

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,

As it was Eid al Adha last Wednesday, many of our pupils and staff celebrated Eid during the half-term break with their families. Today in assembly Mrs. Hussain talked about Eid and what it means to those who celebrate it. During the afternoon the children took part in various activities such as decorating Eid biscuits and making moon and star sandwiches.

Thank you to South Africa Class for their super assembly on Tuesday. Well done South Africa class, we are proud of the learning that you have done across the curriculum. Thank you to Miss Ramsay, all the staff and parents who came to watch.

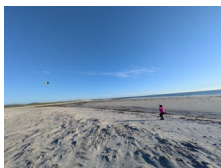
Year 5 pupils became archaeologists and visited the British Museum on Wednesday, to find out about the life of the Ancient Greeks. They had a wonderful time! Thank you to all the staff and parents who attended.

This afternoon we wished Mrs Lowe well as she leaves to prepare for the arrival of her baby boy. She has promised to keep in touch, and let us know the wonderful news when it comes.

Well done to Tabby from Year 2, Germany Class who recently completed an inspiring adventure in the Outer Hebrides, cycling over 100 miles across eight islands during the May half term. Travelling by ferry, bike and foot, she experienced incredible wildlife and landscapes, even wild camping along the way, and showed remarkable determination throughout her 8- day journey. Tabby is also raising money for the mental health charity Mind and is very close to her £500 target - any further support via this QR code would be greatly appreciated by Tabby and her family.



Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Pearl Harris-Coke, Headteacher



For all important dates throughout the Summer term 2026, please see the last page of the newsletter.

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

Stars of the week

Nursery: Epala/Fallou

Scotland:

Wales: Viviana

Spain Y1: Adam

Italy Y1:

Germany Y2: Nahian

France Y2: Aniyah

South Africa Y3: Izabela

Nigeria Y3: Afaan

China Y4: Prince

India Y4: Sasha

Canada Y5: Kaveen

Brazil Y5: Asma

Australia Y6: Joshua

New Zealand Y6: Mirushan

Aspire Awards House Points

London Eye: 34

Big Ben: 39

Tower Bridge: 34

The Shard: 38





South West London and
St George's Mental Health
NHS Trust

Education Wellbeing Service



Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Understanding and Managing Screen Time for Primary School Children

Join us for this one-hour webinar designed specifically for parents and carers of primary school-aged children. We'll explore what current research tells us about the impact of screen time on younger children, including the potential benefits and risks.

While screens are increasingly part of everyday life, from educational apps to gaming and TV, many parents wonder how much is too much, and how to guide their child's use in a healthy, balanced way.

This session will explore what the science says about screen time for children, separate common myths from facts and offer practical tips to help manage screen use at home in a positive and age-appropriate way.

DATE / TIME

Wednesday 10th June
7.00-8.00pm



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LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to either event
for free on Eventbrite
by scanning the QR Code.

You can also check out
our other events by
clicking here

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

DATE / TIME

Thursday 11th June
1.00-2.00pm



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Year Group Blog - Nursery

This week, our nursery children have been exploring the wonderful theme of journeys through our book of the week. We talked about what a journey is and looked at the different ways people and things can travel. The children were excited to share their own ideas and enjoyed learning new words linked to transport, such as car, bike, train and aeroplane.

A favourite activity was car painting, where the children enjoyed exploring marks and patterns in a creative and messy way. They carefully pushed and rolled the cars through paint to make colourful tracks, patterns and prints.

We also explored the different colours made through colour mixing, which led to lots of curiosity and lovely discussions.

In the garden, the children enjoyed going on a journey using the bikes and trikes. They showed great turn-taking skills, confidence and enthusiasm as they travelled around the outdoor space.



Year Group Blog - Reception

Welcome back families to the final term. Our topic is Journeys as we focus on transitions from Reception into Year

1. We have been exploring what a journey is using a beautiful wordless picture book called 'Journey'. The children have loved describing what they can see and think of where they would go on a journey through their own magic door. Children drew and labelled trips to space, the beach and even a magical forest! We have explored how we would make our journeys using different transport and have learned vocabulary to describe each one. The highlight for the children this week has been exploring our new travel agent's role play. They have engaged in wonderful conversations about countries they would visit and what they would need to pack. If you have any old suitcases or old holiday clothes you wish to donate please speak to your class teacher. In Maths we have been recapping our comparison language of more and fewer. Children have been wonderful at explaining which numbers are 1 more and 1 fewer and using their mathematical vocabulary to explain how they know. Have a wonderful weekend everyone! From the Reception Team.



Year Group Blog - Year 1

Welcome back everyone we hope you all enjoyed a safe and relaxing half term

This week in English we have been introduced to our new key text 'Sidney, Stella and The Moon'. We have been learning information about space and have begun to write fact files about the moon and the sun.

In Maths we been exploring numbers to 100. We have recognised how to make numbers up to 100 and how to partition numbers into tens and ones. We have also begun to sequence numbers and fill in missing numbers on a number line.

In Science we have been learning about the different seasons in a year. We have learned about how the weather changes during these seasons and why weather changes in each.

In Geography we have been exploring maps of the local area. We are beginning to learn what some of the symbols on a map mean and have found certain types of buildings in our local area.

In DT we have been looking at how different food needs preparing before it can be eaten. We know some food has to be chopped, peeled or cooked and some foods such as potatoes need all 3!

In Phonics we have been recapping the oy sound such as in boy/toy and the oi sound such as in join/void. We have also recapped ou sounds in round/found and the ow sound in wow/now. Please keep practicing these sounds at home and reading with your child every day.

Please note our PE day is now Monday.

Year Group Blog - Year 2

Welcome back Germany and France! It has been fantastic to welcome the children back and see them settle quickly into their learning with enthusiasm and focus across all subjects.

In English, the children have begun their new class text *A Walk in London* by Salvatore Rubbino. They are thoroughly enjoying exploring famous London landmarks and learning key facts about them. As part of their learning, the children researched different landmarks as a whole class, identifying key information and presenting their findings in informative posters. They also worked hard to include expanded noun phrases to describe the landmarks in more detail, showing creativity and growing confidence in their writing.

In Maths, the focus has been on telling the time. The children have been learning to recognise and understand o'clock, half past, quarter past, and quarter to. They have enjoyed using clocks during carpet sessions and have been practising regularly to build confidence and fluency. In Science, the children have been exploring different types of seeds. They carefully observed, identified, and labelled seeds, developing their understanding of how plants begin and grow. In PE, the focus has been on athletics, with children practising sprinting in preparation for Sports Day. They have shown great energy, determination, and team spirit. In Geography, the children have been learning about their local area in Mitcham. They have been using maps to locate their school and identify surrounding streets, as well as revisiting and consolidating their knowledge of the continents. In Design and Technology, the children have begun exploring mechanisms, investigating how simple systems work and move and have created their own slider mechanism. In RE, the children have been learning about different places of worship, developing their understanding and respect for different faiths and beliefs. It has been a positive and productive start to the half term, with children showing great engagement and enthusiasm across all areas of learning.

Year Group Blog - Year 3

This week in English, the children started learning about, 'The BFG.' They used prepositional phrases, the articles a and an, and expanded noun phrases to describe the BFG. In Maths, the children learned how to subtract money and began learning to tell the time by reading an analogue clock. In RE, the children learned about a Sikh story by sequencing pictures and writing descriptions for each one. In Geography, the children labelled and described the features of a river. In Science, the children investigated what happened to a plant when it was placed in coloured dye and observed how the dye travelled through the plant.

Year Group Blog - Year 4

Welcome back after the half term break! It has been fantastic to see everyone return with such a positive attitude and readiness to learn.

This week, the children have shown great focus and determination, particularly when practising for the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check. We are really impressed with their effort and commitment, keep up the hard work at home too, as it makes a big difference!

Alongside this, we have had a busy and engaging week across the curriculum. In English, we began our new class text *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* with an exciting hook lesson, before exploring characters and describing settings using rich vocabulary and evidence from the text. In Maths, the children have been learning about angles, identifying, comparing and ordering them, as well as classifying different types of triangles. We also completed some work on time to assess understanding. In our wider learning, Science lessons focused on identifying patterns in where minibeasts live, encouraging children to think scientifically about habitats. In Geography, we explored the key features of mountain ranges, while in RE, we learned about Hindu beliefs about God. We have also been reflecting on identity in PSHE, discussing what makes each of us unique. In DT, pupils began designing their own 3D models of Egyptian tombs, showing creativity and careful planning

Throughout the week, children have also taken part in guided reading, spelling and handwriting sessions to continue building their core skills

Well done to everyone for a fantastic start to the new half term-keep up the brilliant work!

Year Group Blog - Year 5

What a fantastic and busy time we have been having in Year 5! We have been working very hard across all our subjects and have enjoyed lots of exciting learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom.

In English, we have been exploring the powerful wordless picture book *The Unspoken* by Henry Cole. Even though the book has no words, it tells a very moving story through its illustrations. This challenged us to think deeply about what was happening in each picture and to use our imagination to bring the story to life. We focused on using conjunctions such as *and*, *but*, *because*, *although*, and so to join our ideas and create detailed sentences. For example, instead of saying simple sentences, we learned to extend them to explain actions and feelings more clearly. We also had thoughtful discussions about what the images might represent and how the characters might be feeling, which helped us develop our inference skills. It was amazing to see how everyone interpreted the story in slightly different ways!

In maths, we have been learning all about angles. Our main focus has been on straight angles, and we now know that a straight angle measures exactly 180°. We have practised using protractors carefully and accurately to measure angles and to draw our own. At first, this was a bit tricky, but with practice, we became much more confident in lining up the protractor correctly and reading the scale. We also worked on drawing straight angles neatly and checking our measurements. These skills have helped us understand how angles are used in everyday life and have improved our accuracy and precision when working mathematically.

In science, our topic has been classification, and we have been focusing on beetles. We learned that scientists group living things based on their characteristics, and we explored how beetles can be classified in different ways. We looked carefully at features such as size, colour, shape, and body parts to help identify and group them. We also learned that beetles are one of the largest groups of insects on Earth, which we found really surprising! We enjoyed sorting and grouping different examples and discussing why certain beetles belong in particular categories. This has helped us think like scientists and improve our observation skills.

One of the highlights of this week was our visit to the British Museum. It was a fantastic experience where we had the chance to explore real historical artefacts from different time periods and cultures. We saw the Greek exhibits and learned more about history. It was exciting to see objects that we had previously only seen in books. The visit helped bring our learning to life and gave us a deeper understanding of the past.

We were also lucky to celebrate Eid together as a class. It was a joyful and special occasion where we learnt about the importance of the festival. As part of the celebration, we decorated biscuits using colourful icing and toppings. Everyone had lots of fun being creative, and the biscuits looked (and tasted!) delicious. Most importantly, we enjoyed celebrating together and learning about each other's cultures and traditions.

Year Group Blog - Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy and creative week, with lots of opportunities to develop their skills across English, Enterprise, PE and Production practice.

In English, the children have been exploring the novel *Holes* by Louis Sachar. Using this engaging text, pupils have focused on developing their descriptive writing and understanding of character. At the beginning of the week, they practised using expanded noun phrases to create detailed setting descriptions, helping the reader to clearly imagine the environment. As the week progressed, the class explored how clauses and dialogue can be used effectively to develop characters and move the story along. Pupils worked hard to ensure their writing was both engaging and purposeful, drawing inspiration from the style and structure of the text. It has been fantastic to see their confidence grow as they experiment with different writing techniques.

Alongside their English learning, Year 6 have been preparing for next week's Enterprise Week. Throughout the week, pupils have worked collaboratively to design and create a range of products that will be sold on **Wednesday**. From making items to designing price tags and signage, the children have shown great teamwork, creativity and problem-solving skills. They have taken real ownership of their projects, and we are excited to see their hard work come together for the final sale.

In PE, the class enjoyed a fun and energetic dodgeball session with Coach Darrel. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork, agility and determination, as well as good sportsmanship throughout the games. It was wonderful to see everyone actively involved and enjoying the session.

Year 6 have also been busy rehearsing for their end-of-year production. Pupils have been practising their lines, learning songs and beginning to bring the performance together. There is a real sense of excitement building, and the children are working incredibly hard—there are lots of surprises to come!

It has been a fantastic week, and we look forward to seeing all their efforts continue next week.

Calendar Dates—Summer Term 2026

June 2026

Mon 8th	History WOW Day
Wed 10th	Enterprise Day
	Children to bring in a maximum of £3 to purchase enterprise products
Thu 11th	School Class photos
Fri 12th	France Family Assembly—9.10am
	France class parents to attend
Mon 15th	Coffee Morning—8.55am to 9.30am
Mon 15th	Year 2 Library Visits—10.30am & 1.30pm
Wed 17th	Learning Together Afternoon—2.30pm
Fri 19th	Italy Family Assembly—9.10am
	Italy class parents to attend
Fri 19th	International Day
Mon 22nd	Year 1 Library Visits—10.30am & 1.30pm
Tue 23rd	Early Years Sports Day—9.15am
	AM Nursery and Wales class only
Tue 23rd	Early Years sports day—2.15pm
	PM Nursery and Scotland class only
Wed 24th	Sports Day AM
	YR1, YR2 & YR3
Wed 24th	Sports Day PM
	YR4, YR5 & YR6
Fri 26th	Spain Family Assembly—9.10am
	Spain class parents to attend
Fri 26th	After School Activity Clubs finish
Sat 27th	Summer Fair
Tue 30th	Parents Evening—3.30pm to 6.00pm
	For all year groups
Tue 30th	Nursery Family Assembly—9.10am
	AM Nursery parents to attend

July 2026

Wed 1st	Parents Evening—3.30pm to 6.00pm
	For all year groups
Wed 1st	Year 5 Library Visits—10.30am & 1.30pm
Fri 3rd	Wales Family Assembly—9.10am
	Wales class parents to attend
Tue 7th	Year 6 Production
	Dress Rehearsal—9.15am
	Parents to attend
Tue 7th	Year 6 Production—2.00pm
	Parents to attend
Wed 8th	An Afternoon of Music—4.00pm to 5.00pm
Fri 10th	Scotland Family Assembly—9.10am
	Scotland class parents to attend
Fri 10th	Year 6 Prom—5.00pm to 7.00pm
Mon 13th	Reception Graduation—9.10am
	Wales class parents to attend
Tue 14th	Reception Graduation—9.10am
	Scotland class parents to attend
Tue 14th	Year 6 Graduation—4.30pm
	Year 6 parents to attend
Fri 17th	Headteacher & End of term assembly
	Parents to attend by invite only
Fri 17th	Last Day of term
	School will finish at normal time of 3.15pm (No afterschool club)
Mon 20th	INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

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<https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/seasons/family-events/>