

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 another exciting week at Gorrington Park. Thank you to all the families that were able to attend our Meet the Teacher event this week. All presentations will be sent to parents next week.

We welcome all of our new families that have joined us this week in nursery and across the school. The children are able to talk about their learning and their next steps.

Some of our after school clubs will begin next week with more clubs on offer starting week beginning Monday 29th September. Further information regarding clubs will be sent from the school office next week.

Uniform

We are proud of our uniform at Gorrington Park Primary School as it is part of our identity and makes us special. Please make sure that your child is in full school uniform every day. Hair accessories must be black, white or green. Socks must be black and children should not wear trainers unless taking part in PE. Children should wear black school shoes. There will be a whole school uniform check on Wednesday 17th September. Children will earn points for their houses if they are in full school uniform.

Please remember next week Friday is Jeans for Genes, children can wear jeans, but they must wear their school jumper, polo shirt and school shoes. This is a worthy cause as all monies raised will help fund groups that provide services, support and hope to 1 in 10 families in the UK affected by genetic conditions

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Pearl Harris-Coke
Headteacher



Calendar Dates

September 2025

Mon 15th	New Zealand Class continues their swimming lessons
Mon 15th	Reading together morning Years 2-6 at 9:00am
Fri 19th	Jeans for Genes Day - come to school in your jeans for a 50p donation to charity
Wed 24th	Year 6 secondary school transfer meeting at 5:00pm
Fri 25th	Brazil Class Family Assembly at 9:10am
Fri 25th	Macmillan Coffee Morning

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

January 2026

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

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@gorringepark.merton.sch.uk

Aspire Awards House Points

Tower Bridge: 60

The Shard: 50

Big Ben: 49

London Eye: 40

Stars of the week

For: Maths

Nursery: Nash and Aathika

Scotland: Rafferty

Wales: Alfred

Italy Y1: Vigirthan

Spain Y1: Alina

France Y2: Aahiyhan

Germany Y2: Wali

South Africa Y3: Sara

Nigeria Y3: Amara

China Y4: Michael

India Y4: Angel

Brazil Y5: Harley

Canada Y5: Skyla

Australia Y6: Simon

New Zealand Y6: Kirshana



PE Timetable Autumn Term 2025

Years 1 - 2 have one PE session a week and one dance and movement session a week (PE kit not needed)

Years 3 - 6 have two PE sessions a week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
England (Morning and full-time children)	Canada	Scotland	South Africa	England (Afternoon and full-time children)
Germany	Brazil	Wales	Nigeria	Spain
France	Australia	South Africa	China	Italy
Australia	New Zealand	Nigeria	India	Brazil
		China		Canada
		India		
		New Zealand		

Year Group Blog - Nursery

We would like to once again extend a warm welcome to our new children and families who have joined us this week. It has been lovely to see how confidently the children are settling in and how quickly they are making new friendships.

This week, the children have been focusing on developing their active listening skills through whole-body listening. They have been practising good posture, looking carefully, listening with their ears, and using their brains to think. To support this, we shared the story Spot Goes to Nursery, which helped the children to learn more about our Nursery routines in a fun and familiar way.

We have also introduced the days of the week and had lots of fun exploring our weather bag. The children enjoyed using sensory objects to represent different types of weather – a spray bottle for rain, a large shiny sun, a piece of fabric for the wind, and a big sheet of foil for clouds. These activities encouraged lots of talk and supported the children in early scientific skills by understanding the changes they see around them.

Our rhyme this week has been Incy Wincy Spider. This linked with the children's interest in spotting spiders in the garden and observing the webs they were making. Through singing the rhyme, the children practised using their fingers for the actions, helping to strengthen their fine motor skills, while also learning how to care for small insects.



We have also been supporting the children with developing important self-care skills, including using the toilet and washing hands. A social story has been used to guide the children step by step, encouraging independence and confidence in managing their own self care needs.



We are so proud of how well the children have settled in and look forward to more exciting learning ahead.



Year Group Blog - Reception

Wow what another busy week we have had in reception! The children have shown fantastic teamwork setting up teddy bear picnics describing big and small food, plates and clothes. They have loved taking it in turns to find the correct food using their wonderful size language to describe what they need. They have been exploring our construction areas to create different shapes, patterns and houses for Elmer the elephant to live in. Our fine motor had been developing and we have loved using paints to mark make, mix colours and draw flowers we have seen outside. Our role play area has had new additions of dressing up clothes and the children have got stuck right in telling stories and acting out adventures. We can't wait to see what next week has in store. Have a lovely weekend everyone! From the Reception team.



Year Group Blog - Year 1

This week the year 1 children have been introduced to our new key text The Three Little Pigs. We have enjoyed retelling the story, creating our own story maps and writing captions for what is happening in a picture. In our maths lessons we have been exploring 1 more than any given number up to 10 and counting on from that number. We have begun to learn about our new subjects, History, Science and RE. In history we have learned about how the land has changed from the time of the dinosaurs until now. In science we are looking at materials and what objects link to each material. In RE we are learning about how our community has different religions and how these might be celebrated in different ways. In Art we have been exploring self portraits and developing our use of details in our drawings.



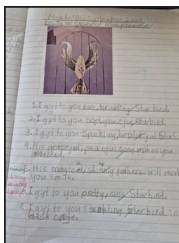
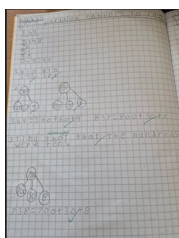
Year Group Blog - Year 2

This week in Year 2, we have been super busy! The stars of the week for this week were on who has been a superstar in Maths. In Germany our star was Wali and in France our star was Aahiylian! Firstly, we started off our week on Monday with PE where children chose emotions to move and show how someone may be feeling sad, angry, happy etc. We have been reading a very interesting book in English called 'Lights on Cotton Rock', we have collectively worked together to find a range of different adjectives to describe the nouns, which we found in the book. This helped children to create their very own expanded noun phrases, which all sounded amazing! Our maths this week has been focusing on place value where children practiced and recapped counting to 20s with the use of dienes and counters in ten frames. In RE we focused on a range of different celebrations as the focus for this term is Christian celebrations, children wrote what their favourite celebration was and explained why. Both classes had discussion on online safety and why it is important to stay safe on the internet and be supervised at all times! We also explored different significant people in History and sorted them into groups which were activists, explorers, scientists, artists and apart of the monarch. Lastly, in Science children focused on sorting different things into non-living and living habitats which we all found very interesting! We are very proud of them all and their efforts towards their learning, well done Year 2!

Year Group Blog - Year 3

This week in English, we started reading the story *Starbird*. The children had fun using *expanded noun phrases* to describe the bird, for example "the shiny, silver bird with sparkling wings." They also built sentences by adding extra details and learned that every sentence needs a subject and a verb to make sense. For example: *Starbird flew into the air*. In Maths, the children have been learning about numbers up to 1000. They practised representing numbers and partitioning them in different ways. We used practical resources such as base 10 (dienes) to help us understand and show these numbers. In Science, the children explored magnetic materials. They compared and grouped objects, and carried out an investigation to see which materials are attracted to a magnet. They learned that attract means *to pull towards*, while repel means *to push apart*. In RE, the children thought about different symbols in religion. They discussed what they already knew and then wrote questions about what they would like to find out. In History, the children learned about everyday life in the past. They discovered that some people were called nomads. This meant they moved from place to place because they didn't have permanent homes. They hunted wild animals for food and used animal skins to make clothes. It has been a busy but exciting week in Year 3. The children have worked really hard—well done to them all!

Have a wonderful weekend,
The Year 3 Team



Year Group Blog - Year 4

What a busy and exciting week we've had in Year 4! In Maths, we explored numbers up to 1000. We practised partitioning these numbers into hundreds, tens and ones, and learned how number lines can help us understand place value more clearly. In English, we started reading *The Selfish Giant*. We enjoyed describing the main character and the setting, using similes and prepositions to make our writing more interesting and detailed. Our Science lessons took us into the world of *States of Matter*. We looked at the properties and features of solids, liquids and gases and discussed how they are different. One of the highlights of the week was having our very first cricket lesson! Everyone had a fantastic time learning new skills. In RE, we thought about the meaning of *inclusion* and how it is important in our lives and communities.

We also had our parent-teacher meetings this week, which were a wonderful opportunity to share all the great learning that is taking place. We are looking forward to another week of exciting learning ahead. Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Year Group Blog - Year 5

This week, our reading took us to enchanting worlds with book *The Lost Happy Endings* by Carol Ann Duffy. The children have been captivated by the story, sparking their imaginations and encouraging rich discussions. Along with this, we have been learning about expanded noun phrases and relative clauses.

In Maths, we travelled back in time to Ancient Rome, exploring Roman numerals. It's like cracking a secret code! The children have also been getting hands-on with place value, understanding the importance of each digit in numbers.

Our little scientists have been testing the laws of physics with our Forces and Gravity topic. Through engaging experiments, we've explored how things move and why they fall.

Our History lessons took us across the globe to ancient China this week, as we delved into the fascinating world of the Shang Dynasty. The children are thrilled to learn about the first Chinese civilization and their incredible inventions.

In PE, we've been shaking things up with Brazilian dance. The children are loving the energy and spirit that comes with learning vibrant moves.

Our artists have been mixing things up in Art, literally! By learning about colour theory, they're discovering how different colours work together to create beautiful masterpieces. It's all about blending, experimenting, and most importantly, expressing creativity.



Year Group Blog - Year 6

We've had a brilliant week again. The children in New Zealand class have had a fantastic week swimming and are looking forward to next week's sessions already.

In English, we have looked at the text 'The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs!' by the author A. Wolf (Jon Scieszka) as a whole school. The book recounts the story from the wolf's perspective and has made us consider who the 'true villain' is in the story. We have then explored using emotive language to convince the reader that the wolf is innocent.

In Maths, we have been looking at place value on more depth. We have looked at comparing and order numbers as well as rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000.

We had also been working on preparing for our year group assembly on Friday, which we hope all the parents and carers that were able to attend enjoyed. This was an opportunity for our children to showcase some of the artwork, poems and goals that they have worked on over the past two weeks.