

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

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REMEMBER SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM TODAY – PLEASE ENSURE YOU PICK UP ON TIME!

THE NEW TERM STARTS ON MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026.

Please remember, the doors open at 8.45am each day ready for an 8.55am start.
Let's all work hard at being punctual in the morning!

THIS WEEK:

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY: On Tuesday we held our Christmas Assembly, Miss Sands talked about the Christmas traditions and the nativity story, ably supported by our Year One classes who performed dances and helped tell the story of the nativity, while the whole school took part in the singing. We were happy to welcome so many parents to this assembly.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES: All the classes have had their parties through the week, playing games, having some party food and dancing. They had a great time and Santa even brought each class a present! Thank you to the staff for arranging these fun end of term celebrations

WINTER FIRESIDE EVENT: it was lovely to see everyone at the event on Wednesday, and a huge thank you to the PTA committee and all the parents and staff who volunteered to help out. We nearly had to cancel this event, due to a lack of volunteers, so thank you to everyone who stepped in at the last minute to enable us to go ahead. It really helps with planning and running events if the work load is shared, so do look out for future events and volunteer to help if you can – even just for a short time!

THANK YOU: All the staff would like to say a big thank you for all our gifts we've received from parents and classes – your continued support and great generosity are very much appreciated!!

EVENTS EARLY NEXT TERM: Further details of events next term will be issued in the new year, but here are a couple to kick us off:

Tuesday 6th January, Birthday Assembly for those who celebrate 1st to 10th January: Parents of children who celebrate on or between these dates are invited to join us for their child's special birthday assembly.

Thursday 8th January, PTA meeting with Miss Sands: These monthly meetings are a way of us talking about what is happening in school, as well as PTA events. Everyone is welcome, but as a minimum we do ask that at least a class rep or parent from each class comes along so they can feedback to their classes – recently we've been missing parents from Year Two, which is a real shame. Please see if you can arrange for someone to attend.

Wednesday 21st January, Spirit of the Wild Workshops: We will, once again, be inviting Ben and Hannah (and Ice their husky dog!) back into school to run these workshops with all the classes. Each year group has a bespoke session, and they get to interact with a number of different animals – this is a wonderful experience for all the children, and beats any zoo visit! We will be asking for a donation of £5 per child to cover the cost of these workshops, and a payment item will go live on Arbor on 5th January; you will be notified when it is available.

OTHER NOTICES:

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS, OR THOSE WITH SIBLINGS WHO TURN 4 YRS BEFORE 31ST AUGUST 2026: The deadline for applying for the Junior School or Reception Year to start in September 2026 is January 15th 2026, and applications are done through www.eadmissions.org.uk

LOST PROPERTY: A well done to everyone! We have less lost property in the trolley this term, compared to previous end-of-terms, so you must all be on top of labelling clothes and coming to collect lost items, which is great for Mrs Freeman's end-of-term sort out!

Lost property is outside the front gate for parents to check through, when they pick up at the end of the day.

END AND START OF TERM ABSENCES: If you are taking your child out of school early or returning to school late either side of a holiday, please be aware that we will always follow up reports of illness and ask for proof. We liaise closely with the Junior school and look at past patterns of absence. Although we obviously don't condone taking children out of school during term time, we would much prefer that you be honest with us about absences. Thank you for your support

WOW – WALK ON WEDNESDAYS: Turquoise are this week's winners, with Red class as the runners up.

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: Thursday

We wish you all the best for a fun and safe festive season and look forward to seeing you all next term.

THIS WEEK & HOLIDAY BIRTHDAYS (14TH DECEMBER – 3RD JANUARY)

We wish everyone who celebrated their birthday this week a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: Star and Lois in Red

Children in Year One: Livia & Ashley in Yellow, Abtin in Turquoise

Children in Year Two: Nairi in Orange; James, Michaela in Pink

A very happy birthday also goes to Ms Panchal and Ms Babar who celebrate during the holidays

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, so please make a note in your diary! **Children whose birthday falls on or between 1st and 10th January will have their assembly on Tuesday 6th January as detailed above.**

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.yourschoolottery.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 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:

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.