



Garden Suburb Junior School

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10th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another difficult week in the heat. The children enjoyed the ice lolly breaks in the afternoon. We are all ready for a relaxing weekend in the shade. Well done everyone for surviving in very uncomfortable conditions! Planning for the future is on the agenda and our governors are very keen to explore the options for the classrooms being better equipped for hot weather.

Y6 leaving disco on Monday 13th July 6:00pm-7:30pm

Vegetarian pizza will be served and the PTA have very kindly agreed to fund this event, so there will be no charge. **All children MUST be collected by an adult at 7:30pm promptly.**

Letters have been sent home for you to give permission for the children to attend. It is important the you ensure your child has returned their slip. The letter is also attached.

Parents Meet the Teacher Events

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

- **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

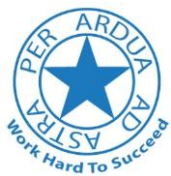
Please note the following:

- 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

- **Y6 Production 'Cats'** Well done to the Year 6 children for the excellent engagement and participation in their production this week. Throughout the rehearsals the children developed skills in music, drama and dance. We have seen talents in children that we didn't know they had and I hope that they take up opportunities to be involved in drama productions when they get to their secondary schools. The collaboration and team spirit involved in this inclusive production has greatly contributed to their personal development, confidence, emotional health and wellbeing. The staff involved in this production have been at school until 9:00pm both nights in a row and I am extremely thankful and proud of both the children and staff for this tremendous achievement – especially in the heatwave!





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- **Talk on Tuesday** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week:
'What would make your local area a better place for children to live in?'

Diary Dates Summer Term 2026

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

Y3, Y4 and Y5 children who are Leaving the school

You are required to inform the school office if you know that your child will not be returning for the new academic year. Please email admin@gsjs.barnetmail.net. You will also be required to complete a leavers form.

Kind regards

E. Bhavsar

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar /Head Teacher

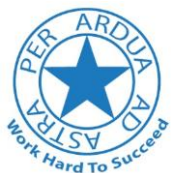
Please see below some general Information for Parents

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

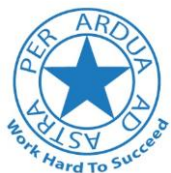
Information on secondary transfer is on the website at:

<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

