

Garden Suburb Junior School

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3rd July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Staffing News

Mr Adolphe will be retiring, following twenty-nine years of service to the school, managing our shared school premises as the school caretaker. He will be greatly missed. Mr Adolphe seems to be able to turn his hand to anything and is always on call when we need him. His presence on the gate every morning is always reassuring for our families and staff. He is also a Mealtime Supervisor in the junior school. Both the Infant school and the Junior school are collecting for a joint gift. Should you wish to contribute to a leaving gift for Mr Adolphe, please put your donation into an envelope marked 'Leaving Gift for Mr Adolphe'. You or your child can hand it in at the school office.

Parents Meet the Teacher Events

There will also be an opportunity for you to meet their teacher too at **9:10am - 9:40am** on the following days:

- **Year 3** parents to meet their child's Y4 Teacher: Monday 6th July
- **Year 5** parents to meet their child's Y6 Teacher: Monday 13th July
- **Year 4** parents to meet their child's Y5 Teacher: Tuesday 14th July

Sports Days **Rearranged date:** - Finals of the sprints and relays and year group races

Wednesday 15th July 9:15am-12:00pm

The heats have taken place during PE lessons. Your child will let you know if they are in a final and they have been given a letter. All of children will take part in an additional event:

Y3 and Y4 - Egg and Spoon Race.

Y5 and Y6 - Obstacle Race

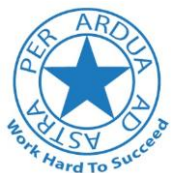
Please note the following:

- 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

- **Barnet Athletics Championship:** On Tuesday 47 children from Years 3-6 represented our school at the Barnet Athletics competition at Stone X Stadium. The field events were in the morning (javelin, shotput, long jump and speed bounce) and the track events (relays and sprints) were in the afternoon. The children were extremely well behaved and showed great resilience and determination throughout the day.
- **Talk on Tuesday'** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week:
'Would you rather live in a cold country or a hot country. Why?'





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Diary Dates Summer Term 2026

New date to follow	Piano concert for parents - Mr Watson's pupils.
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 2:30pm – 3:15pm	Violin Concert
Monday 13 th July 6:00pm-7:30pm	Y6 Leavers Disco
Sports day – Time change Wednesday 15 th July 9:15- 12:00pm	Parents invited to attend (More details above) Finals of track races
Wednesday 15 th July 9:10am- 9:45am	Choir and Ukulele
Friday 17 th July	Last Day of term - Children not required to wear uniform early closure 1:25pm Y3/ Y4 1:30pm Y5 /Y6

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar /Head Teacher

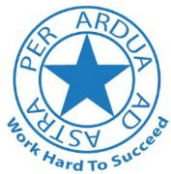
Please see below some general Information for Parents

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>.





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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

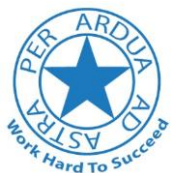
Information on secondary transfer is on the website at:

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

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:





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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

