

Garden Suburb Junior School

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1st May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Recent events in the news concerning attacks on the Jewish community have been distressing. While we have not discussed these events directly with the children, we have provided support where needed and will continue to do so. Staff are being especially vigilant in observing and listening to the children, ensuring they know they can seek support if they are feeling upset or anxious. Please protect your children from exposure to distressing news coverage or unsupervised online content.

Year 3 were due to visit Alyth Synagogue next week as part of their learning about the Jewish faith. In light of recent events, we carefully considered whether to cancel this visit. However, we are pleased to share that, representatives from the synagogue have kindly offered to visit the school instead, ensuring the children can continue their learning about the Jewish faith.

It is vitally important that children learn about and understand different faiths and cultures. Tolerance, respect, and inclusion will continue to underpin everything that we do as a school.

PTA Meeting Friday 8th May in the Junior Hall

At this meeting we will be discussing and planning the Summer Fair, which is on Saturday 20th June.

Please join the meeting if you can offer support or contact:

gardenjpta@gmail.com / WhatsApp: 07756649700

The fair can only go ahead if we have enough volunteers!

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Y3 and Y5 Virtual Reality Workshops:** The children really enjoyed this engaging experience last week. Y3 were transported back in time to Ancient Egypt seeing an ancient city brought back to life and stepping into a reconstructed tomb. Y5 visited South America seeing a range of famous landmarks and explored the depths of The Amazon Rainforest.
- **Y5 Wonderdrome:** The children enjoyed workshops in an inflatable dome looking at the Solar System, how it all works together, the size of the planets as well as space exploration including the future moon landings.
- **Talk on Tuesday'** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week:
**'The London Marathon, this year, was run in under two hours.
Would you rather be a fast runner or able to fly'**

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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Diary Dates Summer Term 2026

Monday 4th May	School Closure - Bank Holiday
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 Friday 19th June 9:10am -12:15pm Friday 26th June 10:30- 12:00pm	Parents invited to attend (More details to follow) Multi Sports Morning 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 8th 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

The formal consultation for the amalgamation of the schools is now live

The consultation will be live until 10th June. To have your say, please click on the following link to view the documentation and submit comments in the questionnaire towards the bottom of the page:

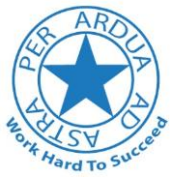
[Proposed merger of Garden Suburb Infant and Junior Schools into Garden Suburb Primary School | Barnet Council](#)

Kind regards

E. Bhavsar

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar /Head Teacher





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Courses and Coffee Morning for parents

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.

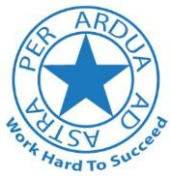
When: Wednesday 6th May 2026 10am -1.30pm Online via Zoom.

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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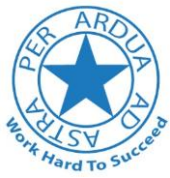
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Dr Bike Sessions

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

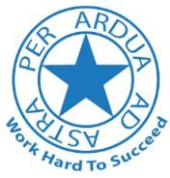
Year 6 Wednesday and Friday

Secondary Transfer and School Journey

Information on secondary transfer is on the website at:

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





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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

