

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,

Thank you to so many of our families that were able to attend our Nativities that took place on Monday and Tuesday of this week. The children did so well with their acting and speaking parts and we are so proud of all the children who sang such lovely songs. Thank you to all the teachers for supporting the children with getting ready for the nativity and special thanks to Miss Lowe, who wrote and directed the nativity this year. Please check our Instagram and website for photos of the event.

Italy class wowed us with a fantastic family assembly yesterday morning. We were very impressed with their singing and their knowledge about rhythm and pitch in music.

Yesterday was Christmas jumper day, it was wonderful to see so many children and staff wearing their Christmas jumpers. The dinner hall was alive with colour, glitter and music as the children had their Christmas lunch, which was enjoyed by all. Thank you for all your donations, these funds will go directly to Save the Children.

We are hoping to see lots of you at our Christmas Fair today afterschool from 3:30pm until 5:30pm. I would like to thank in advance, Vicky Ratcliffe and all the other volunteers from the Friends of Gorrington Park. We thank you and value you for all that you do to create these events for our children and community. Funds raised from today's fair will be shared in our end of term newsletter, next week Friday. Please come along, there are many stalls on offer such as tombola, silent disco, food and drink stalls, Santa's grotto, bouncy castle and much much more!



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

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

Calendar Dates

December 2025

Mon 15th	Christmas Carols outside school from 8:35am
Wed 17th	Class Disco PM
Thu 18th	Film Matinee PM
Thu 18th	Christmas Concert for children having lessons in school
Fri 19th	School finishes at 1:00pm - no afternoon nursery
Fri 19th	No Penguin Club after school club tonight

January 2026

Mon 5th	INSET Day, school closed to all pupils
Tue 6th	School open as usual, Spring Term begins



Stars of the week



Nursery: Dottie and Jenesis

Scotland: Haneesh

Wales: Kahlel

Italy Y1: Ja'lil

Spain Y1: David

France Y2: Arun

Germany Y2: Adam

South Africa Y3: Sabriin

Nigeria Y3: Ariana

China Y4: Denny

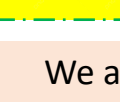
India Y4: Suyan

Brazil Y5: Ashvin

Canada Y5: Amira

Australia Y6: Asvikan

New Zealand Y6: Adrian



We are still collecting empty 6 space egg boxes. Thank you so much for all the ones we have received so far! Please leave any empty boxes at the school office. That would be eggs-cellent, thank you! Miss Wright :)



Aspire Awards House Points

London Eye: 52

Big Ben: 51

Tower Bridge: 49

The Shard: 48



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.

Parents in Merton can access these free sessions with Jigsaw4u facilitating the relationship expertise of OnePlusOne parenting programmes. Learn to cope with stress and communicate better, wherever you are in your parenting journey.

Session Information:

- Me, You and Baby Too** – Learn how to navigate the changes that happen in a relationship when a baby arrives.
- Arguing Better** – Disagreements are a normal part of life. How you approach them can make all the difference to you, your partner, and your children. Learn how to manage difficult conversations, avoid conflict, and improve things for your whole family.
- Getting it Right for Children** – When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle. Develop positive communication skills, so that you can sort out disagreements and find solutions together.

Jigsaw4u oneplusone Service-Area

Merton

Operates across Merton

Complete our Referral Form
Secure your place

Please note: There are limited spaces available across all six sessions we will be providing. To secure your place, complete our form (scan the QR code) to the right-hand side as soon as you can.

jigsaw4u.org.uk

Helping put the pieces back together

Tuesday 6:30PM
Gorrington Park Primary
WhatsApp 07702587799

All Welcome

READY FOR ZUMBA® CLASS?

Zumba Classes at Gorrington Park

Classes are on a Tuesday (term-time only)
6:30pm at the School Sports Hall
Contact number 07702587799

Year Group Blog - Nursery

On Monday the EYFS performed their nativity which was wonderful! The children were AMAZING! They were so confident going up on stage, saying their lines clearly, singing the traditional songs and acting out their roles. We were so proud of every single one of them. A big thank you to all the parents and families who came to watch and support; it really made the performance feel so special.

In PSHE, we've been focusing on how to stand up for yourself. We talked about what you can say if someone isn't being kind or making the right choices. The children enjoyed acting out different scenarios and practising using the phrase, "Please stop, I don't like it." They are learning to understand the importance of using their voices to express their needs and interests.

In Maths, we've been focusing on our subitising, counting and recognising amounts from 1-3. The children have been rolling a dice, subitising and counting the correct number of Pom Poms onto the Christmas trees. At home you can practice subitising by rolling a dice or showing your child a number of fingers and asking them to tell you how many they can see!

In the garden, the children enjoyed creating a snowman in the Mud kitchen and using loose resources to decorate him. They used leaves for his arms, conkers for his eyes and buttons, and carrots for his nose!



Year Group Blog - Reception

This week reception had a great start to our Christmas fun!!

On Monday we all had such fun preforming our nativity to our families. Well done to every single one of them for their amazing singing, acting and narrating. All the adults were very impressed! Thank you to all the families for joining us. In class

we have had a lot of fun decorating Christmas trees, wrapping presents and making paper chains, all great fine motor activities that got us into the festive spirit! We learnt a little about how people celebrate Christmas around the world and we got to make our own

Christingles a traditional English decoration! In Maths we have been learning how 5 is made, we sang the song 5 little speckled frogs to help them learn. In

Phonics we introduced the sounds r and u, the kids worked really hard in every lesson. On Thursday we celebrated Christmas Jumper day and had a Christmas dinner, it was delicious!! We hope you have a wonderful weekend this weekend!



Year Group Blog - Year 1

This week in English we have been introducing descriptive language to our writing to make it more entreating for the reader. We have included noun phrases and learned some new vocabulary.

We have also been learning how to use the suffix 'est' and how we can use this in our writing when describing objects. In maths we have been solving word problems involving our number bonds to 10 and finding ways we represent our answers. In geography we have been using directional language to help us move our way around the map. In science we have been building towers from marshmallows and spaghetti. We have discovered how we can use those resources to make the base strong. We have discussed what materials are used for building and why they are so effective. In RE we have talked about what objects help us to show that we belong and that are personal to us. In PE we have continued to develop our sequences using different types of jumps and balances.

Italy class held a very well-presented class assembly. They performed amazingly and were able to talk about all of their learning from this half term.



Year Group Blog - Year 2

This week at Gorrige has been full of energy, creativity and impressive learning across all subjects.

In Maths, the children worked on adding and subtracting across 10, using tens frames and rekenreks to understand number bonds and improve their confidence with calculations. In English, they researched and produced fantastic fact files on fascinating animals—choosing from stingrays, camels, Arctic hares and snakes showing great curiosity and use of nonfiction features. Science lessons were hands-on and full of excitement as pupils designed and built their own houses using everyday materials, testing which structures were the strongest. In Geography, they learned about the different parts of the United Kingdom and explored the traditional foods linked to each region. During PSHE, the children took part in role-play activities that helped them think carefully about knowing what is right and wrong. A real highlight of the week was the Nativity, which was absolutely amazing. Every child performed with confidence and joy, and we are extremely proud of them all. In Phonics, the focus sound was /oo/, and the children practised reading and spelling words containing both long and short versions of the sound. In RE, pupils revisited the similarities and differences between sacred writings, deepening their understanding of how different faiths use their texts. Music lessons were lively as the children continued learning Bamboo Tamboo, keeping rhythm and working brilliantly in groups. In Computing, they explored movement blocks and practised controlling on-screen characters with increasing accuracy. It has been a wonderfully productive and festive week at Gorrige, and we couldn't be prouder of the children's hard work and enthusiasm.

Year Group Blog - Year 3

What a fantastic and festive week we've had in Year 3!

In English, the children have been working incredibly hard to complete their fact files on the Lost Species. They have shown great curiosity and creativity, and their published work looks wonderful. We invite you to come into our classrooms to see their finished pieces- the children are very proud of what they have produced.

The Christmas spirit has certainly arrived! The children took part in our school nativity, singing beautifully and performing with confidence. We are so proud of each and every one of them for their effort and enthusiasm. We also enjoyed sharing Christmas lunch in our Christmas jumpers.

In Maths, we have been learning all about multiplication and division, focusing on understanding the difference between sharing and grouping. The children have been practising with practical activities and have shown fantastic progress.

In DT, the children designed and made their own healthy sandwiches. They thought carefully about ingredients, nutrition and flavour combinations, and the results were delicious. The children thoroughly enjoyed making (and eating!) their tasty creations.

We are also looking forward to enjoying Christmas parties, crafts and movies next week. We wish everyone a joyful and restful weekend

Year Group Blog - Year 4

In Year Four this week, we have been busy writing a sequel to our entertaining book 'Ellie and the Cat' by Malorie Blackman. We had some great discussions about how the story could continue and focused on adjectives, adverbs, nouns and subordinating clauses. In Maths we have continued with learning about multiplication and division facts. We ended our Science topic about 'Sound' by having a retrieval quiz that led to some really good discussions and reinforced what we had learnt. We continued to practice our hockey skills in PE and have really shown progress. During our PSHE lessons we talked about respecting each other and understanding differences and how we unite as a community.

In Design and Technology we enjoyed making Christmas cards for our loved ones. It has been a busy week enjoying a variety of festive activities and consolidating our understanding of Jesus' miracles and celebrated the Christmas story. Have great festive weekend with family and friends.

Year Group Blog - Year 5

It has been a great week for year 5. We started the week with a fantastic performance of Nativity. The children really enjoyed singing and performing in front of their parents. Children were excellent!

This week in Maths, pupils have been learning to compare fractions and order them by applying their knowledge of equivalent fractions. In English lesson we started the week by acting out and writing direct and indirect speech. We then looked at features of a newspaper article and how it is different to a narrative. Children watched clips of Philippe Petite interviews to get a better understanding of his life and what he did, to plan for a newspaper article.

In Science and Geography, children completed a quiz to show their understanding of the topic we have learned about this half term, they were keen to demonstrate what they have learned so far. In PE children enjoyed learning about the concept of agility and applying to sporting activities. For RE children have learned all about mosques and the features. They wrote a setting description to describe the features in a mosque and compare to other religious place of worship.

Year Group Blog - Year 6

This week in our English lessons, Year 6 have used their knowledge of our focus book 'Children of the Benin Kingdom' by Dinah Orji to write their own narrative about Ada entering the rainforest in search of Papa Eze who has not returned from his journey into the rainforest. We also recapped punctuating direct speech and took it a step further by adding adverbs or extra information about the way in which the dialogue was spoken. The children applied all their knowledge so far this year to produce their independent write which they carefully edited and redrafted to ensure that it met the intended purpose: to entertain the reader.

In this week's reading lessons, the children looked at answering questions about the author's choice in language as well as retrieval and inference questions about our text. They had to make careful considerations and back up their answer with evidence from the text.

The children have demonstrated a fantastic understanding in Maths this week. We have looked at calculating fractions of amounts some of us even learnt actions to help us to remember the steps. We even looked at applying their knowledge to worded questions as well as reasoning and problem solving questions.

In our RE lessons, the children have looked at Islamic art. They have focused on three types of Islamic art: vegetal patterns, geometric patterns and calligraphy. We looked at where each type of artwork had been used. The children were then able to create their own piece of artwork using either a geometric or vegetal pattern alongside calligraphy. They produced some beautiful pieces of artwork.

As part of our Christmas festivities this week we have taken part in two Nativity productions where some children had the opportunity to have an acting role. The children sang beautifully and had been practicing incredibly hard in the week's prior to the performance.

Well done to all our Year 6 pupils for another fantastic week!