

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

Issue 3, Friday 19th September 2025

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN ARE NOT RIDING THEIR BIKES OR SCOOTERS IN THE FRONT PLAYGROUND EITHER IN THE MORNING OR AFTER SCHOOL AS IT CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS FOR OTHERS IN THE PLAYGROUND.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REMIND PARENTS THAT CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE JUNIOR PLAY EQUIPMENT AT ANY TIME OUT SIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS – THERE IS SIGNAGE UP WHICH IS OFTEN IGNORED. THIS INCLUDES AFTER FUNTIME AS WELL AS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL.

THIS WEEK:

ROSH HASHANAH ASSEMBLY: On Monday we welcomed Annie Saunders and Fiona Coote back into school to present our Rosh Hashanah Assembly. Thank you to all the children who took part in teaching all about this festival, and to the parents who were able to join us.

CURRICULUM MEETINGS FOR YEARS ONE AND TWO: It was good to see so many parents at these important meetings, thank you to the teams for preparing and presenting the sessions. We hope you found them useful.

You can find the Annual Curriculum Books and the presentations on our website at [Garden Suburb Junior & Infant School - Year Group Curriculum Information for Parents](#) – then click on your year group on the right hand side

RECEPTION YEAR UPDATES: The children started staying for the full day from Wednesday this week, they are doing very well settling into school. The children will start coming into school with everyone else from Monday, arriving at 8.45am ready to start class at 8.55am.

Reception Parent Consultations went live on Arbor on Wednesday afternoon, and more than half of families have already booked their appointments; do make sure you go onto your Arbor Account to book a time with your child's class teacher if you haven't already done so.

PLEASE GIVE EXTRA THOUGHT TO OUR NEW FRIENDS WHEN YOU COME INTO AND LEAVE SCHOOL: From Monday our reception children will be coming in with all the other year groups. Please do not come inside the gate with your child, even to park a bike or scooter. We will help them if they need help, and you can pass bags and bottles over the fence once they have parked. We want to keep the entrance free for the children, and make sure none of them slip out of the gate once they are in.

LOOKING AHEAD – NEW AND CHANGED DATES FOR THE DIARY!

We have now got our first trips booked in for years one and two; further details will be given a few weeks before each trip, along with how to give permission, make a donation towards the cost, and asking for parent volunteers. We also need to change the date for one of the Yellow Class Parent Consultation dates:

YEAR TWO TRIP TO RAF MUSEUM, TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER: The children will visit the RAF museum for the day, and parents will be asked for a donation of £16.00 to go towards the cost of the coach and a workshop the children will take part in on the day.

YEAR ONE TRIP TO YOUNG V&A TOY MUSEUM, MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER: The children will visit the museum for the day, and parents will be asked of a donation of £13.00 to go towards the cost of the coach.

YELLOW CLASS PARENT CONSULTATIONS, THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER & TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER: Due to other commitments, we have had to move the Wednesday Parent Consultation for Yellow Class to Tuesday 2nd December.

OTHER NOTICES:

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY ABSENCES: We are about to start a busy period for religious holidays, and wanted to remind parents that if children are going to be taking time off school they must request it in writing, in advance by emailing admin@gsis.barnetmail.net

Children are only permitted to be off for the days recognised for that religious holiday (e.g. Rosh Hashanah this year falls on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th September, and only these two days would be authorised)

FUND MONEY DONATION: Each year we ask parents for a donation to our class funds, which helps the classes purchase vital resources to enhance the children's learning experience in school. For example, ingredients for playdoh, bulbs, arts and crafts and many other things!

As a school with reduced funding, this is even more important to ensure we can continue to provide the additional activities that take place in class. The recommended amount is £20 per family, but you can donate more or less, if donating in cash, if you choose.

Donations can be made online through Arbor (go to School Shop > Voluntary Fund Money Donation) or by cash – see the letter coming home this afternoon with the children for further information (copy attached).

TAPESTRY: Reception Year have now also received their activation emails (unless we haven't received completed consents on Arbor) which means we are up and running across the whole school.

We do ask that at least one parent for each child activates their account so they can engage fully with school life – we share wow moments in the class, as well as activities for the children do at home to support their learning. Reminder, if you have a child in reception year and a child in an older year group (One or Two), you will need two logins to access the two different parts of the system (see your emails for further information)

HARVEST FESTIVAL, 14TH OCTOBER 2025: The children in Years One and Two are already learning the songs they will be singing at the Harvest Festival in a few weeks' time. Please go to your Tapestry account to see posts from Ms Cucu with the songs and words for the children to practice at home.

JOIN OUR GOVERNING BODY: We are seeking to co-opt an infant school parent onto the Garden Suburb Schools' Governing Body. These voluntary positions do not require an election; instead, the board of governors invites members of the community and school parents to apply. For further information please go to our website [HERE](#) and if you would like to apply, email office@gsis.barnetmail.net for a nomination form and/or to arrange a meeting with Miss Sands to get further information.

PE DAYS FOR EACH CLASS:

The children should come into school wearing their PE kits, on the days they have PE lesson:

YEAR ONE - YELLOW CLASS & TURQUOISE CLASS: Monday & Friday

YEAR TWO - PINK CLASS & ORANGE CLASS: Wednesday & Friday

RECEPTION – RED CLASS & GREEN CLASS: Watch this space!

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

We wish everyone who celebrated their birthday this week (fall on or between 14th & 20th September) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: None this week!

Children in Year One: Caspar in Yellow, Rasa in Turquoise

Children in Year Two: Radmin and Gali in Orange

A very happy birthday also goes to Miss Kelly, Ms Pelekanos & Miss Sands who celebrated this week.

GARDEN SUBURB INFANT SCHOOL
SCHOOL EVENTS FOR AUTUMN TERM

Please note items in red – either updated or new events

Wednesday 1st October, Reception Year Curriculum Meeting @ 9.05am in school hall

Thursday 2nd October, Monthly PTA / Parent meeting with Miss Sands @ 9am in Blue Room

Thursday 9th October, Individual Photographs taken during the school day (*children to wear uniform, photos available to purchase after*)

Tuesday 14th October, Harvest Assembly @ 9.05am in the school hall. All parents are welcome to join us (Reception and Years 1 and 2).

Wednesday 15th October & Thursday 16th October (3.30 – 6.30pm), Reception Year Parent (*bookings will go live middle of next week*)

Friday 17th October, Flu Immunisations in school day: *Don't forget to complete the form sent out on Friday 5th September, whether you want the immunisation or not!*

Wednesday 22nd October, Diwali Dance Workshops for all classes during school day. *Parents will be asked to make a £2 donation towards the cost of the workshop*

HALF TERM BREAK – MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER TO MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER INCLUSIVE

Tuesday 4th November, children return to school after the half term break.

Thursday 6th November, Monthly PTA / Parent meeting with Miss Sands @ 9am in Blue Room

Tuesday 11th November, Year Two Trip to RAF Museum (parents will be asked for a donation of £16.00 to go towards the cost of the coach and a workshop the children will take part in on the day.

Wednesday 19th November, Reading Workshop for Parents (for all year groups) @ 9.05am in School Hall

Monday 24th November, Year One Trip to the Young V&A Toy Museum (parents will be asked of a donation of £13.00 to go towards the cost of the coach)

Thursday 20th November, Year Two Drop Ins @ 2.30pm (Parents in Y2 can visit their child in class)

Friday 21st November, Year One Drop Ins @ 2.30pm (Parents in Y1 can visit their child in class)

Wednesday 26th November & Thursday 27th November (3.30 – 6.30pm), KS1 Parent Consultations for Year Two & Turquoise Class

Thursday 27th November & Tuesday 2nd December (3.30pm – 6.30pm), Yellow Class Parent Consultations

Thursday 11th December, Monthly PTA / Parent meeting with Miss Sands @ 9am in Blue Room

Friday 12th December, Seasonal Fair during the school day

Tuesday 16th December, Winter Fireside Event after school

Friday 19th December, last day of term. School finishes early at 1.30pm

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GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The lottery is drawn every Saturday, with a prize of £25,000! Only £1 per ticket. <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garden-suburb-junior>. You've got to be in it to win it – GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

For other ways to support the school go to our PTA Fundraising page on our website: [Garden Suburb Junior & Infant School - How we raise money \(gardensuburbinfant.co.uk\)](http://gardensuburbinfant.co.uk)

We have 6 events throughout the year run by the PTA, to not only raise vital funds for the school, but to also give the children and the school community experiences and memories to last a life time! More information will be given nearer the events, but do pop them in your diary for future reference.

SEASONAL FAIR, FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER (During the school day)

WINTER FIRESIDE EVENT, TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER (free entry event, after school in rear playground)

DISCO FOR YEARS ONE & TWO, THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY (after school, inside the hall and classrooms)

TREASURE HUNT, SUNDAY 22ND MARCH (held from lunchtime for the first half of the afternoon, in school and around the suburb!)

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR, FRIDAY 15TH MAY (after school, in rear playground)

SUMMER CAMP, WEEKEND OF 4TH/5TH JULY (in the school field and front playground, camping out overnight)

If you are able to volunteer for any of the events (whether on the day or in the organisation) your help would be much appreciated! Just speak to your class rep or a member of the PTA committee.