

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.

Gorrington Park Primary truly celebrated National Numeracy Day in style, with a range of exciting and engaging activities that brought our whole school community together. We kicked off the morning with a thrilling teachers versus children mathematical battle, where both sides tackled a variety of maths challenges. The energy in the room was fantastic, with pupils showing confidence, quick thinking, and a real love for problem-solving.

Our youngest learners in Nursery and Reception enjoyed wonderful Stay and Play sessions, where parents joined in with fun, hands-on maths activities. It was lovely to see families learning together and supporting early numeracy skills in such an engaging way. Year 1 also hosted a brilliant maths-themed Stay and Play, filled with interactive games and challenges that sparked curiosity and excitement.

Meanwhile, Years 2 to 6 took part in lively times table battles alongside their parents. The enthusiasm was contagious as children and adults worked together, competing, laughing, and strengthening their maths skills in a fun and supportive environment.

A huge thank you goes out to all of the parents who attended and helped make the day so special. Your involvement made a real difference and added to the excitement for the children. Most importantly, we are incredibly proud of all our pupils for their positivity and unconditional love for maths.

You have all made Mrs Ahmad and Mrs Dabengwa so, so, so proud! What a fantastic celebration of numeracy at Gorrington Park Primary!



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.

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Stars of the week

Nursery: Hector and Brian

Scotland: Hiya

Wales: Wasifa

Spain Y1:

Italy Y1: Efremlia

Germany Y2: Shloka

France Y2:

South Africa Y3: Alisha

Nigeria Y3: Adam

China Y4: Hilda

India Y4: Ke'Shawn

Canada Y5: Rex

Brazil Y5: Aegan

Australia Y6: Rafael

New Zealand Y6: Imran

Aspire Awards House Points

London Eye: 34

Big Ben: 39

Tower Bridge: 34

The Shard: 38





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Year Group Blog - Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been enjoying the story of Hansel and Gretel. The children have enjoyed retelling the story through role play, small world play and creative activities. We explored the characters and sequenced the story by drawing the story and orally retelling it as a class.

In maths, we explored subitising on a dice, helping the children to recognise small groups of numbers without counting. We also used counting activities linked to the story, including counting gems and comparing groups of objects.

In the water tray, the children enjoyed tipping and pouring water into different sized containers, exploring capacity through play. They used language such as full, empty, more and less while investigating how much water each container could hold.

Outdoors, the children enjoyed going on a journey around the garden. We made a simple route and followed it using positional language such as over, under, balance, climb and behind.



Year Group Blog - Reception

What an amazing busy week we have had in Reception! The final week of this term has been full of exciting days and learning. It has been dragon week and the children have had a fabulous time learning all about dragons through poetry. There have been some ferocious creatures created on our writing table and the children's

imaginations have run wild thinking of powers their dragons would have! Some had fire powers, some had ice and even bubbles! They continued their creativity as they designed dragon masks using a range of resources to make it exactly how they planned. We have also celebrated Number Day this week and it was a sea of numbers as they explored so many maths activities. The children said their favourite part of the day was the parent stay and play and they loved sharing their learning with their families.

Thank you for all the support with the exciting day! We have had a wonderful Summer term and can't wait to continue our learning after the half term holiday. Have a wonderful break everyone! From the Reception Team.



Year Group Blog - Year 1

This week in English we have been creating our own monsters. We have used fantastic adjectives and been acting in first person to describe what our monsters look like and how they behave.

In Maths we been looking at using and recognising different directional language. We have practiced putting objects to the left and right of others. We have also explored the language of above and below and describing the positions of objects using these.

On Wednesday afternoon it was great to welcome lots of families to celebrate national numeracy day. We loved taking part in Maths activities with everyone and showing our learning.

On Thursday we celebrated our RE WOW day. We welcomed in visitors from different religions and explored how kindness and being caring towards others is a feature in all religions

We had a fantastic day on Tuesday to celebrate our Victorian Day. Everyone looked fantastic in their Victorian clothes. We welcomed in a drama workshop who talked us through the life of a child in the Victorian era and showed us pictures of children who lived and worked in the workhouses.

In Phonics we have been recapping the or sound such as or/oor in fork/horse/poor, aw in claw/hawk, al in word such as talk/ball, au in Paul/August. Please keep practicing these sounds at home and reading with your child every day.

Please note our PE day is now Monday.

We hope that everyone has a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you again in our final 7 weeks of Year 1.



Year Group Blog - Year 2

Year 2 have had a fun week and especially loved taking part in the Times Table Battle. They showed fantastic enthusiasm and determination throughout the competition. The children worked really hard to recall their multiplication facts quickly and accurately and were very supportive of one another, especially in our special maths assembly.

This week, we also took part in a special RE Day where we explored the importance of respecting each other and celebrating our differences. We had thoughtful discussions about kindness, inclusion and understanding people from different backgrounds and beliefs. The children really enjoyed listening to our guest speaker and learning more about different religions and cultures. They asked some brilliant questions and reflected carefully on how we can all show respect towards others in our everyday lives. In PE, we had lots of fun creating our own dances based on different emotions. The children used movement creatively to express feelings such as happiness, excitement and sadness, and enjoyed confidently performing their routines to the class. In science, we learned all about personal hygiene and why it is important to keep our bodies healthy and clean. We created colourful personal hygiene posters filled with useful information and healthy habits. In English, we continued reading George's Marvellous Medicine and used our imaginations to change the story by creating our own hilarious "victims" for the marvellous medicine.

Year Group Blog - Year 3

This week, Year 3 have had an amazing week of learning! In English, the children adapted the story Cinderella of the Nile, changing the characters and adding their own special features to the story. In Maths, the children have been learning how to find fractions of a set of objects. We also celebrated National Numeracy Day, where the children took part in lots of exciting maths activities. They enjoyed a fun whole-school maths assembly, completed multiplication challenges on Times Table Rock Stars, and competed against each other in exciting maths battles. There was even a special battle between parents and children! We also celebrated RE WOW Day. The children took part in a range of creative RE activities, including writing their names using the Islamic alphabet and making 3D paper houses. Overall, this has been a fantastic week of learning. Well done to all of our children for showing a growth mindset and always trying their best! Have a well-deserved half term from the Year 3 Team.

Year Group Blog - Year 4

What a fantastic and memorable final week of the half term in Year 4.

This week had so many highlights. One of the biggest was National Numeracy Day on Wednesday, where we celebrated all things maths. The children showed great enthusiasm solving problems and practising key skills. It was wonderful to see their confidence growing and their ability to explain their reasoning clearly.

Another very special moment was our RE WOW Day on Thursday, where we welcomed representatives from the church, mosques and Hindu temple. The children listened respectfully, asked thoughtful questions and learned about important shared values such as compassion, kindness and respect. It was a truly enriching experience for everyone.

A further highlight was the class assembly. Well done to China class for confidently presenting their learning to parents, you spoke clearly and proudly and did a fantastic job learning your lines. India class, you were a wonderful audience and showed great respect and encouragement.

Across the rest of the curriculum, the children have worked hard in English, developing their writing using time adverbials and publishing their final pieces. In reading, they have focused on retrieval, inference and prosody. In Science, they revisited their learning on animals including humans and in History they reflected on the impact of Ancient Egypt. In Art, they evaluated their canopic jar designs and thought carefully about improvements.

In Maths this week, the children have been working incredibly hard on multiplying 2 digit and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers and dividing 2 digit and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers, including remainders. They have used partitioning and place value to support their calculations and applied these skills to solve word problems.

After half term, all children will be completing the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check, so it is very important that they continue to practise their times tables from 2 to 12 regularly at home.

To support your child over the holiday, please continue to practise times tables up to 12, written methods for multiplication and division and explaining their thinking using partitioning and place value.

A huge well done to all of Year 4 for their hard work, resilience and positive attitude this half term. We are so proud of you.

We hope you all have a wonderful and restful half term break. Year 4 Team

Year Group Blog - Year 5

What a wonderful final week of the half term! Year 5 went out with a bang — here's a quick look at what we got up to.

English

This week we completed our playscripts inspired by Shakespeare's *The Tempest* — planning, drafting, editing and finally publishing our best work in neat. It was fantastic to see the children think carefully about dialogue, stage directions and punctuation. Some real talent on show!

Maths

Angles were the focus this week. We explored degrees, got to grips with protractors, and moved on to classifying and then estimating angles using benchmarks like 90° and 45°. By the end of the week, the children were spotting acute, obtuse and reflex angles everywhere they looked!

Greek Day

Friday was the perfect end to the half term — Greek Day! The whole school threw itself into the ancient world with great enthusiasm. Togas, myths and all things Hellenic made for an unforgettable day.

We hope everyone has a fantastic half-term break — the children have thoroughly earned it. See you on the other side!

Year Group Blog - Year 6

Year 6 have shown fantastic focus and determination this week as they began planning their exciting business ideas in preparation for Enterprise Week next half term. Pupils have been working collaboratively, sharing creative concepts, and thinking carefully about products, budgeting, and marketing. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and teamwork as they take their first steps into the world of enterprise. In English, the class has continued developing their instructional writing skills with a historical twist, focusing on “How to Survive an Air Raid.” The children have been exploring the key features of clear and effective instructions, including precise language, structured steps, and engaging detail. Their work reflects a growing confidence in writing with purpose, while also deepening their understanding of life on the Home Front during wartime.

Alongside their academic efforts, Year 6 also impressed us all with their confidence and courage during auditions for the end-of-year production. Although the storyline remains top secret for now, pupils demonstrated wonderful expression, energy, and commitment as they stepped into the spotlight. Every child should feel proud of their efforts, and we are incredibly excited to begin rehearsals soon.

It has been a busy and productive week in Year 6, and we look forward to seeing their ideas and talents continue to flourish in the weeks ahead.

Calendar Dates—Summer Term 2026

May 2026

Mon 25th—
Fri 29th

HALF TERM—SCHOOL CLOSED

June 2026

Mon 1st School open at the usual time
Tue 2nd South Africa Family Assembly—9.10am
South Africa class parents to attend
Fri 5th Year 4 Library visits—10.30am & 1.30pm
Mon 8th History WOW Day
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
Tue 30th Nursery Family Assembly—2.45pm
PM 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
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