

Garden Suburb Junior School

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12th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Health and Safety Notices

- **Dogs:** I have noticed a reduction in the number of dogs at drop off. Thank you for listening.
- **Cycling and scooting on Childs Walk.** Look out for the sign that has recently been refurbished that politely asks for no cycling or scooting on this footpath. The path is very narrow and it makes a lot of sense. If you look carefully, it says that there will be a £5 fine for anyone who ignores the request! It shows how old the sign is however, the health and safety messages are very relevant today.
- **Driving and Parking on Willifield Slip Road:** Please do not drive or park on this road. It is extremely dangerous for pedestrians. If you observe anyone parking and behaving in a way that is not safe, registrations numbers should be reported to the police. I am currently in the process of asking for the Road Safety Team for cameras that will issue fines to cars driving and parking here during drop off and pick up. **PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE**
- **Politeness and respect:** Parents have been allowing toddlers to urinate behind the shed in the Junior playground. **This is unacceptable. Please ask to use a toilet in either school and teach your child the polite and respectful way to behave in a public place.**

We are looking forward to the Junior Summer Fair Next Week

Saturday 20th June 12:00pm- 4:00pm

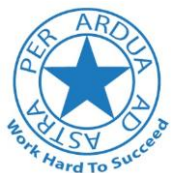
The weather forecast is good so it is set to be a great day bringing our school community together.

Please remember: all children have to be supervised by an adult whilst at the fair.

- **Summer Fair Ticket and Token sales**
 - Those who have purchased tickets and token online should have received them next Thursday.
 - If you haven't bought your tickets or tokens yet, they will be on sale online until
Wednesday 17th June 6:00pm
 - The PTA will be selling tickets and tokens in the playground at the end of the day on Thursday. They will take both cash and card payments.
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- **Donations for our Tombola can be brought in until Friday 19th June**

Thank you to those who have already donated. We will have a collection table in the main entrance and donations can be brought in until Friday 19th June. A tombola is a stall where you buy a ticket and get an instant prize. We need lots more 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!)
- **Busking/Performing at the Summer Fair':** Please see the flyer attached.





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Sports Days - Weather permitting

Sports Day will be split into two sessions which parents are welcome to attend:

1. Multi Sports Event Friday 19th June 9:10am-12:00pm The children will be working their way around 12 different events with their classes. Parents are welcome to walk around with their class to watch the events but it is important that the children stay with their teachers.

2. Finals of the sprints and relays and year group races Friday 26th June 9:30am-12:00pm The heats have taken place during PE lessons. Your child will let you know if they are in a final and they will also be given a letter next week. In addition, all children will take part in an additional event:

Y3 and Y4 - Egg and Spoon Race.

Y4 and Y6 - Obstacle Race

Please note the following:

- The children are expected to wear school PE Kit for all events
- Please apply sunscreen to your child in the morning before they leave home
- Ensure that your child has a hat and a water bottle
- Parents should not bring hot drinks into the playground

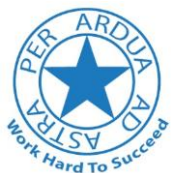
Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Y4 Ancient Greece day:** On Monday Year 4 spent the morning immersed in twelve different activities, crafting and building a range of products. Thank you for helping your child with their costume. In the afternoon, they enjoyed a grand banquet and then performed several short plays, a dance, a poem and a song.
- **Y3 Visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum:** Today Year 3 travelled to the Chiltern Open Air Museum. The children got to experience Stone age life. First, the children made their own tools, using sticks, raffia, charcoal and slate and discussed how the tools would be used. They impressed the workshop leaders with their expert knowledge! After that, the children got to forage in the forest for parsnips, make their own little fire, hunt wild deer and boar, build a den using animal hides and finally create their own stone age drawings with charcoal. The children had a great time.

It is especially important that we bring our history curriculum alive to enhance the children's 'cultural capital'. Immersion in a history topic through visits and visitors develops understanding, enhances remembering of learning and develops children's historical skills and vocabulary. The participation and engagement of the children was outstanding. Thank you for your voluntary contributions to fund these exciting days. Thank you also to all of the parents who helped during these events - we couldn't have done it without you!

- **Talk on Tuesday'** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week:
'If you could change one rule in your house, what would it be?'





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Musical Concerts in the Junior Hall - Parents are invited to attend if their children are performing:

Piano	Friday 26 th June 2:30pm -3:00pm
Violin	Monday 13 th July 2:30pm -3:15pm
Choir and Ukulele	Wednesday 15 th July 9:10am-9:45pm

Diary Dates Summer Term 2026

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 - tickets now on sale for early bird discounts
Monday 22 nd June	Class Photos
Friday 26th June - New date	Piano concert for parents - Mr Watson's pupils.
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 13th July 2:30pm – 3:15pm	Violin Concert
Monday 13 th July 6:00pm-7:30pm	Y6 Leavers Disco
Wednesday 15th July 9:10am- 9:45am	Choir and Ukulele
Friday 17th July	Last Day of term - Children not required to wear uniform early closure 1:25pm Y3/ Y4 1:30pm Y5 /Y6

National Survey for Children – The Big Future

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza is holding a national survey, The Big Future. All children and young people are invited to take part. The survey can be accessed by parents for their child to complete by clicking the link below:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

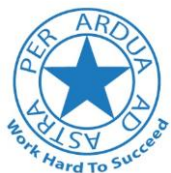
Kind regards

E. Bhavsar

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar /Head Teacher

Please see below some general Information for Parents





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Parent Survey: Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)

We have taken part in the PINS project this year which is funded by NHS England in partnership with the Department of Education, Department for Health and Social Care and the National Network of Parent Carer Forums (NNPCF). The purpose of the project was to improve the experience of mainstream school for children who may have an additional educational need. The information from the survey will be used to understand the impact of the PINS project. The survey is for all parents and carers of children attending schools participating in the project. It will be open until Friday 26th June.

Survey Link: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=uWikGxQUdUa-T1PEeK1Hu2irPzlm10ROkKusTf8fTRpURVg0VVFaOFNNMDIWRUuWMIvMRFFaQlpDMY4u&route=shorturl>

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





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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>

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

