

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

Issue 21, Friday 13th February 2026

REMINDER: SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR HALF TERM NEXT WEEK, CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUES 24TH FEB

THIS WEEK:

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK: Throughout the week all the classes have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week 2026 and exploring the theme "This is My Place". Belonging is the feeling of being a valued part of the groups and places that are important to us. It means feeling cared for and comfortable to be ourselves.

In Reception Year, the children have been learning about kindness, and how important this is between friends and families. In Year One, the children have been making 3D special places that the children have brought home, we've had additional carpet times and more brain and movement breaks and done some lovely mindfulness drawing. In Year Two, the children have created their own maps and identified places they feel they belong in school, at home, in their communities and within themselves.

ONLINE SAFETY TALK FOR PARENTS: On Monday we facilitated an Online Safety Talk for parents, delivered by Perryn Jasper from Barnet. The slides from the presentation are attached.

Perryn Jasper is repeating this online safety talk for parents on: Wednesday 25th February 6:00pm-7:00pm

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/34643884463629?p=J2b7DZbaFhsH2H4YDE>

Meeting ID: 346 438 844 636 29

Passcode: dN25U94f

We do encourage all parents to attend, if they couldn't join the session on Monday.

INTERNET SAFETY DAY: On Tuesday, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. This is a day dedicated to raising awareness of a safer and better internet for all. Even at this young age, it is important to have a shared understanding and dialogue about how to keep safe online. The theme this year is; "Smart Tech, Safe choices" which explores the safe and responsible use of AI. The children are learning that AI technology, like voice assistant devices, such as Siri, Alexa, Google etc are useful for things like playing music, finding out about the weather, translating but need to be used responsibly. We have attached a copy of the assembly we shared with the children and an activity you may wish to do with your child related to staying safe online.

Please check out our website for some useful resources for parents and children:

<https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/page/Default.asp?title=Internet+Safety&pid=1753&action=saved>

AFTER HALF TERM:

The full list of events is at the bottom of the newsletter as normal, but just a few things to highlight for when we return after the half term break:

YEAR TWO RIVER CRUISE, 3RD MARCH: Thank you to everyone for getting their permission completed, donations made and forms in by the deadline – we really thought we might have to cancel! The trip has now been confirmed with the company, and volunteers will be contacted straight after the half term break.

YEAR ONE TRIP TO KEW, 10TH MARCH: Letters for the Year Ones will come out straight after half term, please do look out for them as there is a very tight turnaround on this one and we need to ensure we know the numbers by 2nd March.

WORLD BOOK DAY, THURSDAY 5TH MARCH: We will be asking children to come into school on the day dressed up as a character from their favourite book. Please do not feel obliged to buy a costume. Homemade costumes are just as effective! You can even wear your own clothes matching your character. Please help your child articulate why it is their favourite character and book, as we will be talking about this in class.

OTHER NOTICES:

HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB: Funtime are running the holiday club in the upcoming half term from Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February (8.30am – 5.30pm for £35.00; 8.30am – 1pm/1pm to 5.30pm for £25.00). For more information see the attached flyer or call Sharon on 07506 030037.

WOW – WALK ON WEDNESDAYS: Yellow Class are this weeks' winners, with Orange 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

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

We wish everyone who celebrated their birthday this week and over the half term break (fall on or between 8th to 21st February) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: Adel in Green Class

Children in Year One: Arthur, Matthew & Ethan in Yellow Class

Children in Year Two: None this week!

A very happy birthday also goes to Miss Jaime who celebrates 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, so please make a note in your diary!

FUNTIME BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE: Funtime provides extended childcare for the children in both the Infant and Junior schools. Breakfast Club runs from 7.50am until 8.45am when they are taken to class and costs £5 per session; After-School Club collects children from the playground (or after clubs such as football/Art club) and runs until 5.50pm at a cost of £14 per sessions, they also do a shorter session to 4.30pm at a cost of £7.00. For further information or to enquire about a place please contact Funtime directly by text or phone on 07506 030 037. Details about all our after-school clubs/childcare can be found on our website [HERE](https://www.gardensuburbinfantschool.co.uk)

GARDEN SUBURB INFANT SCHOOL
SCHOOL EVENTS - SPRING TERM 2026 (2nd Half)

Please note items in red – either updated or new events

Tuesday 3rd March, Year Two Boat Trip up the Thames. Parents will be asked for a donation of £25 towards the cost of the boat trip (coach and entry), and the upcoming Great Fire of London workshop (see below) combined

Wednesday 4th March @ 9.00am, Barnet Parent Carer Forum Coffee Morning

Thursday 5th March, World Book Day: Children will dress up as characters from their favourite books and share stories in class.

Thursday 5th March, Special Menu “World Book Day” - children who normally have packed lunch are invited to have a school lunch on this day to enjoy the special menu, if your child would like to take part (and normally has packed lunch), please ensure you email admin@gsis.barnetmail.net by Monday 2nd March so we can let the kitchen know.

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

Tuesday 10th March, Year One Trip to Kew Gardens. Parents will be asked for a donation of £15 towards the cost of the trip (including coach and entry)

Wednesday 11th March @ 2.30pm, Reception Year Parent Drop Ins: An opportunity for parents to step into their child’s class, and for children to share work they are proud of.

Thursday 12th March @ 2.30pm, Year One Parent Drop Ins: An opportunity for parents to step into their child’s class, and for children to share work they are proud of.

Friday 13th March @ 2.30pm, Year Two Parent Drop Ins: An opportunity for parents to step into their child’s class, and for children to share work they are proud of.

Friday 13th March, Nowruz Assembly (Iranian New Year): Parents invited to join us for this assembly, doors will open at 9am once the children have come in.

Tuesday 17th March, Ramadan Assembly: Mrs Kesavji will lead our assembly, and parents are invited to join us (doors open at 9am). On that week, birthday assembly will be held on Monday 16th March.

Wednesday 18th March & Thursday 19th March, 3.30 – 6.30pm: Parent Consultations with class teachers

Sunday 22nd March: PTA Treasure Hunt

Tuesday 24th March @ 9.10am, Easter Assembly

Wednesday 25th March, Year Two Great Fire of London Workshop: Children will spend the day taking part in activities and drama based around life in 1666, the cost of this workshop will be covered by the donation made for the Boat Trip on 3rd March and subsidised by the school.

Thursday 26th March @ 9.10am, Passover Assembly

Friday 27th March, last day of term. School finishes early at 1.30pm

Children return to school on Monday 13th April at the normal time

UPCOMING 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 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.

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.