

Garden Suburb Junior School

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17th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Email Outage and Communication from the Chair of Governors

We were made aware on Friday morning that not all emails sent to parents were delivered successfully. As a result, an important letter from Anthony Shayle, Chair of Governors, sent on Thursday evening, was only received by some parents. This issue has been caused by a technical problem between our email provider and Arbor. We sincerely apologise that not all parents received this information at the same time. As the issue has not yet been fully resolved, today we are sending home a hard copy of the letter with your child.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **"We're all one people... from up above, the planet looks like a place where we can all live together".** *Victor Glover, Artemis II Astronaut.* The recent mission to the moon was discussed in assembly this week. Lessons for all humanity as well as the scientific learning was focused on.
- **Talk on Tuesday'** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week:
**'Artemis II has successfully returned from its recent mission.
Why is it important that astronauts go to the moon?'**

Information for Y5 Parents on Secondary Transfer

Thank you to those who attended the meeting yesterday evening. The presentation has been added to the website <https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Secondary+Transfer&pid=250> along 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

Safeguarding Notice: Please help to keep our playground safe.

Parents/carers are politely reminded to leave the playground promptly after pick up at the end of the day and after collecting children from after school clubs. Please remember, at these times children are not permitted to:

- play on the climbing equipment/table tennis tables
- ride bikes or scooters in the playground, as this is dangerous
- play ball games

Parents are also politely reminded, for safeguarding reasons, that they are not permitted to stay in the playground and observe sports clubs taking place in the playground.

Please help us to keep our playground safe, as well as to support your children to follow our rules.





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Diary Dates Summer Term 2026

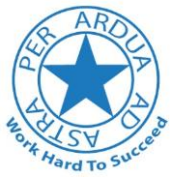
Monday 20 th April	YR Workshops: Y3 - Egyptians Y5- Brazil and The Amazon
Friday 1 st May	Y5 Wonderdrome A planetarium dome for workshops to explore our Solar System
Monday 4th May	School Closure - Bank Holiday
Thursday 7 th May	Y3 Visit Alyth Gardens Synagogue
Monday 11 th May - Thursday 14 th May	Y6 End of Key Stage 2 SATs
Monday 18 th May - Friday 22 nd 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 4 th June	Y5 visit Hindu Temple Bhakavandti Manor in Watford
Monday 8 th June	Y4 Ancient Greece Day
Friday 12 th June	Y3 Visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum to study The Stone Age
Monday 15 th June	Y5 Anglo Saxon Day
Tuesday 16 th 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

Class 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





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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

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

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 0GA

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

From Primary to Secondary School Transition Conference (virtual event) presented by Barnet Specialist Inclusion Service

For: Parents/Carers of Year 5/6 children with Additional Needs, with or without an EHCP, transferring to a mainstream Secondary School in Autumn 2026 or 2027.

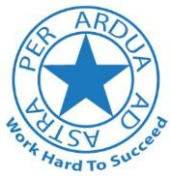
When: Wednesday 6th May 2026 10am -1.30pm Online via Zoom.

Places are free, but please sign-up via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/W0r9TFxva4>

Please see below some general Information for Parents

The Dr Bike sessions are run by qualified bicycle mechanics. Members of the public can take along their bicycles to have a free, full safety check, which includes the condition of tyres, rims, gears, brake function and tyre pressure and adjustments can be made if required, all for free. Both adult and child bicycles can have the free safety check and adjustments made if necessary. See below the times and locations of Dr Bike sessions





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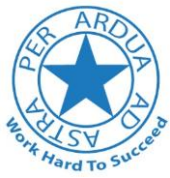
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Dr Bike Sessions

Location Name	Location Description	Date	Time
Finchley, Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 May • 8 July • 9 September • 11 November • 13 January 2027 • 10 March 2027 	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 May • 15 July • 16 September • 18 November • 20 January 2027 • 17 March 2027 	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 April • 10 June • 12 August • 14 October • 9 December • 10 February 2027 	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 April • 17 June • 19 August • 21 October • 16 December • 17 February 2027 	4pm to 7pm





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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

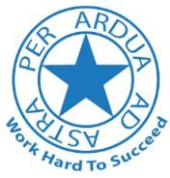
Year 6 Wednesday and Friday

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

