

Garden Suburb Junior School

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15th May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Playing on 'The Green' after school

It is very important that children are supervised very closely when playing on 'The Green'. Unfortunately, we have had reports of some children behaving inappropriately and using bad language. Individuals have been spoken to and parents informed. Parents of children who are loan travellers should be ensuring that their children go straight home after school and should not be playing unsupervised on 'The Green'.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Talk on Tuesday** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week:
**'If you had a crystal ball to look into your future, would you look?
What do you think it would show?'**
- **Class Assemblies:** Well done to 3G for their fabulous class assembly. All of our Y3, Y4 and Y5 classes have now completed their class assemblies. Well done everyone! It has been impressive to see that the children are developing their oracy skills and presenting confidently. These assemblies have also been well attended by parents/carers.
- **Y6 SATs:** The Y6 children have now completed their statutory test. We are very proud of the resilience that the children have shown over the last few weeks.
- **Y6 Production:** This week it was announced to Year 6 that their production at the end of term would be based on the musical 'Cats'. This Andrew Lloyd Webber musical is based on 'Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats', a collection of poems by T. S. Eliot. The whole school looks forward to seeing the Year 6 perform their end of year show. This ambitious project develops children's skills in collaborative working, music, drama and dance as well as building confidence and self-esteem. It is lovely to hear the singing as they rehearse in the hall and the whole school learns the story of the show and enjoys the build-up, having sneak previews of the singing along the way. This project brings our community together and enhances the cultural capital of our pupils.
All classes have the book of poems in their book corner and all year groups will be experiencing a unit of work based on the poems and the music from the show.

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:

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](#)





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Diary Dates Summer Term 2026

Monday 18 th May - Friday 22 nd May	Walk to School Week
Half Term Holiday - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May	
Monday 1 st 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 Friday 19 th June 9:10am -12:15pm Friday 26 th June 10:30- 12:00pm	Parents invited to attend (More details to follow) Multi Sports Morning 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 Wednesday 8 th July 11:00am/7:00pm	Y6 Production – Parents invited to attend
Monday 13 th July 6:00pm-7:30pm	Y6 Leavers Disco
Friday 17 th July 1:25pm Y3 and Y4 1:30pm Y5 and Y6	Last Day of term - Children not required to wear uniform early closure

Safeguarding: Leaving the playground promptly after pick up

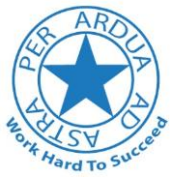
To support our safeguarding procedures, please leave the playground promptly after collecting your child. We are having to remind a number of parents about this. In particular, the playground should not be used for eating snacks at the end of the day. As part of our safeguarding responsibilities, staff must ensure that the playground is cleared before returning inside for meetings and to continue their work. We politely ask for your co-operation.

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar /Head Teacher

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

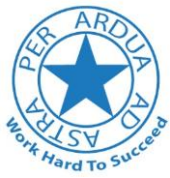
Year 6 Wednesday and Friday

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>





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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

