

Garden Suburb Junior School

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27th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

This week the climbing equipment in the playground was refurbished. We have spent £6,000 of our gift aid money to do this. It should be available for the children to use after the holiday.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Discos:** Thank you to the PTA for organising the discos this week. The children behaved very well and a good time was had by all! We will update you next term with how much was raised
- **Art Gallery:** Thank you for purchasing your children's art work. We raised £534 which will be used to pay for art resources
- **Talk on Tuesday'** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week:
'How does Science help us in our lives?'
- **Science Week:** Children have enjoyed additional science activities this week. See the flyer attached for the science competition
- **Egg decoration Competition:** The theme this year is book characters. See the flyer attached.

Information for Y5 Parents on Secondary Transfer

In September 2027, your child will transfer to Y7 in secondary school.

Please see the email sent home last week with the following documents:

- A letter outlining the secondary transfer process
- Important information for families applying to schools that require selective tests
- The schedule of open evenings for Barnet secondary schools

These documents are also on the school website:

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Secondary+Transfer&pid=250>

Reminder: I will be holding a meeting for Year 5 parents on **Thursday 16th April at 6:00pm** in the Junior Hall. At this meeting I will explain the secondary transfer process in more detail. This is an important meeting, and all Year 5 parents are encouraged to attend if possible, as there will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

Year 4 Swimming

Children in Y4 start their swimming lessons after half term. Please check your email for more details. Each Y4 class goes swimming for a two-week block during the first half of the summer term. Please note that

Swimming lesson cost £66

Transport £55

Total £121

Please note - we ask parents for a **voluntary contribution**. Please only pay what you can afford.





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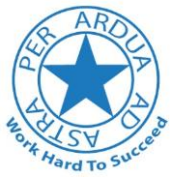
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Diary Dates Summer Term 2026

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
Monday 20th April	YR Workshops: Y3 - Egyptians Y5- Brazil and The Amazon
Friday 1st May	Y5 Wonderdrome A planetarium dome for workshops to explore our Solar System
Monday 4th May	School Closure - Bank Holiday
Thursday 7th May	Y3 Visit Alyth Gardens Synagogue
Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May	Y6 End of Key Stage 2 SATs
Monday 18th May - Friday 22nd May	Walk to School Week
Half Term Holiday - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May	
Monday 1st June	INSET Day – School Closed to the Children
Thursday 4th June	Y5 visit Hindu Temple Bhakavandti Manor in Watford
Monday 8th June	Y4 Ancient Greece Day
Friday 12th June	Y3 Visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum to study The Stone Age
Monday 15th June	Y5 Anglo Saxon Day
Tuesday 16th June	Barnet Music Festival - Upper school choir to attend
Sports days – new format	Parents invited to attend (More details to follow)
Friday 19th June 9:10am -12:15pm	Multi Sports Morning
Friday 26th June 10:30- 12:00pm	Finals of track races
Saturday 20th June 12:00pm-3:00pm	PTA Summer Fair (More details to follow)
Monday 22nd June	Class Photos
Tuesday 30th June	Barnet Athletics Festival
Thursday 2nd July 1:30pm-2:30pm	Merry go round Children meet their teacher for the new academic year
Tuesday 7th July 11:00am/7:00pm Wednesday 8^h July 11:00am/7:00pm	Y6 Production – Parents invited to attend
Monday 13th July 6:00pm-7:30pm	Y6 Leavers Disco
Friday 17th July 1:25pm Y3 and Y4 1:30pm Y5 and Y6	Last Day of term - Children not required to wear uniform early closure





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Class Assemblies

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

Parents invited to attend the Y3 class assemblies at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall on the following dates:

3S Tuesday 5th May **3G** Tuesday 12th May

Amalgamation of the schools – Please see attached an updated document with frequently asked questions. If you have any feedback or questions for the Governors please email: primary@gsjs.barnetmail.net.

Kind regards

E. Bhavsar

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar /Head Teacher

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:

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>

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

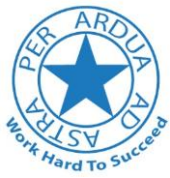
ADHD in the 21ST Century: A face-to-face workshop for Barnet parents/carers, children, and young people (age 10 years and upwards) with a selection of exciting keynote speakers and the chance to hear about real life experiences.

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

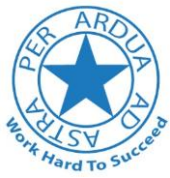
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Making contact with the school

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

