

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

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THIS WEEK:

HANNUKAH ASSEMBLY: On Thursday morning Miss Sands led our Hannukah Assembly, where the children learnt about the story and traditions around the festival. The children who took part were marvellous! We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who helped Miss Sands prepare the assembly, providing props (including a giant dreidel!), advice and moral support! We'd also like to say thank you to Buddy's mum, Philippa, who provided doughnuts for all the children and staff to enjoy through the day.

SEASONAL FAIR: The children have had a fantastic morning purchasing gifts for their friends and families (and possibly themselves as well!). A huge thank you to the organising committee and all the parents who have helped bake cookies, decorate the hall, sort the presents, arrange the floats, man the stalls and helped children with their shopping. It has been a great success!

BOOKFAIR: We are pleased to announce that the school has over £1,000 to spend on books, thanks to the generosity of parents who purchased books at the book fair a couple of weeks ago. This will make a real impact to the school's stock of books in the classrooms and library areas. Thank you everyone.

NEXT WEEK:

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO PE NEXT WEEK, DUE TO OUR BUSY SCHEDULE!

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Patel and Miss Davis next week. Both have been such valued members of staff, and we are very sad that they are moving on. We wish Miss Patel safe and happy travels, and wish Miss Davis all the very best in her new role.

Monday 15th December, Birthday Assembly for those who celebrate from 14th to 31st December. Parents of children in Years 1 and 2, celebrating on or between these dates, are welcome to join us for the assembly. *Children with birthdays between the 1st and 10th January will have their assembly on Tuesday 4th January.*

Tuesday 16th December @ 9.05am, Christmas Assembly: Miss Sands will be presenting this assembly, with singing from all the children and some special performances from Year One. Children are invited to wear their festive jumpers/tops for the day if they would like to. Parents are welcome to join us for this assembly. Please wait outside until the children have come through to class. **SPACE IS LIKELY TO BE LIMITED** – so please no more than 2 attendees for each family, no buggies and no hot drinks.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES: Children come to school in their party clothes and we hold a special party in the hall with snacks, dancing and games – there is no need to send any money in for these parties, the school will provide some juice and snacks for the children to enjoy.

Reception Year Party on Tuesday 16th December (PM)

Year Two Party on Weds 17th December (PM)

Year One Party on Thurs 18th December (AM)

Please remember that the children will be wearing their party clothes all day, so they must also be practical so they can still run around and use the toilet on their own!

Wednesday 17th December, Christmas Lunch: Special menu for Christmas, the traditional turkey with all the trimmings, along with a vegetarian option. The kitchen will also be providing crackers for all children, whether they have a school or packed lunch.

Wednesday 17th December @ 3.30pm, PTA Winter Fireside Event: A lovely free after-school event for our school community to celebrate the festive season together. Please wait outside until the children are all picked. We will open the doors at 3.30pm and families will go through to the rear playground to enjoy some refreshments, carols and roasting marshmallows – don't forget to bring some cash/card for purchasing refreshments and marshmallows. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you would like to volunteer to help set up in the afternoon, or maybe run a stall, please join the WhatsApp Group by clicking this link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Jv8ohDqwQNhF7fu9bto0BE> and send over details of your name and when you can help out.

Friday 19th December, Non-Uniform Day & Last Day of Term: Children come into school in their casual clothing, and bring £1. School finishes at 1.30pm

Funtime will be running breakfast club on the last day of term, but there will be no after school club on this day (and no holiday club as the building is closed for the entire holiday).

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER: LAST DAY OF TERM – SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.30PM

CHILDREN WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026

DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR EITHER JUNIOR TRANSFER (FOR Y2 MOVING TO YEAR THREE) OR RECEPTION YEAR STARTING IN SEPT 2026 IS JANUARY 15TH 2026

OTHER NOTICES:

PARKING ON WILLIFIELD WAY SLIP ROAD: Can we please remind parents that there is no parking on the slip road next to the staff carpark at any time. NEVER park across the pavement! The children are having to walk in the road, to get around cars, and this is extremely dangerous.

TERM DATES FOR 2026 – 2027: Please find attached a copy of the term dates for next academic year, ready for booking those summer flights in the January sale! These are also available on the website for easy referral in the parents section.

UNIFORM4KIDS OPENING HOURS DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON: Please see attached flyer for details of their Christmas and New Year Opening Hours.

POSITIVE ACTIVITIES: These are holiday camps which are open to all children living or attending school in the London Borough of Barnet. No voucher codes are needed as they are all funded by the local authority and deliver activities throughout the academic year and all holidays. For further information and booking go to: [Barnet Youth – Child and Family Early Help Service - Positive Activities - Positive Activities](#)

WOW – WALK ON WEDNESDAYS: Yellow are this weeks' winners, with Pink Class as the runners up!

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

We wish everyone who celebrated their birthday this week (fall on or between 7th to 13th December) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: None this week!
Children in Year One: Clara in Turquoise
Children in Year Two: Zahra in Pink

A very happy birthday also goes to Ms Ilia who celebrated this week.

PLEASE NOTE: Birthday Assembly is for children in Years One and Two only, and is held every Tuesday morning at 9.05am, for children with birthdays that week (Sunday to Saturday). Y1/2 Parents are welcome to attend their child's Birthday Assembly. **See note above for holidays birthdays next week!**

PTA EVENTS AND NOTICES

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, **WEDNESDAY 17TH 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.