

# Garden Suburb Junior School

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22nd May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

## Summer Fair - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 12:00pm- 4:00pm

- **Non Uniform Day – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June: Donations for the Tombola Stall**

On this day we are encouraging you to bring a donation for the Tombola. Bring donations in from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June. We will have a collection table in the main entrance. A tombola is a stall where you buy a ticket and get an instant prize. We need donations of prizes. The donations could be bottles of drink, toiletries, games, stationery, games, toys etc. Donations need to be new or in very good condition. Things that children would like to win are ideal. (Maybe recycle some of the Seasonal Fair items!)

See attached a flier from a Club Excel who has kindly donated a prize worth £50 for the tombola

- **Busking/Performing**



We will be having a 'busking area' at the summer fair. **Any parents or children who have a talent are encouraged to do a short performance which will add to our day of fund raising and fun.** If you, or your child, would like the opportunity to perform, please complete the slip attached. Return it to the school office by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.**

The performance could be a song, playing an instrument or performing a dance and should last no more than 5 minutes. The performance could be with a friend or group. Each child is only permitted to perform once on the day. Parents are asked to ensure that children rehearse and are ready to perform on the day. You will be informed about your performance time before the fair.

Please return this slip on the flyer attached. Your child should have a paper copy in their bag.

## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Talk on Tuesday'** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week:  
**'If you were stranded on a desert island,  
what three things would you want to have with you and why?'**

- **Outdoor Classroom Day** is a global movement to inspire and celebrate outdoor play and learning. This week each class had a session in our nature garden. The children had the opportunity to be nature detectives observing and identifying animal and plant species. They also did the following:
  - **pond dipping** in our newly refurbished pond closely observing our tadpoles
  - **bark and leaf rubbing** exploring the many different textures and patterns in nature
  - **wildflower seed planting** in the meadow

Thank you to Miss James, our Science Co-ordinator, for planning and delivering this engaging experience. Thank you also to Natalie Coury who regularly volunteers in the nature garden and supported with this engaging event.





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## Funtime: Half term holiday childcare

Funtime will be open from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. For further information or to enquire about a place please email Funtime directly at [shaz.funtime@outlook.com](mailto: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](#)

## Diary Dates Summer Term 2026

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| <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>  | <b>INSET Day – School Closed to the Children</b>                               |
| <b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | <b>Y5 visit Hindu Temple Bhakavandti Manor in Watford</b>                      |
| <b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | <b>Y4 Ancient Greece Day</b>   |
| <b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>   | <b>Y3 Visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum to study The Stone Age</b>             |
| <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>   | <b>Y5 Anglo Saxon Day</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | <b>Barnet Music Festival - Upper school choir to attend</b>                    |
| <b>Sports days – new format</b>  | <b>Parents invited to attend (More details to follow)</b>                      |
| <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 9:10am -12:15pm</b>                         | Multi Sports Morning   |
| <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 10:30- 12:00pm</b>                          | Finals of track races  |
| <b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 12:00pm-3:00pm</b>                        | <b>PTA Summer Fair</b><br>(More details to follow)                             |
| <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>   | <b>Class Photos</b>  |
| <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June - New date</b>                              | <b>Piano concert for parents - Mr Watson's pupils.</b>                         |
| <b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | <b>Barnet Athletics Festival</b>   |
| <b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b><br><b>1:30pm-2:30pm</b>                | <b>Merry go round</b><br>Children meet their teacher for the new academic year |
| <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 11:00am/7:00pm</b>                          | <b>Y6 Production – Parents invited to attend</b>                               |
| <b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 11:00am/7:00pm</b>                        |  |
| <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 6:00pm-7:30pm</b>                           | <b>Y6 Leavers Disco</b>  |
| <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b><br>1:25pm Y3 and Y4<br>1:30pm Y5 and Y6 | <b>Last Day of term - Children not required to wear uniform early closure</b>  |

Enjoy the half term holiday – School opens to the children on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

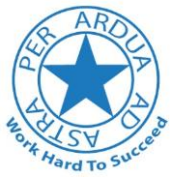
Kind regards

*E. Bhavsar*

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

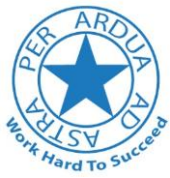
**Year 6** Wednesday and Friday

## 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                 |
|---|-----------------------|
| <b>Year 3</b>   |                       |
| Miss I Clarke (Year Group Leader)                     | 3S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk |
| Ms N Aziz   | 3G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk |
| <b>Year 4</b>   |                       |
| 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 |
| <b>Year 5</b>   |                       |
| 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 |
| <b>Year 6</b>   |                       |
| 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](mailto:welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

**Senco Support:** Mrs Goldman - [senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

**Clubs, Arbor queries and Free School Meals enquiries** - [admin@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto: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](mailto:office@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

