

Garden Suburb Junior School

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8th May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

It is important that children are supported in learning about, as well as valuing, different faiths and cultures. We want a school community where everyone feels safe and respected, where prejudice in any form is unacceptable. When talking with children about events happening in the world, please do so with care and sensitivity, helping them to understand that conflicts are between countries and governments, not religions or people.

Polite Safeguarding Notice: Dogs on School Premises

For the safety of all our children, dogs are not permitted in the school playground or anywhere on the school premises, including being carried. This also includes not tying dogs to railings around the school site. Dogs should also not be brought at drop-off in the mornings. Childs Walk is very narrow and some children are anxious around dogs, particularly if they bark or encounter other dogs. Please, be understanding and help us to maintain a safe, calm, and welcoming environment for all members of our school community.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **T T Rockstars Competition Results:** We were really impressed with the fantastic level of engagement in our recent Times Tables Rockstars competition. It was great to see so many children practising and showing real enthusiasm for improving their times table skills. Learning times tables is a key part of maths development. Having quick recall of multiplication facts helps children build confidence, work more efficiently and access more complex areas of maths such as division, fractions, and problem-solving. The winning classes were: **3G, 4S, 5J, 6J** Congratulations to all of the children who took part. They should be proud of their effort and commitment!
- **Talk on Tuesday'** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week:
'What is your favourite family tradition and why?'
- **Class Assemblies:** Well done to 3S for their fabulous class assembly. Parents invited to attend the 3G class assembly at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall on Tuesday 12th May
- **Y6 SATs:** The Y6 children will be taking their end of Key stage 2 SATs next week. Whilst we do not want children to be stressed, we want them to do their best. Please ensure that your Y6 children have a relaxing weekend and get plenty of sleep. It is particularly important that they arrive at school on time, to ensure that they have a calm start to the day.

Alyth Synagogue Visit Y3: Representatives from Alyth Synagogue visited Year 3 this week. The children explored photographs of the synagogue and discussed the significance of key features within the building, making thoughtful comparisons with other places of worship they have studied. They also had the opportunity to examine religious artefacts, including a Torah scroll and a menorah, which helped to deepen their understanding of the importance of religion in the lives of others – individually, within communities and across different cultures.





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Diary Dates Summer Term 2026

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 19 th June 9:10am -12:15pm	Multi Sports Morning
Friday 26 th June 10:30- 12:00pm	Finals of track races
Saturday 20 th June 12:00pm-3:00pm	PTA Summer Fair (More details to follow)
Monday 22 nd June	Class Photos
Tuesday 30 th June	Barnet Athletics Festival
Thursday 2 nd July 1:30pm-2:30pm	Merry go round Children meet their teacher for the new academic year
Tuesday 7 th July 11:00am/7:00pm	Y6 Production – Parents invited to attend
Wednesday 8 th July 11:00am/7:00pm	
Monday 13 th 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

Funtime: Half term holiday childcare

Funtime will be open from Tuesday 26th May – Friday 29th June. For further information or to enquire about a place please email Funtime directly at shaz.funtime@outlook.com or telephone on 07506 030 037.

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

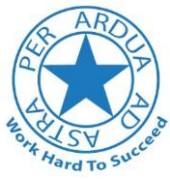
To have your say, please click on the following link to view the documentation and submit comments.

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

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar /Head Teacher





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Please see below some general information for Parents

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

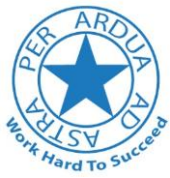
Year 6 Wednesday and Friday

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

