

Garden Suburb Junior School

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20th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Amalgamation of the schools -

Thank you to the parents who attended the drop-in sessions. 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. email: gardenjpta@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Children should come to school in their disco outfit on the day of their disco

Years 3 & 4: Monday 23rd March - 3:30 pm - 5:00pm

**All Year 3 and 4 children can wear non uniform even if they are not attending the disco.
All children are offered a free tattoo during the afternoon**

Years 5 & 6: Tuesday 24th March - 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

**All Year 5 and 6 children can wear non uniform even if they are not attending the disco.
All children are offered a free tattoo during the afternoon**

Children can bring pocket money up to £5 for additional tattoos and glow items

Glowing thin sticks - 2 for £1 **Glowing sticks** - £2 each **Disco Glasses** - £3 each **Tattoos** - 50p - £1

Refreshments

- The PTA will be serving: watermelon, cucumber, crisps and a mini cake.
- Gluten and dairy-free options will be available.

Please ensure that you collect your child promptly at 5:00pm on the day of their disco. For safeguarding reasons lone travellers need to be collected by an adult

Funtime - see flyer attached

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.

Class Assemblies

Well done 4S for their fabulous class assembly this week! Below are the dates of the rest of the assemblies:

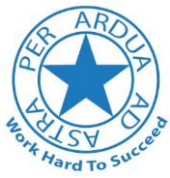
Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall:

4J Thursday 26th March

3S Tuesday 5th May

3G Tuesday 12th May





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Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **The RE big question 'How do we know'** was the theme of assembly this week. We learnt about the different approaches to answering this question such as: seeing and observing, being told by someone we trust, our own experiences or believing in something (faith).
- **Talk on Tuesday'** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week: **'Would you rather be an inventor or a writer?'**
- **Y6 Visit WWII experience at The Lincolnsfield Centre in Bushey:** The children had an informative day at the Lincolnsfield Centre on Tuesday. The Centre is located at Bushey Hall heritage site and utilises its twelve original WWII buildings to stage historical events within the grounds. The children were fully immersed all day in life as a child during WWII. Dressed up beautifully as evacuees, everyone enjoyed a hands-on learning experience where they visited a 'bombed out' London street, toured a unique reconstructed 1940s house, handled and used artefacts and clothing from the war in the museum and experienced life as Land Army volunteers in the 'Dig for Victory' garden. The wartime classroom experience was also a lot of fun and gave the children a taste of what it might have been like to make a mistake or misbehave in a lesson during 1940! Well done the children for behaving so well and participating with enthusiasm and interest.

We have had a lot of positive feedback from parents about how much their children enjoyed this engaging learning experience.

It is especially important that we bring our history curriculum alive to enhance the children's 'cultural capital'. This term we have given your children experiences to enable them to be immersed in their history topics through visits and theme days. This develops their understanding, enhances remembering of learning and develops your children's historical skills and vocabulary.

Diary Dates Spring Term 2026

Week beginning 23rd March	Science Week
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

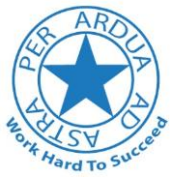
Kind regards

E. Bhavsar

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar /Head Teacher

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





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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=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=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>

ADHD Parent Workshop

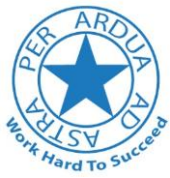
ADHD in the 21ST Century: A face-to-face workshop for Barnet parents/carers, children, and young people (age 10 years and upwards) with a selection of exciting keynote speakers and the chance to hear about real life experiences.

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

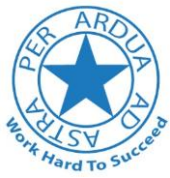
Information on secondary transfer is on the website at:

<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

