

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 the parents who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning today. Your donations are much appreciated, and will go towards supporting people living with cancer and helping them to find their best way through, from the moment they're diagnosed, through treatment and beyond.

Thank you Brazil Class for such an exciting assembly this morning. It is amazing to see the amount of learning that has taken place since the start of term. Well done to all of Brazil class as well as Mrs Figiel, and Mrs Pandya.

Thank you to the parents who joined me for a special meeting regarding 'Transferring to Secondary School' yesterday evening. Please remember there is lots of information about the admissions process at www.merton.gov.uk/admissions You can also call and email the admissions team on admissions@merton.gov.uk or 020 8274 4906.

On Monday 29th September, the children will be treated to a music assembly led by our drumming teacher Robert and some of the children who are currently having drumming lessons. If you are interested in your children learning how to play an instrument whilst at school, please contact the school office for my attention and I will be able to share with you the cost, dates and further information.

I would like to thank all of the children that applied for a Year 6 role. Voting followed a difficult shortlisting exercise, and we can now announce our new Year 6 leadership team: Kajanar is our Headboy, Borislava is our Headgirl, Adrian is our Deputy Headboy and Adanna is our Deputy Headgirl.

Our house captains and their deputies are:

Big Ben: Isaiah and Simon

The Shard: Izzy and Imran

London Eye: Aathika and Harishwen

Tower Bridge: Kanishka and Rafahel

I wish you all a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Pearl Harris-Coke
Headteacher



Calendar Dates

October 2025

Fri 3rd	Photo day
Mon 6th	India Class Family Assembly
Mon 6th	World Cerebral Palsy Day - please bring a 50p donation for charity
Tue 7th	Year 6 residential presentation meeting at 3:30pm
Fri 10th	Nigeria Class Family Assembly at 9:10am
Mon 13th	Reading Together Morning Years 2-6 at 9:00am
Wed 15th	Harvest Festival Assembly at 9:10am
Fri 17th	Germany Class Family Assembly
Wed 22nd	Black History Month Parent Showcase Assembly for Group 1 at 9:10am
Wed 22nd	Black History Month Parent Showcase Assembly for Group 2 at 2:15pm
Fri 24th	Spain Class Family Assembly at 9:10am

November 2025

Mon 3rd	INSET Day, school closed to all pupils
Wed 5th	Parents' Evening
Thu 6th	Parents' Evening
Mon 10th	Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day
Mon 10th	Reading Together morning Years 2-6 at 9:00am
Tue 11th	Remembrance Day Assembly at 11am
Wed 12th	Year 6 Residential begins
Fri 14th	Canada Class Family Assembly at 9:10am
Fri 21st	China Class Family Assembly at 9:10am
Fri 21st	Children in Need Day - pupils can wear spots and make a donation for charity
Fri 28th	South Africa Family Assembly at 9:10am

December 2025

Mon 1st	Reading Together Morning Years 2-6 at 9:00am
Fri 5th	France Class Family Assembly at 9:10am
Mon 8th	Early Years Christmas Sing-a-long at 9:00am and 2:15pm
Tue 9th	Whole School nativity for group 1 at 9:10am
Tue 9th	Whole School nativity for group 2 at 2:15pm
Thu 11th	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas School Meal
Fri 12th	Italy Class Family Assembly at 9:10am
Fri 12th	Christmas Fair after school
Mon 15th	Christmas Carols outside school from 8:30am
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 2:00pm
Fri 19th	No Penguin Club after school club tonight

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.

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

Aspire Awards House Points

Tower Bridge: 61

The Shard: 68

Big Ben: 64

London Eye: 59

Stars of the week

For: Writing

Nursery: Carter and Fayha

Scotland: Itala

Wales: Adrian

Italy Y1: Lani

Spain Y1: Sultan

France Y2: Sofia

Germany Y2: Ashwin

South Africa Y3: Aloy

Nigeria Y3: Sofia

China Y4: Hilda

India Y4: Kaisan

Brazil Y5: Daniel

Canada Y5: Aiza

Australia Y6: Kajanan

New Zealand Y6: Borislava



UPDATED PE Timetable Autumn Term 2025

Due to Shine Cricket coaches being in school this term please see an updated PE timetable. PE kits must be worn for these lessons. Years 1 and 2 do not need their PE kit for ARTis (dance and movement) on Wednesdays.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shine Cricket with the class teacher Year 1 Year 2 Year 5 Teacher led PE: Year 6 England (Morning and full-time children)	PE Coach: Year 5 Year 6	Fulham Football Club Coach with the class teacher Year 3 Year 4 ARTis (Dance and movement) Year 1 Year 2 Teacher led PE: Reception	PE Coach: Year 3 Year 4	Teacher led PE: England (Afternoon and full-time children)

Parent Job Club

Are you actively looking for work or thinking of returning to employment? Our 5-week Parent Job Club helps parents be job ready.

When: Every Thursday 12:30pm – 2:30pm for 5 weeks starting on Thursday 2nd October 2025.

(no session on Thursday 30th October due to half term)

Where: Avenue Children's Centre,
Joseph Hood Primary School,
Whatley Avenue, Raynes Park
SW20 9NS

Scan the QR code to book your place on this 5-week workshop:



5 WEEK JOB CLUB

- **Week 1** – CV writing workshop
- **Week 2** – Are you ready for work?
- **Week 3** – Interview skills workshop
- **Week 4** – Childcare costs & Flexible Support Fund
- **Week 5** – Meet an employer & apply for vacancies

Physical activity for children and young people (5–18 Years)



BUILDS
CONFIDENCE &
SOCIAL SKILLS



DEVELOPS
CO-ORDINATION



IMPROVES
CONCENTRATION
& LEARNING



STRENGTHENS
MUSCLES
& BONES



IMPROVES
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& FITNESS



MAINTAINS
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YOU FEEL
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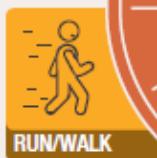
Be physically active

Spread activity
throughout
the day

Aim for
at least

60
minutes
everyday

All activities
should make you
breathe faster
& feel warmer



Include muscle
and bone
strengthening
activities
**3 TIMES
PER
WEEK**



Sit less



Move more

Find ways to help all children and young people accumulate
at least 60 minutes of physical activity everyday

UK Chief Medical Officers' Guidelines 2011 Start Active, Stay Active: www.bit.ly/startactive

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#MeetMovePlay

Year Group Blog - Nursery

This week, the children have been developing their gross and fine motor skills through a range of engaging activities.

In P.E, the children have been learning to strengthen their core and large muscles by exploring different ways to move and travel using their whole bodies. They enjoyed slithering, crawling, stretching, skipping, and jogging, which supported their balance, coordination, and overall body strength.



To support fine motor development, the children have also been learning how to use scissors safely. They practised careful handling of the scissors, cutting and used their skills to create collages, developing both strength in their fingers and hand/eye control.



In maths, we have been learning about shapes. The children used 3D shape blocks to build and construct with a purpose, creating houses, towers, and imaginative models. We introduced mathematical vocabulary such as pointy, sides and round to help children describe the shapes they were using, building their confidence in using new vocabulary.

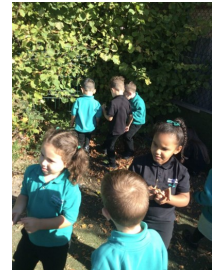


In Jigsaw PSHE, the children have been identifying and talking about emotions. They reflected on how they feel and shared what makes them happy, sad, cross or excited. This encouraged them to build emotional awareness and begin to develop strategies to manage their feelings in positive ways.



Year Group Blog - Reception

Our week has been full of fun, playing and learning. We can't believe how much we have done this week! The children have been working really hard in their phonics learning the new sounds n, p and o. They used the super phonics listening to hear and write all the sounds in words such as 'pot' and 'nap'. We are so proud of how much progress everyone is making! As the weather is getting cooler, we explored what the season of autumn means for our natural world. The children explored the school and had an Autumn scavenger hunt to see what Autumn treasures they could find. We even saw some acorns that a squirrel had been nibbling on! Our garden exploring has been so calm and fun. The children made obstacle courses, built houses and even had a car (bike) wash. What a great week it has been. Have a lovely weekend everyone! From the Reception Team.



Year Group Blog - Year 1

This week we have been reading our new key text in English called 'Pig The Pug'. We have been exploring the different adjectives and ways that we can describe Pig and have created amazing sentences. In our Maths work we have been comparing numbers to 10 and using greater than and less than symbols. In Science we have been testing which materials are waterproof and which materials absorb liquids by putting different materials in water. In History we have been finding out what dinosaurs would have eaten and if they would have been a herbivore or a carnivore. In phonics we have been learning to write words with 5 sounds.

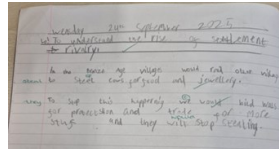
Year Group Blog - Year 2

Year 2 have immersed themselves into number this week, learning all about number lines! We noticed that there were number lines all over our classroom. We especially enjoyed creating human numbers line in the playground, practising counting in 10s. In English we have worked hard as we became authors, creating alternative endings to our class story 'Lights on Cotton Rock'. Our teachers were so impressed with our creativity and our fantastic use of vocabulary.

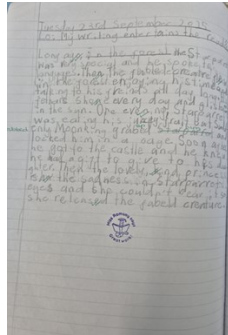
In History we enjoyed learning about Neil Armstrong and we imagined what it would be like on the moon. In science we thought carefully about how different animals are adapted to their habitats. The highlight of our week was our first 'Bamboo Tamboo' session. Our music teacher was impressed with our listening skills and how we followed the beat.

Year Group Blog - Year 3

This week in English, the children adapted the well-loved story *Starbird*. They made it their own by changing the animal in the story and produced some fantastic pieces of writing.

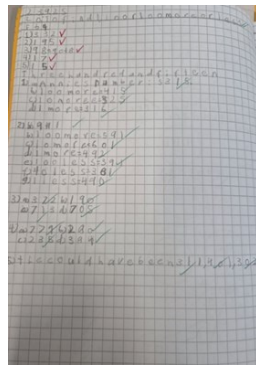


In Maths, the focus has continued on place value. The children used resources to find 1s and 10s before solving a variety of problems in their books.



In Science, the children investigated how magnetism works at a distance. They even created their own compass using a cork and a paper clip, demonstrating how a compass always points towards the Earth's north magnetic pole.

In History, the children took part in a lively debate about settlements and rivalries during the Bronze Age. They learned that rival tribes often built walls to protect their possessions, or sometimes chose to negotiate and trade to prevent conflict.



Year Group Blog - Year 4

This week in Maths, we practised reading and completing number lines to 10,000. We also worked on estimating numbers up to 10,000 and ordering them carefully.

In English, we learnt how to express time using subordinating conjunctions. We also explored how paragraphs help to show clear demarcation in our writing and we used these skills to plan our Big Write.

In History, we discovered the causes and impact of invasions in Britain, thinking about how they changed people's lives. In Science, we investigated gases, exploring their properties and explaining what makes them different from solids and liquids.

In Art, we continued our weaving projects, using yarns to create colourful and textured pieces.

We've had a busy and exciting week of learning.

Have a lovely weekend!

Year Group Blog - Year 5

What an exciting week we have had in Year 5! In English, we explored the features of fairy tales and used *The Lost Happy Endings* as inspiration for our own magical stories. We thought carefully about good and evil characters, enchanted settings and how problems can be solved in imaginative ways.

In Maths, we worked hard on our place value skills, learning to compare and order numbers all the way up to 100,000. Everyone is becoming much more confident at spotting which number is greater and explaining how they know.

Science was great fun as we investigated water resistance. We tested how different shapes move through water and discovered how streamlined designs can help objects travel more quickly.

In History, we continued learning about the Shang Dynasty. We identified the different social classes and thought about what life might have been like depending on your role in society.

In Computing, our focus was on online safety. We looked at how photos can be changed or edited and discussed why we should not always trust everything we see online.

Finally, on Friday Brazil class held their first assembly. We showcased our learning from across the term with confidence and energy! Our singing was especially memorable — from Bon Jovi's *Livin' on a Prayer* to Roman Numerals, which helped us show how we have been learning all about Roman numerals in Maths. What a fantastic way to end the week!

Year Group Blog - Year 6

Australia class have had a fantastic first week of swimming lessons and the progress they have made it has been brilliant so far. They are already looking forward to next week's swimming lessons.

After focusing on writing a shared persuasive letter, this week the children have written their own persuasive letter inspired by our focus book 'The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs!' by the author A. Wolf (Jon Scieszka). The children decided whether to argue if the wolf was innocent or guilty and they worked hard to include the feature we had looked at over the past week's such as adverbials, modal verbs and emotive language as well as rhetorical questions. The children took part in a range of drama activities to deepen their understanding of the figurative language features that were most effective in persuasion.

In Maths, we have begun to explore multiples further and explored the rules of divisibility. Children have had to apply their knowledge of times tables to help them. We have also looked at applying our arithmetic skills and developing our reasoning problems.

Throughout the week in New Zealand, we have covered a wide range of curriculum topics and have begun to look at trailblazers in Art and understanding the history around the slave trade and the impact this had.