Head Teacher





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Please see below information on courses, workshops and coffee mornings for parents.

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=GRThKmoRgvbItTX9Ti>

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=SmvHe4punoPpcbFRuc>

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=jaXMt8wG5hcItImLoF>

ADHD Parent Workshop

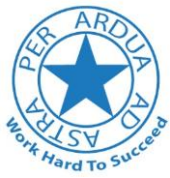
ADHD in the 21ST Century: A face-to-face workshop for Barnet parents/carers, children, and young people (age 10 years and upwards) with a selection of exciting keynote speakers and the chance to hear about real life experiences.

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

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

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.

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

