

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

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THIS WEEK:

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE: Thank you to Natalie and Laura for running the sale earlier this week, we hope you were able to pick up a bargain!

SPACE DOME: Children in Years One and Two had an amazing time yesterday, learning all about space. They saw all the planets, the sun and the moon, then the whole roof of the dome became the night sky with so many stars! The children were told wonderful, imaginative stories about the moon and star constellations. As always, the children were amazed by the experience!

Thank you to the parents who donated towards the event; in particular we would like to thank Arthur's mum, Sarah, who arranged a separate collection to top up the donations, as we hadn't received enough to cover the full cost of this event.

SPORTS DAY: Thank you to all the parents who came along to cheer the children along and the staff who set up, demonstrated and ran each of the activities. Congratulations to Red Team, who won this year's cup. Well-done also to the children in each class who won medals for Co-operation and Resilience.

We were very proud of ALL our children, as they displayed great sporting skills during the morning, and at the presentation ceremony later – clapping and congratulating the medal and cup winners, even whilst they might have been feeling a little disappointed at not winning a medal themselves.

NEXT WEEK:

WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE: NEW RECEPTION WELCOME MEETING @ 6PM, INFANT SCHOOL HALL: We will be welcoming our new families into school next week, and quite a few old families too! If your child is starting in our Reception Year in September, please come along to get your child's induction timetable, meet the team and find out more about reception year. Even if you have been before with older siblings, please do come along as it is also a chance to meet other parents. This meeting is also just for parents, the children will get very bored!

SQUISHIES: A lot of children are bringing "squishies" into school at the moment. We have some concerns that there have been reports of some squishies bursting, and causing burns to children. They can also be a distraction at school. **Please leave squishies at home**, unless you have a prior arrangement with your child's class teacher.

LOOKING AHEAD:

MONDAY 29TH & TUESDAY 30TH, YEAR TWO SHOW. Doors open at 9.15am, ready for a 9.30am start. The Year Two will be presenting their end of year show to their parents over two performances. It is the same show on both days – so please only come to one so everyone can see. The show will last approximately one hour.

SUMMER CAMP, 4TH – 5TH JULY: Tickets are now available to purchase on Arbor for families camping out, and information was sent out earlier today. The deadline to secure your pitch through Arbor is midday Thursday 25th

June (next week). Once we have these numbers, the PTA will decide whether to open up to day tickets and how many will be available.

We have a busy end of term, so please do double check the event list at the bottom of this email so you don't miss out on anything.

OTHER NOTICES:

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS INFORMATION

BARNET YOUTH HOLIDAY CAMPS: Once again Barnet Youth are running various holiday camps over the summer holidays as follows:

BACE: Families who are entitled to Benefit Related Free School Meals/Pupil Premium are eligible for the BACE Programme and will have received a separate communication regarding the vouchers which allow booking up to 16 days of BACE activities. Additional days can be booked and paid for directly with providers or accessed via the PA programme (see below). Voucher codes have been issued, and the booking window opened on last Friday 12th June on Barnetyouth.uk *When booking, please ensure you insert your 16-digit voucher code for each booking to ensure the booking isn't cancelled.*

If you think you may be entitled to benefit related free school meals/pupil premium, then please go to our website page [HERE](#) to check the criteria and if you fit into one of the categories, contact Mrs Dobinson on office@gsis.barnetmail.net (or come into the office) and she'll check your details.

Families not eligible for benefit related free school meals who are receiving universal tax credits may book directly with Ofsted-registered providers and claim back up to 85% of costs, potentially paying just 15p per £1. Click on this link if you think you might be eligible: Universal Credit childcare costs - GOV.UK

POSITIVE ACTIVITIES (for children not eligible for BACE): The PA programme offers a wide range of summer activities which are open to all. Bookings also opened on 12th June 2026 at 6pm

For further information, please see the summer holiday camp leaflet available online [here](#), and for the complete list of summer activities on offer visit Barnetyouth.uk

LITTLE VOICES THEATRE HOLIDAY CAMP, 24TH TO 27TH AUGUST 2026: Little Voices are running their holiday camp at the end of the holidays for primary aged children in the Infant School. There is an early bird discount of 10% for those who book at least a month before the camp start date.

For more information, and booking, go to www.littlevoices.org.uk/northlondonholidaycamps or email Katie at katie@littlevoices.org.uk

FUNTIME SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP: We will confirm next week if this is running

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 (fall on or between 14th to 20th June) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: Rohan in Red, Teddy in Green

Children in Year One: Joshua in Yellow

Children in Year Two: Layla & Hanna in Orange, Yara in Pink

A very happy birthday also goes to Ms Leila and Mr Adolphe 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, 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](#)

SCHOOL EVENTS – SUMMER TERM 2026 (2nd Half)

Wednesday 24th June @ 6pm, New Reception Parents Meeting: An opportunity for parents of children starting Reception Year in September 2026 to meet the team for September, find out more about the transition process, receive their induction timetables, as well as other important information about the transition to "big school"

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th June @ 9am, Year Two Show for Parents: The Year Two will be presenting their end of year show to their parents over two performances (it is the same show on both days – so please only come to one so everyone can see!).

Thursday 2nd July, @ 9am, PTA meeting with Miss Sands. All parents are welcome, but please try to ensure one parent from each class attends.

Saturday 4th – Sunday 5th July, PTA Summer Camp: The last PTA event of the year, families camp out in the school field

Wednesday 8th July @ 9am, Meeting with Year One Teachers for Current Reception Year Parents: An opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and find out more about what will happen in Year One next year

Thursday 9th July @ 9am, Meeting with Year Two Teachers for Current Year One Parents: An opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and find out more about what will happen in Year Two next year

Tuesday 14th July @ 9.05am, Year One Birthday Assembly (for birthdays that fall 12th July to 31st August): Parents are invited to join this assembly for children in Year One celebrating in the last week of term, or over the holidays

Wednesday 15th July @ 9.05am, Year Two Birthday Assembly (for birthdays that fall 12th July to 31st August): Parents are invited to join this assembly for children in Year Two celebrating in the last week of term, or over the holidays

Thursday 16th July, Children's End of Year Tea Party: We will be holding a special end of year tea party during the afternoon, for the children and staff only, which the PTA will be supporting. Party Clothes that day!

FRIDAY 17TH JULY, LAST DAY OF TERM (CHILDREN TO BE COLLECTED AT 1.30PM)

School reopens on Thursday 3rd September for our Year One and Two children. Our new reception children will start the term with visits on either Thursday 3rd or Friday 4th September, starting school from Monday 7th September.