



The Byword



6th January 2023

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you all had a wonderful break.

Let's talk about: **Attendance**.

Why do we go on about it? Why is it so important?

Ask your child what the magic number is and they will tell you it's **97**.

That means that we want **97%** of children to be in school at any one time (obviously, we would prefer 100%). Or, looked at differently, we want each child to come to school **97%** of the time.

Attendance is about learning. The evidence is clear - **children with higher attendance make more progress and do better in school**.

Every time a child misses a day of school, they miss the learning that takes place that day. They miss the sound that the class were learning in phonics, they miss learning mathematical concepts that they will need in later lessons and they miss social learning – those interactions with staff and other children that help them to grow as people. **Everything they miss has an impact on what comes next**.

Sometimes - if they are vomiting or have a temperature, for example - a child may be too unwell to come to school. However, symptoms like a snuffle or a blocked nose or a headache are not, by themselves, a reason to keep a child off. They would far rather feel a little under the weather in school with their friends than at home, missing out on learning.

These gaps in learning are also the reason why we don't authorise holidays during term time. We are in the business of learning - we're very good at it - and **when children are not here they are missing out**.

Before Covid, Bygrove's attendance was excellent. If we work together, we can make it even stronger. **Let's do everything we can to get to 97%**. Thank you in advance for your support.

Best wishes & have a lovely weekend,

Fiona,



Spaces for January 2023 until March 2023 are now available!

To sign up, please log on to your ParentPay accounts. Each club space is offered on a first come, first served basis.
Please contact the School Office for help with ParentPay.

Monday			
Club House	Nursery - Y6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Drumming Club	Years 3 - Y6	3:45 - 4:45	16 spaces remaining
Basketball Club	Reception - Y2	3:45 - 4:45	19 spaces remaining
Tuesday			
Club House	Nursery - Y6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Football Club	Years 3 - Y6	3:45 - 4:45	Fully booked
Wednesday			
Club House	Nursery - Y6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Basketball Club	Years 3 - 6	3:45 - 4:45	10 spaces remaining
Thursday			
Club House	Nursery - Y6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Archery Club	Years 3 - 6	3:45 - 4:45	14 spaces remaining
Cooking Club	Years 2 - 6	3:30 - 5:00	12 spaces remaining
Friday			
Club House	Nursery - Y6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Computing Club	Years 3 - 6	3:45 - 4:45	10 spaces remaining
Tennis/ Table Tennis Club	Years 3 - 6	3:45 - 4:45	18 spaces remaining

Stars of the week



Y1: Arc-en-ciel & Zayna

Y2: Nuha

Y3: Jibreel, Charlie & Ajwaad

Y4: Zamzam

Y5: Fahmidah

Y6: Sara

Dining Hall Helper of The Week:

Qismat Y4 - well done!

Attendance

Year 5: 91.03%

Well done Year 5!

After School Clubs - Spring 2023

Each club costs £15.00 for the term. Breakfast club will cost £1.00 per day and Ad-Hoc Club House sessions will cost £1.50 per day.

If you would like to make any changes with the club you have purchased, please let the office know by Monday 16th January 2023.



Reception

Reception were happy to be back at school for the spring term. They had a busy day of learning and playing with friends.

Reception

Reception are focusing on the story 'The Gingerbread Man'. In class, they wrote a list of ingredients that they need to make a gingerbread man. Zayn, Musa, Logan, Akilah, Jason and Yousuf walked to Iceland to buy the ingredients. The gingerbread men tasted delicious!!!





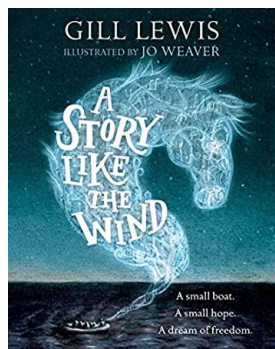
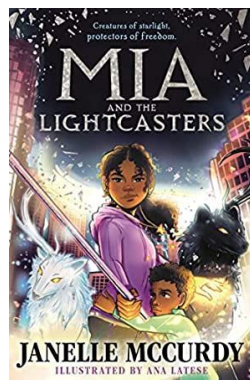
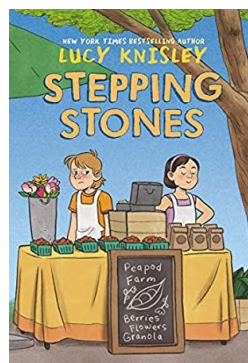
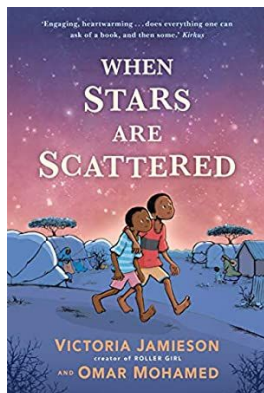
Year 4

Year 4 artists used monoprinting to transfer the image of their face onto paper. Having discussed Tudor fashion and dress, they then set about transforming their 21st century selves into important, powerful people of the Tudor court. Watch this space for more exciting developments!



Bygrove Key Dates - Spring Term 1 & 2

Monday 9th January 2023	Nursery Open Day (4:00PM-5:30PM) Please contact the office to book an appointment.
Monday 6th February 2023	Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
Thursday 9th February 2023	Parent Have Your Say Conference
Friday 10th February 2023	Year 3 Performance
Monday 13th - Friday 17th February 2023	Half Term
Monday 20th February 2023	INSET Day - School Closed
Tuesday 21st February 2023	All pupils return to school
Tuesday 21st February-Friday 3rd March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 2nd March 2023	World Book Day
Friday 3rd March 2023	Year 4 Sleepover
Monday 6th March 2023	Year 5 & Year 6 Residential Week (Gorsefield)
Monday 13th March 2023	Thinking of Others Week
Friday 17th March 2023	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 29th March 2023	Shakespeare Schools Festival Year 4
Friday 31st March 2023	Autism Awareness & last day of term. Children finish at 1.30pm
Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April 2023	Easter Holidays
Monday 17th April 2023	INSET Day - School Closed



Amazon Wishlist

Now that we have our beautiful, new library, we want to fill it with wonderful books for our children & families to enjoy. We have set up an Amazon wishlist of books that our children would love to read.

Please share this list with any companies or individuals who you think would be happy to support it. Every book donated will contain a thank you message to the purchaser.

Thank you in advance for your support:
<https://amzn.eu/b9EIUbh>

There are more books on our list to choose from! we need help to fill our library and promote reading. Check out <https://amzn.eu/b9EIUbh> and feel free to share the link.



SSF DATE 2023

DATE CHANGE!

**Wednesday
29th March
2023**

A date for your diaries Year 4 parents & carers!
Next year's Year 4 Shakespeare Schools Festival
performance date is Wednesday 29th March
2023 at The Greenwich Theatre. More info soon!



Year 4 Shakespeare Schools Festival

Parents/Carers will be able to watch the Year 4 performance at The Greenwich Theatre. More information will be coming up soon!

School Uniform Reminder

Please label your child's uniform and coats because they will take their jumpers off in the hot weather.

Can parents also check the coat racks in the playground this week as we will be removing items on Friday.



Bygrove
School

Nursery places available for September 2023

Would you like your child to
attend an outstanding Nursery?

Open days

Every morning from Mon 31st October 2022 to Friday 4th
November 2022, (pre booked appointments only)

Wednesday 2nd November 2022 4–5:30PM

Monday 9th January 2023 4–5:30 PM

Please contact the school office to arrange a visit to the school

call us on [02075384925](tel:02075384925) or email us at
admin@bygrove.org.uk

If your child was born between 1st September 2019
& 31st August 2020 you can apply for a Nursery
place at Bygrove Primary School online at
www.eadmissions.org.uk

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School applications are now open



Primary admissions For children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019	15 January 2023
Nursery admissions For children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020	16 February 2023

Nursery Admissions sessions Date & Time:

Thursday 12th January 2023 10am

Tuesday 7th February 2023 10am

Session link: <https://GR2023.eventbrite.co.uk>

Reception Admissions sessions Date & Time:

Friday 13th January 2023 10am

Wednesday 1st February 10am

Session link: <https://GS2023.eventbrite.co.uk>

Check out information regarding Reception admissions via

<https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/Documents/Education-and-skills/Admissions-and-exclusions/Admissions-2022/Primary-School-prospectus.pdf>

Check out information regarding Nursery admissions via

<https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/Documents/Education-and-skills/Admissions-and-exclusions/Admissions-2022/Nursery-prospectus.pdf>

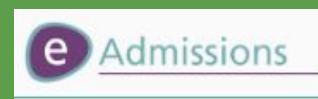
Nursery & Reception Admissions sessions & Application Deadlines

The Admissions Service LBTH team are holding virtual information sessions for parents/carers with the Transition Support Service on Reception and Nursery admissions as it is time to apply.

Nursery parents/carers must apply for a Reception place by Sunday 15th January 2023.

If you have or know someone with a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, you must apply for a Nursery place by Thursday 16th February 2023.

All applications must be completed via the [e-admissions portal](#).



How will I be notified about the outcome of my application?

You will receive an email and a letter on National Offer Day.



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Hall Hire

Price: £45 per hour
£50 deposit required at booking and only refundable after the event.

Availability: Most weekends and weekdays in the school holidays up until 10pm.

Car Park Space: 6 cars maximum.

8 double tables with benches attached and 40 chairs.
Playground use up until 8pm.

No alcohol allowed.

Please let us know if you would like to hire out the hall for birthdays, Mehndi parties, family gatherings, Eid parties and other events.

Contact Christina Maynard to arrange a viewing via admin@bygrove.org.uk or call 0207 538 4925



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