

10th July 2026

Gorrington Park
Primary School

Gorrington News

Our school inspires our children to achieve in a safe, fun environment, so that they can take their next steps in life with confidence.

Dear Families,

We have had a jam-packed week at Gorrington park. On Monday we were treated to an amazing drumming assembly led by our Drumming teacher, Mr Robert Oates. The children who have had drumming lessons this year, showcased their musical abilities on stage in our school hall. The children did very well and have made brilliant progress over the year. Thank you to the parents that attended and the children who took part. If you would like your child to have drumming lessons next school year, please contact the school office who will share your details with Mr Oates.

On Monday this week we had our Sports day in key stages. The children did very well and enjoyed it. Thank you to Mr Pett who organised and led this event and to all the parents who attended and took part.

On Tuesday, our super Year 6 pupils performed their year 6 production of 'Alice in Year 7 land' – This play was written by the children, the songs were chosen by the children and the props were made by the children! This was an entertaining production about moving on to year 7 from Year 6. Throughout rehearsals, each and every child blew us away with their passion, determination and enthusiasm. They have truly worked so hard and gave each one of their four performances their all! Some children even have a fan club based on their captivating performance! Thank you to the parents that attended, I know they were as impressed as I was, at the children's performance. Thank you to Mrs Ahmad, Miss Harris, Miss Catt, Miss Barnett and Miss Pandya for supporting the children in making this an excellent production!

On Wednesday, we had an afternoon of music where children who have been having lessons on the piano and drums showcased their talent to their parents. This was a lovely event and the children did very well. It was lovely to see how much they have learnt throughout the year in their music lessons.

On Thursday the children were able to meet their new teachers for September. They spent the afternoon getting to know their teachers. This was a nice afternoon as the children were able to share information about themselves and ask their new teachers questions. I know they are looking forward to being with them in September.

As we have come to the end of another school year, we sadly say goodbye to some amazing members of staff. Miss Nehar will be taking a promotion in Dubai. Miss Mold will be moving to York to be nearer to family and both Miss Ferdouse and Miss Figiel are relocating closer to home. We wish them all the best and they are welcome back to visit us at Gorrington Park anytime.

We are also delighted to have appointed some excellent experienced teachers. The children had the opportunity to meet them during yesterday's 'Meet the Teacher' session, and we look forward to officially welcoming them to Gorrington Park in September.

Today, Scotland Class delivered a fantastic assembly all about journeys and staying safe. The children shared their learning about how to keep safe when walking and travelling in the car, offering important safety tips for everyone. They spoke clearly and confidently in front of a large audience, which was wonderful to see, and I am incredibly proud of their hard work and learning. It was lovely to welcome so many families to watch and enjoy the assembly. The children sang beautifully throughout, with The Wheels on the Bus proving to be a particular favourite! A huge thank you to Miss Fraser and Mrs Wright for all their hard work in preparing the children, and thank you to all the parents and family members who attended and supported the event. It was a truly enjoyable and memorable assembly for everyone.

This afternoon we are looking forward to seeing our Year 6 pupils return at 5pm for their Prom. Some special things have been organised for them and we look forward to finding out how they celebrated next week.

Please see below for the events in school next week:

Monday 13th July: Reception Graduation, Wales class 9:10am all parents welcome.

Tuesday 14th July: Reception Graduation, Scotland class 9:10am all parents welcome.

Tuesday 14th July: Year 6 Graduation, Australia and New Zealand Classes 4:30pm all parents welcome. The children have to be here for 4:30pm and graduation will start at 4:45pm.

Wednesday 15th July: Class parties.

Friday 17th July: school closes at 1:30pm. No Penguin Club after school on this day.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Harris-Coke

Headteacher

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Mon 13th	Reception Graduation—9.10am Wales class parents to attend
Tue 14th	Reception Graduation—9.10am Scotland class parents to attend
Tue 14th	Year 6 Graduation—4.30pm Year 6 parents to attend
Fri 17th	Headteacher & End of term assembly Parents to attend by invite only
Fri 17th	Last Day of term School will finish at the earlier time of 1.30pm (No afterschool club)
Mon 20th	INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility

Children have a right to be cared for and protected; protecting them is everyone's responsibility. Here at Gorrington Park Primary School we have a duty of care to ensure that all users of the school are kept safe from harm.

We are committed to provide a secure and supportive environment in which children can develop and grow into mature and responsible people. Safeguarding children is an essential part of our holistic approach to ensure that children are protected from abuse and neglect and that every child reaches their full potential.

To report a safeguarding concern or for any queries contact: safeguarding@gorringtonpark.merton.sch.uk

Stars of the week

Nursery: Daanya/David

Scotland: Nikalas

Wales: Ayat

Spain Y1: Niv

Italy Y1: Joshua

Germany Y2: Shirley

France Y2: Franciszka

China Y4: Mykola

India Y4: Christopher

Canada Y5: Petar

Brazil Y5: Grace

Australia Y6: Rafael

New Zealand Y6: Sera

Aspire Awards House Points

London Eye: 35

Big Ben: 44

Tower Bridge: 45

The Shard: 33



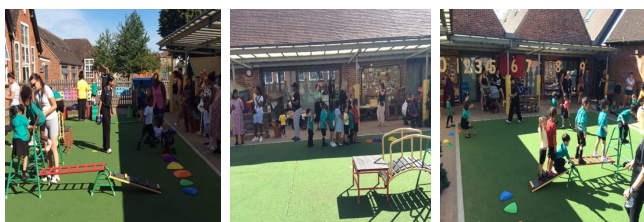
Year Group Blog - Nursery

This week the children enjoyed Nursery Sports Day on Monday and took part with great excitement and enthusiasm. It was a lovely occasion, filled with smiles, cheering and plenty of encouragement from staff, children and families alike. We were delighted to see so many parents and carers attending, supporting the children throughout the sessions and helping to create such a positive and welcoming atmosphere.

The event included a variety of fun and engaging activities designed to help the children develop important physical skills. These included the egg and spoon race, target practice, bowling, an obstacle course and a catching challenge using an ice cream cone. Each activity gave the children the chance to practise their coordination, balance, concentration and control, while also building their confidence, independence and ability to take turns.

It was wonderful to see the children trying their very best, celebrating one another's achievements and showing real determination as they took part in each activity. Many of them were especially proud to show their parents and carers what they could do, and their enjoyment was clear for everyone to see.

Our thanks go to all the parents and carers who came along to support the event, take part in the fun and capture special photographs to remember the day. Your involvement helped make the day even more enjoyable and memorable for the children, and we are very grateful for your continued support.



Year Group Blog - Reception

What another wonderful week we have had. This week the children have loved meeting their new teachers and visiting their year 1 classes. They are super excited to carry on their learning journey next year. We have had a wonderful time learning all about changes through our book 'Colour Monster goes to school.' It helped the children remember that even though things will change there are lots of things that will still be the same as they transition from Reception. WE have had a wonderful time at our sports day and loved all the challenges set up for us. Thank you for all the help with the activities and cheering us on! We are all very excited for our graduation next week on Monday and Tuesday. We hope to see lots of you there! Well done Scotland for a fabulous assembly. They sang wonderfully and had a wonderful time sharing their learning. Have a fab weekend everyone! From the Reception team.



Year Group Blog - Year 1

We have had another exciting week in Year 1. We loved watching the year 6's in their production, they were amazing! We also found out who are new teachers will be in year 2 and got spend some time getting to know them and our new classrooms.

This week in English we have been writing diaries from the perspective of an astronaut. We have been talking about a day in space for an astronaut and what they would do on a space station.

In Maths we have been consolidating our knowledge of numbers from 0-100. We have been partitioning amounts, sequencing numbers and representing 1 more and 1 less than a number.

In science we have been learning about the different lengths of day in the different season. In the summer we have days with longer periods of light and in the winter the days are shorter.

In Design and Technology, we have been chopping different salad ingredients and created the sandwiches that we designed last week.

In Phonics, we have recapped the sounds that we have learned this year including ir, or, air, ar and ee. Please continue to read with your children daily to develop fluency in their reading.

Year Group Blog - Year 2

We started off the week with Sports Day, and it was so much fun! We loved taking part in all the exciting races and activities. It was amazing to have our parents and families cheering us on, and everyone showed fantastic teamwork, determination and encouragement throughout the day.

In English, we explored the beautiful book *Ocean Meets Sky*. We used expanded noun phrases to make our writing more descriptive before writing our own repetitive list poems inspired by the story.

In Maths, we became experts at position and direction! We worked with partners, giving and following instructions using full turns, half turns, quarter turns, as well as clockwise and anti-clockwise directions.

Our Science learning was all about plants. We enjoyed making detailed observational drawings of plants, creating colourful flap books, and explaining why each part of a plant is so important, from the roots to the flowers.

In RE, we continued learning about the synagogue and discovered more about why it is such a special place of worship for Jewish people.

We also had our exciting Transition Day, where we visited our new Year 3 classrooms and met our new teachers. We felt a mixture of excitement and nerves, but everyone enjoyed getting a glimpse of the adventures that await us next year!

In Computing, we had lots of fun using Scratch, where we animated coding by creating our own simple programs and animations.

It has been another fantastic week full of learning, fun and new experiences. We can't wait to see what our final week of Year 2 has in store!

Year Group Blog - Year 4

What a fantastic and busy week we have had in Year 4!

One of the highlights of the week was Sports Day on Monday. Despite the extremely hot weather, with temperatures soaring, the children showed incredible determination, resilience and perseverance as they took part in a range of races and activities from after playtime until lunchtime. We were so proud of their positive attitudes, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the event. A huge thank you to all the parents and family members who attended and supported the children-your encouragement made the day extra special.

We also enjoyed watching the Year 6 Leavers' Production. The children were captivated by the wonderful acting, singing and dancing on display. It was a fantastic performance and a lovely opportunity to celebrate the Year 6 pupils as they prepare for the next stage of their journey.

In Maths, we focused on position and direction. We learned how to plot coordinates, draw 2-D shapes on grids and translate shapes by moving them left, right, up and down. We also practised describing translations using accurate mathematical vocabulary.

In English, we explored personification and expanded noun phrases to make our writing more engaging. We gave objects human characteristics and used detailed noun phrases to create vivid descriptions in our work.

During Press Play, we used our headphones to learn about climate change. We discussed the impact humans have on the environment and considered ways we can all help to protect our planet for future generations.

In Science, we worked on an exciting action plan to improve our school playground. We thought carefully about how we could create habitats for wildlife and encourage more nature to thrive in our school grounds. The children suggested planting flowers, creating shelter for insects and attracting birds and other wildlife.

In Geography, we investigated the structure of a volcano and where in the world they can be found.

As the weather remained very hot throughout the week, we made sure to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water and looking after ourselves in the sunshine.

Well done, Year 4, for another fantastic week of learning, perseverance and achievement!

We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

Year Group Blog - Year 5

What a fantastic start to the week with our **Sports Day**! The children showed great enthusiasm, determination, and teamwork throughout the event. It was wonderful to see everyone taking part, supporting one another, and enjoying the different activities.

In **Maths**, the children developed their understanding of decimal numbers. They used **place value charts, counters**, and the **column method** to add and subtract decimals.

They then applied this knowledge to compare and **sequence decimal numbers** with increasing confidence and accuracy. In addition, they learned to multiply and divide decimal numbers 10,100,1000.

In **English**, the children explored the features of **traditional twisted tales**. They discussed how familiar stories can be changed by adding unexpected twists and began planning their own twist based on the story *The Sleeper and the Spindle*. We were impressed by their imaginative ideas and creative thinking. They then wrote lovely narrative based on 'The Sleeper and The Spindle', included features like dialogues between characters, relative clauses, description and a fantastic twist to make their writing interesting.

In **Science**, the children learned how to **classify plants** using evidence gathered from their local environment. They carefully observed plant features and gave reasons for their classifications, developing their scientific enquiry and reasoning skills.

In **PE**, the children took part in an exciting **orienteeering activity**. They enjoyed working together to follow clues, navigate routes, and complete challenges, while developing their problem-solving and teamwork skills.

Well done, Year 5, for another week of hard work, creativity, and enthusiasm! We look forward to seeing what you achieve next week.

Year Group Blog - Year 6

What a fantastic and memorable week it has been for Year 6!

On Monday, the children spent the morning putting the finishing touches to our Year 6 production. After weeks of hard work learning lines, songs and stage directions, the cast worked incredibly hard during rehearsals to ensure they were performance-ready. In the afternoon, pupils took part in our annual Sports Day, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging one another and giving their best effort in every event.

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our four production performances. On Tuesday, Year 6 proudly performed twice for parents and carers, showcasing all of their hard work and dedication. The children confidently delivered their lines, sang beautifully and brought great energy to the stage. On Wednesday, they then performed two further shows for the rest of the school. It was wonderful to see how much their confidence grew with each performance, and they should all be incredibly proud of what they achieved. Their commitment, teamwork and enthusiasm helped make the production a huge success, and we would like to thank all families for their support.

In Art, Year 6 explored the vibrant work of the famous Pop Artist Andy Warhol. The children studied how Warhol used repetition, bold colours and striking contrasts to create his iconic artwork. Inspired by his style, pupils produced their own pieces using bees as the central repeated image. They experimented with colour combinations and patterns to create eye-catching designs that reflected Warhol's distinctive approach. The finished artwork was incredibly creative, with every piece showcasing the children's individuality while remaining true to the Pop Art style.

As we move closer to the end of the school year, it has been wonderful to reflect on how much the children have grown in confidence and maturity. From performing on stage to expressing themselves through art, Year 6 have demonstrated resilience, creativity and teamwork throughout the week.

We are incredibly proud of all of their achievements and look forward to celebrating more special memories together during the final days of their primary school journey. Well done, Year 6! 🌟