

☆Garden Suburb Infant School☆

Weekly Newsletter

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BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK ON WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY: Due to the Year Two Show on Monday and Tuesday next week, we will be holding birthday assembly for Years One and Two on Wednesday (for those that celebrate from 28th June to 5th July)

THIS WEEK:

The week has been a challenging one, and we appreciate the support we have had from parents in managing the reduced timetable at school. We also understand why parents may have chosen to keep their children at home, and absences will be authorised if this was the case.

Next week we are anticipating hot weather, but not extremely hot! Normal service should resume next week!

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL: Please NEVER park, or drop-off your child, from the pavement next to the school car park on Willifield Green. We are seeing cars driving onto the pavement, and families needing to walk on the road. This is extremely dangerous.

RECEPTION PARENTS INTRODUCTORY MEETING POSTPONED: Due to the heatwave, we postponed the meeting for our new reception parents to TUESDAY 30TH JUNE @ 6PM. If you have a younger sibling joining us in September, then please do join us for this important meeting where you will receive your child's timetable and further information.

NEXT WEEK:

YEAR TWO SHOW, MONDAY 29TH & TUESDAY 30TH JUNE – DOORS OPEN AT 9.15AM, READY FOR A 9.30AM

START: Year Two parents are invited into school to watch their children in their end of year show – the show is the same on both days, so please only come to one performance so everyone can see! As always, no hot drinks, and buggies should be left in the entrance to save space. The show will last approximately one hour. Please come to school for 9.15am, when the doors will open.

PTA MEETING WITH MISS SANDS, THURSDAY 2ND JULY: This will be the last meeting of the year where parents can meet with Miss Sands for updates from the school and the PTA. As always, all parents are invited – and at least one person from each class so they can share news to others.

SUMMER CAMP, SATURDAY 5TH – SUNDAY 6TH JULY: Tent ticket sales closed on Thursday, and Day tickets went live earlier today. The day tickets are for families to join the camp from 4pm until 9pm on the Saturday only, and cost £5 for both adults and children (pre-school aged siblings go free). The closing time for ticket sales is 10am on Wednesday 1st July, however we only have a limited number of tickets available and once these are all sold the payment item will close – so do grab your tickets early so you don't miss out! There will be no admission on the day without a ticket, and tickets will not be sold on the door.

To purchase your day tickets, log into Arbor and go to the School Shop where you'll see the item "Summer Camp – Day Tickets (both adult and children)"

OTHER NOTICES:

LOOKING AHEAD: We now have just three weeks of term left! And lots going on with the transition of our children to their next stage in education, whether that is changing year group or schools.

If your child is not staying in either the Infant or Junior Schools, and you are moving away or changing schools, please ensure you have completed a leaver's form, available from Mrs Dobinson by Tuesday 30th June. If you haven't yet requested a form, please email her on admissions@gsis.barnetmail.net so we can send one to you.

The children will start visiting their new classes in the next week or so, and it is extremely important we know if children are not staying with us for the new year from September.

END OF TERM ATTENDANCE: As the end of term draws near, we understand the temptation to leave early for holidays, but please be aware that anyone missing the last days of school will have unauthorised absences on their record. These can easily mount up and lead to a fine from Barnet.

If your child is unwell enough to be absent from school at the end of term, we will need some sort of proof such as a photo of a prescription, or a screenshot of an appointment with your child's name and the date on it. There are plenty of things happening in school at the end of term which are important for the children to be a part of, in particular transition events for their new class.

REMINDER OF UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY: These have been listed on the newsletter for a few weeks, but a reminder of the upcoming events for the final few weeks of term

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)

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS:

FUNTIME SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP, MONDAY 20TH JULY TO FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST 2026: Funtime will be running again at the start of the summer holidays. Further details can be found on our website at [Garden Suburb Junior & Infant School - After School clubs and Childcare](#) Please ensure you book your places by 10th July so Sharon can arrange staffing – if there is low uptake, she may have to cancel some days so it is very important to book with her by this date. To book, please email Sharon on shaz.funtime@outlook.com

LITTLE VOICES THEATRE HOLIDAY CAMP, MONDAY 24TH TO THURSDAY 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

BARNET YOUTH POSITIVE ACTIVITIES AND SUMMER CAMPS! Once again, [Barnet Youth](#) are bringing families a packed programme of free and affordable activities for children, young people and families across Barnet. This summer the programme includes holiday camps, trips, sports, creative workshop, wellbeing support and family events, all designed to help young people stay active, make friends and try something new during the long break. For further information go to [Barnet-Youth-Summer-2026-Magazine.pdf](#)

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 21st and 27th June) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year:

Children in Year One:

Children in Year Two:

A very happy birthday also goes to XXX 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](#)

GARDEN SUBURB INFANT SCHOOL EVENTS – SUMMER TERM 2026 (2nd Half)

Please note items in red – either updated or new events

Wednesday 24th June @ 6pm, Tuesday 30th 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

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Please note that although the official last day of term is Monday 20th July, this as a staff training day so children will finish on Friday 17th July.

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.

PTA EVENTS AND NOTICES

SCHOOL LIBRARY FUNDRAISER: Given it is the National Year of Reading, the PTA is raising money towards the purchase of books for the school library. The school is continually upgrading and supplementing its stock of books for the children, but this year it is also specifically intending to convert one of the spare classrooms into a designated library, which it hopes will be a real asset for the children and cement their understanding and interest in books and reading.

In the spring term, we had a couple of "bucket" collections held on World Book Day and the last day of term. Parents have also been very generous supporting through the options below. These options are still open, and if you would like to further support this fundraiser than you can still do so:

Ongoing Donation Options:

- 1) Make an Online Donation in the **Arbor School Shop**; log into your Arbor account and go to the School Shop where you will find a standing item called "PTA Fundraiser for Infant School Library" in which you can donate at any time in multiples of £5
- 2) The PTA Chair, Caroline Zabeti, has set up a **Collective fundraising account**: <https://pay.collectiv.com/gsis-pta-library-books-project-58635> This link has also been circulated through the parent WhatsApp community;

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://Garden Suburb Junior & Infant School - How we raise money (gardensuburbinfant.co.uk))