

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,

Our Year 6 pupils returned from their Residential visit this afternoon. They had a great time at PGL in Wiltshire and we can't wait to hear about all the amazing activities they took part in!

Thank you to Canada Class for their super assembly about their learning this morning. They shared their current book Hidden Figures and linked their learning to Science and Space. They also shared their learning about Islam and sang two lovely songs. Thanks to Miss Ferdouse, Mrs. Pandya and Mrs. Haria for their support.

This week was anti-bullying week at Gorrington Park. Throughout the week children took part in various activities to celebrate what makes them unique, and develop a deeper understanding of what bullying is and how to respond to it

Next Friday we look forward to seeing our pupils all in spots for Children in Need. Children in Need fund vital support for children and young people struggling with challenges caused by mental health, poverty, social inequality and family-related issues. Please bring a small donation on Friday if you can.

On Monday the Merton Learning Team will be hosting a 'How to support your child's reading' coffee morning at 9:00am here at Gorrington for Years 3-6.

PC Towler came to school earlier this week to talk to Year 6 about keeping safe when out and about on your own or with friends. This gave the children valuable knowledge about how to stay safe and what to do if an incident occurs.

Thank you to the parents that joined us for our Reading Together Morning on Monday of this week. Our next Learning Together morning will take place in the Spring term of next year. This session will focus on Maths instead of reading.

On Wednesday 11th November we had a special assembly to mark Remembrance Day. Miss Ramsay talked about the importance of remembering and how we should pay our respects to so many who lost their lives in both world wars. Our School Council children in Years 3-6 went to lay a wreath for Remembrance Day at Mitcham War Memorial with Miss Gawthorpe and Miss Tinsley.

Please ensure your child has a school coat with them as the weather can be unpredictable. If you need support with this, please contact the School Office.

Further to our communication last week, we have found a way that we can support families in Jamaica and we will be sharing this information in our next newsletter where parents can make a direct donation for the disaster appeal if they would like to.



We have lots planned for the term ahead, please keep an eye on our dates for events due to take place this term.

I hope you all have a lovely 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

November 2025

Mon 17th

Fri 21st

Fri 21st

Fri 28th

December 2025

Mon 1st

Fri 5th

Mon 8th

Tue 9th

Tue 9th

Thu 11th

Thu 11th

Fri 12th

Mon 15th

Wed 17th

Thu 18th

Reading Workshop with the Merton Learning Team

China Class Family Assembly at 9:10am

Children in Need Day - pupils can wear spots and make a donation for charity

South Africa Family Assembly at 9:10am

Reading Together Morning Years 2-6 at 9:00am

France Class Family Assembly at 9:10am

Early Years Nativity Christmas Sing-a-long at 9:00am and 2:15pm

Year 1-6 School nativity

for group 1 at 9:10am

Year 1-6 School nativity

for group 2 at 2:15pm

Christmas Jumper Day

and Christmas School

Meal

Italy Class Family

Assembly at 9:10am

Christmas Fair after

school: 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Christmas Carols outside

school from 8:30am

Class Disco PM

Film Matinee PM

Group 1	Group 2
Spain	Italy
France	Germany
South Africa	Nigeria
China	India
Canada	Brazil
New Zealand	New Zealand
Australia	Australia

Italy class families,
please note the change
in day for your Family
Assembly - now
Thursday 11th
December.

'How to Support Your Child's Reading' Coffee Morning (for parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) Monday 17th November 9am

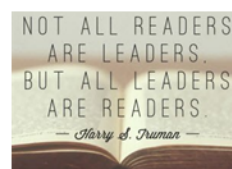
Now that your child is able to read, do you know what you can do to help them continue to make excellent progress in their reading?



Do you know how to motivate your child to read regularly and develop a love of books?



Come along to our Reading Workshop to find out more about what you can do to support your child at home.



We are delighted that workshop will be delivered by Annette Kirby and Lucy Brent, Specialist Teachers from Merton's Learning Team.

Stars of the week

For: Art

Nursery: Kyrell-Francis and Luca
 Scotland: Eshaal
 Wales: Vishwaharan
 Italy Y1: Cassie
 Spain Y1: Christian
 France Y2: Elizabeth
 Germany Y2: Bhavya
 South Africa Y3: Isis
 Nigeria Y3: Shipishan
 China Y4: David
 India Y4: Kanishka
 Brazil Y5: Leah
 Canada Y5: Raya Shah
 Australia Y6: Miguel
 New Zealand Y6: Julia




FREE STREET CRICKET

WHEN:
 Wednesdays
 4-5pm - Under 10s
 5-6pm - Under 15s

WHERE:
 Tooting Leisure Centre
 Greaves Pl
 London
 SW17 0NE

All abilities welcome
 Wear what you want
 Make new friends
 No equipment needed
 Explosive action



ONLINE PARENT/CARER WEBINARS

Jointly run by Off The Record and Croydon Drop In

Join us online for the following free workshops. Sign up via Eventbrite by scanning the QR code below. Cameras and microphones can be turned off.



Supporting your Child with Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA)

Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 1:30pm

Helping your Child with Anxiety and Worries

Tuesday 18th November 2025 at 1:30pm

Helping your Child with Behaviours that Challenge (Primary age)

Tuesday 25th November 2025 at 1:30pm

Introduction to Neurodivergence

Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 1:30pm

Supporting your Young Person with Low Mood

Tuesday 9th December 2025 at 1:30pm




Tuesday 6:30PM
 Gorrington Park Primary
 WhatsApp 07702587799 😊

READY FOR ZUMBA® CLASS?

All Welcome



TALK TO US

OFF THE RECORD



Are you OK Croydon?



You Talk, We Listen
 Croydon Drop In

Aspire Awards House Points

London Eye: 53

Big Ben: 49

Tower Bridge: 46

The Shard: 58



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

This week in nursery we have been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week with the theme Power for Good. We talked about how we all have the power to make kind choices, to help our friends, and to make our nursery a happy and caring learning safe place. The children shared some lovely ideas about how to use their "power for good," such as sharing toys, helping friends who are sad, and using kind words in different languages.

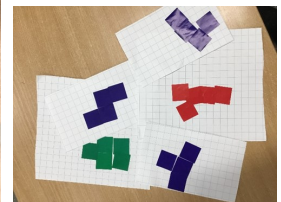
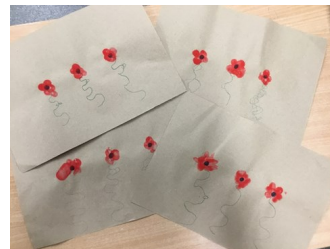
We also spent time thinking about Remembrance and why it is important to remember people who helped keep us safe. The children joined together for a quiet two-minute silence, and created beautiful poppy paintings using red and black paint. They were very respectful and calm during this special time.

In P.E. the children enjoyed a movement game in the garden where they moved like the wind and then froze still and quiet like poppies in a field. This helped them learn about control, listening skills, and working together.



Year Group Blog - Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning about some different celebrations that some of our families may celebrate at this time of the year. It has been wonderful to hear all about our pupils' experiences celebrating Diwali, Eid, New Years and Christmas with their friends and family. We explored Diwali in more detail, learning why Hindus celebrate Diwali and what special things that they may see such as rangoli patterns, Diva Lamps and special clothing. We also got to read different books about Diwali and other celebrations. On Tuesday it was Remembrance Day before observing the 2-minute silence we learnt why the 11th November is so important to us and then we painted some poppy pictures. In phonics we learnt two new sounds 'd' and 'e'. We applied our learning in our phonics lessons to writing labels for items that we might find at a birthday party. In Maths we have been exploring how the numbers 4 and 5 can be made up of other numbers, such as 3 and 2 makes 5. We used stickers to create our own patterns and described them. We really have been so busy this week!



Year Group Blog - Year 1

This week in English we have been writing captions for our story 'Cave Baby'. We began the week by sequencing the story and sharing with each other what we can see happening in the pictures. In Maths we have been exploring subtraction and understanding how we 'take away' objects from an amount to find out missing part in a question. In Geography we have consolidated our knowledge of continents and have been naming and recognising the 5 oceans on Earth. In Science we have been exploring the best materials to save Humpty Dumpty from breaking. We discovered that hard objects would crack him and we would need lots of soft fabrics to help him land safely. In Computing we have been sharing directions with each other to find our way around a map. We have used forwards, backwards and turn to reach the treasure. In DT we have explored the different types of materials are used around the school and why they have been used in specific areas.

Year Group Blog - Year 2

This week we travelled back in time and explored what school life was like 100 years ago. We discussed the differences between what school was like in the past compared to school life at Gorrington Park. We thought about the fun rewards that we get like house points, our fun lessons like Bamboo Tamboo and our yummy school lunches.

We loved this week's PSHE lesson where we discussed why everyone was wearing odd socks and the topic of anti-bullying. We thought of all of the different people that we could speak to in school, if we had a worry or concern about ourselves or one of our friends. During our English lessons we have continued to look at Goldilocks and The Three Bears and have used a range of conjunctions to add extra detail to our writing. In maths we have been using our number bonds to 10 to help us learn our number bonds to 100. We were excited to reveal different patterns!

We took science outside as we explored the best material to help a ball bounce. We made our experiment extra exciting as we changed the height of ball drop with each round.

Year Group Blog - Year 3

This week in English, the children have adapted the well-known story of *Jim*. They changed the characters and settings, using apostrophes for contractions and conjunctions to express time, making their writing even more interesting! In Maths, the children have continued their work on addition and subtraction. They have been adding and subtracting numbers both with and without exchanging. In Science, the children have compared and grouped rocks based on their appearance. They learnt that there are three types of rocks – igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic – and could give examples of each one. In Geography, the children sorted human and physical features to develop their understanding of the world around them. In Design and Technology (DT), the children followed a set of instructions to create their own sandwich packaging.



Have a great weekend!

Year Group Blog - Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have continued to explore the book 'The Matchbox Diary' and have started to plan a diary entry using conjunctions. We have also been looking at poetry and the different structures that can be used. In Maths, we have been consolidating our knowledge of the 3x and 6x times tables and using inverse to check that our answers to problems are correct. In Science we have started learning about sound and the dynamics of the ear and how sound travels.

In DT we had fun looking at different forms of food packaging and how important it is. Imagine if all of the cans in the supermarket looked like this? What would we do?



We have been practicing our hockey skills this week and have been dribbling balls to one another. It was great fun! We are looking forward to showcasing our work next week at our assembly on Friday 21st November. We hope you can join us! Have a lovely weekend with family and friends.

Year Group Blog - Year 5

We started the week with a trip to the cinema to watch 'Ocean, David Attenborough'. It was a great documentary about the undersea habitats, revealing the greatest age of ocean discovery and highlighting opportunities for marine life recovery. Most children liked the documentary and enjoyed eating biscuits and crisps at the cinema. In English, children have been learning to use simple past tense, past progressive and past perfect tenses correctly linked to our core text Hidden Figure. In Maths, they have learned to find cube numbers and learned to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. During our science lesson, there were lots of great discussions about the shape of Earth and other planets. We used three different size balls and a torch to check the shadow of Earth and how it is curved hence proving that Earth is spherical not flat. In Geography, children have explored how to use 6 figures grid reference to pinpoint exact location on a map using their prior learning of OS map symbols.

Year Group Blog - Year 6

Year 6 have spent the first few days of this week look at 'Darwin's Voyage of Discover' (written by Jake Williams) more. We have looked at the definitions of new unfamiliar, technical vocabulary from the text such as survival, significant and analyse. In English, we have focused on using active and passive voice. The children did particularly well at grasping this concept this week.

In Maths, we recapped our learning on Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division by looking at and working through a range of worded problems – some of which were passed SATs questions!

On Monday, we had PC Mark Towler - from Mitcham Police Station – come to speak to us all about safety and the importance of being vigilant and aware of our surroundings. The children had some fantastic questions, which he answered and even showed them his police equipment!



On Wednesday, some of our Year 6 children embarked on their PGL journey! They have had the best time ever and have created memories that will last a lifetime.

However, those of us that stayed back at school have had just as much fun! We learnt how to create PowerPoint presentations, create Lego models following a range of visual instructions, bake some delicious bread and also enjoy a pizza afternoon!



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