

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 come to the end of an amazing Autumn term. I would like to thank you all for your continue support of Gorrington Park Primary School.

Thank you for attending all the events that the school has organised and sharing in the learning journey of your children. Although the term has been busy I am impressed by the way the children are progressing and achieving across the curriculum from nursery through to Year 6.

Today in assembly we celebrated children who achieved 100% attendance, Headteacher awards, Reading achievements and a competition winner. Well done to all of these children, you are fantastic role models and stand for what we believe in at Gorrington Park Primary school. Well done to London Eye house for winning the trophy this term for the most House Points and we look forward to seeing who will win at the end of the Spring Term. I would like to take this time to thank all of the staff, Governors, and volunteers for their fantastic work.

Thank you to Vicky Ratcliffe and the Friends of Gorrington Park who raised £2196 profit from the Christmas Fair last week. This will go towards a new Trim Trail for the playground.

We sadly say 'goodbye and good luck' to Miss Burton, who is joining a new school much closer to her home. Miss Burton has been here for 7 years and will be missed by everyone at Gorrington Park.

Monday 5th January is a INSET day and school is closed to all pupils. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 6th January at the usual time.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break,
Mrs Harris-Coke
Headteacher



Calendar Dates

January 2026

Mon 5th

Tue 6th

INSET Day, school closed to all pupils

School open as usual, Spring Term begins

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are coming to the end of another year. Thank you all for supporting Gorrington Park School and working in partnership with us to obtain the best education for your children. It has been a wonderful term and I am very pleased that all the new staff have settled in well and are thriving at Gorrington. There have been several trips and events, Year 6 PGL trip to Wiltshire being the highlight. Every time I visit the school I see happy children and a calm learning atmosphere. I hope everyone has a well earned peaceful break and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas to all who are celebrating,

Mr. James Whiting
Chair of Governors
Gorrington Park
Primary School



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

Gorrington Park Foodbank -

If you need access to our Gorrington Park Foodbank, please contact the school office. Your message will be treated in the strictest confidence. We want to help our families that need some support. Please contact us via email or telephone if you need any help at all.

Stars of the week



Nursery: Everyone!

Scotland: Tudor

Italy Y1: Levi



Spain Y1: Jakisan

France Y2: Sienna



Germany Y2: Ibrahim

South Africa Y3: Ella

Nigeria Y3: Cyrus



China Y4: Luma

India Y4: Georgia



Brazil Y5: Desislava

Canada Y5: Sonny

Australia Y6: Trey



CHRISTMAS CAROLS & POP-UP NATIVITY

WITH REAL ANIMALS FROM DEAN CITY FARM!

SUNDAY

21st Dec
4pm – 6.15pm

Messy Church

Christingle making, colouring
and craft activities for children -
with seasonal refreshments

All Nations Revival Church at Cricket Green School

Lower Green West, Mitcham. CR4 3AE

07939 817836 | www.allnationsrevivalchurch.com

£2196

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
DONATED TO, VOLUNTEERED FOR,
AND CAME TO OUR CHRISTMAS
FAIR LAST WEEK. THE MONEY WE
RAISED WILL HELP FUND A NEW
TRIM TRAIL FOR ALL OUR
CHILDREN TO ENJOY.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS BREAK
AND LOOK FORWARD TO A FANTASTIC 2026
— THE FRIENDS OF GORRINGE PARK

Fulham
Football After
School club
for Years 4-6:
book [here](#)

Aspire Awards House Points

London Eye: 332

Big Ben: 304

Tower Bridge: 328

The Shard: 249



The Trustees, who are the Admissions Authority for Wallington High School for Girls and Nonsuch High School for Girls have begun a formal consultation on a proposed change to our admissions arrangements for the 2027/28 academic year.

As part of this consultation, they are proposing to remove the Free School Meal criterion and replace it with a criterion based on children in receipt of Pupil

Premium funding.

The consultation period lasts from Friday 12 December 2025 to Friday 30th January 2026. In your response, please include your full name, title and contact details. Responses can be sent to:

email: apconsultationwhsg@wallingtongirls.org.uk

Or by post to: Girls' Learning Trust Admissions, c/o Nonsuch High School for Girls, Ewell Road, Cheam, Sutton, SM3 8AB

The Trustees and Governors of Sutton Grammar School have begun a formal consultation on a proposed change to their admissions arrangements for the 2027/28 academic year. As part of this consultation, they are proposing to amend the Free School Meal criterion and replace

it with a criterion based on children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.

The consultation period lasts from Friday 12 December 2025 to Friday 30th January 2026. In your response, please include your full name, title and contact details. Responses can be sent to:

By email to: admissions@suttongrammar.school

Or by post to: Admissions, Sutton Grammar School, Manor Lane, Sutton, SM1 4AS



FREE Kids Meal at Polka Theatre on Tasty Tuesdays

Polka Theatre Café, 240 The Broadway, Wimbledon, SW19 1SB

Tasty Tuesday starts from 10.30am

- Tuesday 23rd December
- Tuesday 30th December

We know how challenging the school holidays are. That's why Polka Theatre have teamed up with Dons Local Action Group, to offer FREE kids meal boxes in the Polka Café on those Tuesdays above!

To receive your free kids meal please let café staff know that you are here for Tasty Tuesday.

Parents will also be offered a FREE tea or coffee.

Please let café staff know of any allergies when ordering.

Why not stay and play in Polka's free indoor and outdoor play spaces?



Polka is a registered charity no. 256979

Year Group Blog - Nursery

Nursery has been full of excitement and lots of fun learning this week. On Wednesday, the children had a brilliant party and thoroughly enjoyed dancing at the disco in the hall. It was lovely to see them dance to the music, laughing together and sharing such a joyful experience.

Out in the garden, the children have been busy building obstacle courses and bridges using the large wooden and foam construction blocks. This encouraged teamwork, problem-solving and physical development as they worked together to create and test their ideas.

In our Maths learning, we have been focusing on the preposition words on, in and under. The children showed understanding of these concepts by acting them out whilst building the bridge, making learning active and fun. It was wonderful to see them applying the correct vocabulary in their play.

In PSHE, we continued to reinforce the theme of standing up for yourself. The children have been learning how to be kind and caring towards others and how to use their words positively if something happens that they do not like. These discussions are helping to build their confidence and emotional regulation.

In the Creative area, the children had fun making festive pattern candy cane cards. They explored red, green and white patterns using their fingers, developing fine motor skills while enjoying a sensory and creative activity.



Year Group Blog - Reception

Wow what an amazing end to our first term in Reception. The pupils have been working so hard this term and it has really shown in the fantastic progress that they have made. This was evident in our phonic assessments completed this week where the children had to read a few words and write some others, they have done so well.



Over the week we had great fun with our end of term festivities. On Wednesday we enjoyed our disco, the children showed off their dance moves in the hall with disco lights and all. Then we had a good time at our class parties. On Thursday we had a visit from Santa which was so exciting and then we enjoyed a Christmas Movie at our very own Gorrington Cinema. What fun! Through the week we got to try lots of other Christmas activities like making reindeer cards, making playdough Christmas cookies and writing tags for presents using our phonics sounds learnt. For English we learnt a poem called Popcorn. Through the week we used our senses to describe popcorn, the children even got to make some. Then we learnt the poem with actions. Have a look on Tapestry for our videos.



We have had such a wonderful Autumn term and we everyone has a great break and a very happy New Year.

Year Group Blog - Year 1

This week in English we have been learning and performing the poem 'Open a book' by Jane Baskwill. We began to understand what a poem is and how this might differ from a song. We looked back at our poetry performance in Reception and recognised how we had changed. In our Phonics lessons we have been consolidating our understanding and use of the 'o' sound in words such as grow, bone, foe and boat. In Maths we have been completing some festive tasks such as putting shapes together to make a snowman, sharing Santa's presents between different amounts of children and creating patterns on scarves. In PSHE we have been focusing on how we should be proud of our differences and how this shouldn't affect making friends. In PE we began to add different types of rolls into our gymnastics performances to complete different sequences.

We have had a fantastic term in year 1 and our teachers are very proud of how far we have come and how much we have learned.

We can't wait to see you all back after the holidays! Enjoy a well-earned break and some important time with your families!

Year Group Blog - Year 2

Year 2 have had an amazing last week of term. We have loved getting into the festive spirit, and had a great time at our craft afternoon. We visited each classroom and enjoyed using the paints and crafts to make different Christmas creations.

In English we have been exploring poetry and we even learnt to recite the poem 'The Little Turtle' by Vachel Lindsay. We had fun learning about the different animals and creating different actions to help us remember the different parts of the poem. In maths we have continued to learn about subtraction and addition. We have looked at different strategies to help us solve our maths problems; we used number lines, base 10s and counters. In RE we concluded our unit on Sacred Texts by creating our very own sacred text. We designed the front cover and thought carefully about what special message the inside of our sacred text would include. We had a super fun time at our Christmas party and enjoyed having a dance with our friends in Year 1. Our favourite part was playing musical statues in the hall. We also enjoyed eating the yummy snacks with our friends.

Year Group Blog - Year 3

This week in Year 3, the elf paid us a visit and caused lots of mischief around the classroom! The children were very excited and enjoyed discovering what trouble the elf had been up to each day. In English, the children wrote a wonderful Christmas story about elves visiting their homes and what they received for Christmas. They also wrote a letter to Santa, thanking him for all the lovely gifts they received and explaining why they should remain on his good list next year. We were so impressed with their creativity and effort. In Maths, the children learned about the 3 times table and how to multiply by 4. They worked hard and showed great enthusiasm when practising their new skills. We also enjoyed our class Christmas party, which was amazing! The children had lots of fun celebrating together. To finish off the Autumn term, the children took part in festive Christmas carousels and activities and enjoyed watching Christmas movies. It has been a fantastic end to a very busy term. We have had a great term and are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back for the Spring term in the New Year. To all our children and families, we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year when it comes.

From the Year 3 Team 🎄🌟

Year Group Blog - Year 4

In Year 4 this week we have published some excellent work producing sequels to the book of 'Ellie and the Cat'. In Maths we have continued to multiply and divide by 10 and 100. It was great to see that lots of children were able to gain their 10x table badges. We have enjoyed lots of festive activities during the week. We had our Christmas party, a Christmas movie afternoon and celebrated end of term achievements including 'Star of the Week' and the prestigious Headteacher awards. The Autumn term has proven to be very productive and we have learnt so much. After a restful, peaceful and joyous time with our families and friends over festive season, we look forward to the new term and learning so much more. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, prosperous and healthy New Year!

Year Group Blog - Year 5

What a fantastic way to end the term in Year 5! We had a whole afternoon full of arts and crafts related to Christmas. Children were buzzing with creativity and everyone worked hard and had fun making colourful and imaginative Christmas decorations. Year 5 and 6 did a carousel of activities, these included painting, drawing, cutting and making origami trees and Santa. In English, children became newspaper reporters. They wrote brilliant articles based on Philippe Petit. Children used key features of a newspaper article such as third person, formal tone and lots of information. In addition, children practised and performed a poem called 'The River' by Valarie Bloom. They used their intonation, expression and action to perform the performance. For Maths, children continued to learn about fractions, comparing and ordering fractions with different denominators and mixed numbers. In PE, they played exciting game where they used the skills they learned over the last few weeks in athletics. We ended the week with a disco class party with lots of scrumptious food and lots of dancing. Children thoroughly enjoyed their class Christmas party. It was a blast. Happy holidays everyone!

Year Group Blog - Year 6

What a lovely way to end the term in Year 6! This week in our English lessons, we have looked at the poem 'The Miracle of Morning' written by young poet laureate Amanda Gorman. The children spent the week looking at the poem in depth and practicing reading the poem aloud with focus on their tone, intonation and gestures. This helped to make their poetry performance more engaging for their audience. The children then performed these to one another.

In Maths, we have been looking at metric and imperial measures. The children have looked at which measurements are appropriate to measure which items as well as having to convert between different types of measurements. We also looked at applying our knowledge to multi-step worded problems.

Our Christmas festivities have continued this week. The children have taken part in a number of activities including a Christmas craft carousel. The children in UKS2 joined together to make Christmas decorations, origami trees and an origami Santa amongst other things. During our class disco, the enjoyed showing off their dance moves and playing musical statues. The children have also taken part in various activities in their class parties including Christmas quizzes and have watched a Christmas film (Home Alone 2).

Merry Christmas everyone! 🎄 We hope you have a wonderful break and we are looking forward to seeing you in the new year!