

☆Garden Suburb Infant School☆

Weekly Newsletter

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THIS WEEK:

YEAR TWO SHOW FOR PARENTS: The children gave two amazing performances of their show “The Day the Crayons Quit” to parents on Monday & Tuesday – singing, acting, playing instruments and dancing! Thank you to the Year Two team for all their hard work in organising the show, rehearsing, creating the scenery and of course management through the performances. I think we would all agree it was a wonderful show!

There are lots of photos and videos on Tapestry for Year Two to have a look at.

You may have noticed that Tapestry was inactive for a couple of days this week, this was due to changes in the system that we are making in advance of the new academic year – it is now back up and running!

NEW RECEPTION PARENTS MEETING: On Tuesday we welcomed the parents of children starting Reception Year in September for their introduction meeting. We are looking forward to meeting the children at their class visits next week.

A google form was sent out yesterday to our new families – if you have a child starting in September, please check for the email sent yesterday lunchtime and ensure that your child’s Arbor profile is up to date, and that you have completed the new google form. The deadline is Sunday!

PTA MEETING WITH MISS SANDS: Thank you to the parents who came to the meeting with Miss Sands this morning, the last one for the year!!

NEW CLASS VISITS: On Thursday afternoon, the children visited their new classes and met their new teachers for next year. An email went out on Thursday afternoon to parents to confirm the new classes, and with details of teachers who are joining us next year. See below for a reminder of the transition meetings for parents (in current Reception and Year One) where you will meet your child’s new class teacher from September.

SUMMER CAMP, THIS WEEKEND! A communication went out yesterday to our ticket holders with the final arrangements for the event – physical tickets will not be issued, but names will be checked off on arrival. Parents not on the list will be turned away so please don’t turn up if you haven’t paid! We hope our campers have a great time - we look forward to hearing all about it afterwards!

NEXT WEEK:

TRANSITION MEETINGS: As detailed above, the children and parents have now been informed of their new class for September. Parents, in current Reception and Year One, will have the opportunity to meet their child’s new class teacher in their child’s new classroom on the following dates. These will be held after drop off in the new classrooms while the children are in assembly. Please wait outside until we call you in:

Current Year One Parents to meet Year Two Teachers – Wednesday 8th July @ 9am
Current Reception Parents to meet Year One Teachers – Thursday 9th July @ 9am

When you come for your meeting, we will point you in the right direction for your child’s new classroom.

MISS WALTERS will be leaving us on Friday next week, so she can be back in Australia for the start of the new school term. We will miss her very much, and are so grateful to her for extending her stay in the UK so she could teach Pink Class for the year. Miss Walters has been an amazing member of our team.

OTHER NOTICES:

Amalgamation Consultation: You will have received a letter, via Arbor email, from the Chair of Governors regarding the amalgamation consultation. Alongside the letter, was a “Frequently Asked Questions” document, with responses to the questions the parents have been asking.

On the basis of the feedback, the governors are progressing to the final stage of consultation which is where Barnet Council publishes a formal notice of our proposal. This is a final opportunity to feedback if you so wish and the link is: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/proposed-merger-garden-suburb-infant-and-junior-schools-gardensuburb-primary-school>

TAPESTRY – IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN LEAVING THE INFANT SCHOOL

(INCLUDING YEAR TWO): If your child is leaving the Infant School at the end of this term, they will be removed from the Tapestry system towards the end of August.

If you would like to save any of the work/pictures/special memories held on Tapestry, please log on and screen shot any pages you would like to keep before Monday 17th August; once parent and child access has been removed at the end of August, you will not be able to access the journals.

Children currently in Reception or Year One, who will be with us next year, will have their journals moved up to their new year group, and we'll be in contact again in September to let you know what you need to do next.

UNIFORM4KIDS OPENING IN SUMMER HOLIDAYS: Uniform4Kids on Temple Fortune are once again extending their hours so that parents can purchase uniform for the new academic year, but they are also operating an appointment system to ensure that everyone gets a chance to come into store if they need to.

Their opening hours from June to September are 9am until 5.30pm, and they are open on Sundays from 16th June to 8th September from 10am until 3pm.

To shop over the holidays, firstly go online to [School Uniform Supplier | London Schoolwear Suppliers](https://www.schooluniformsupplier.co.uk) ([uniform4kids.com](https://www.uniform4kids.com)) and click on the “Book an Appointment” section on the front page to book a time to visit the store. They are unable to accommodate walk-ins during this busy period. You can still buy uniform online at any time, if you do not need to go into the shop.

LAST EVENTS FOR SUMMER 2026!

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)

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.

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 – AND LAST WEEK!

Apologies from Mrs Dobinson that these weren’t in last week – it was a very hot afternoon!

We wish everyone who celebrated their birthday in the past fortnight (fall on or between 21st June to Saturday 4th July) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: Sanulya & Noel in Red, Freya in Green

Children in Year One: Archer & Clara in Yellow, Arlo & Sophia in Turquoise

Children in Year Two: Eva in Orange

A very happy birthday also goes to Ms Gonzalez & Mrs Dobinson 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](#)