



The Byword



20th January 2022

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you have all been keeping warm this week!

The drop in temperature hasn't stopped the Bygrove children from getting outside to learn. Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Kidzania where they explored the world of work through interactive role-play. Closer to home, Reception visited our local Catholic church to learn about special objects. The Year 3 & Reception adults were very impressed with the children's curiosity, enthusiasm & excellent behaviour on both trips. Well done!

As you may have heard, the National Education Union (NEU) has given notice for a series of national and regional strikes to take place over the next couple of months. For us in the London region, those dates are:

Wednesday 1st February (national strike)

Thursday 2nd March (London regional strike))

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March (national strikes)

Only teachers who are members of the NEU will be called upon to strike. All other staff will be at work as usual.

We will be taking steps to ensure that we can remain open on each of these days & will, of course, let you know about any changes in arrangements.

Unless you hear otherwise, please assume that your child's class will remain open.

Best wishes for the weekend,

Fiona



Key Dates

- Tuesday 24th January: Parents reading session with Year 2
- Friday 27th January: Parents SPAG session with Year 2
- Monday 6th February: Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
- Thursday 9th February: Parents Have Your Say Conference.
- Friday 10th February: Year 3 performance
- Monday 13th - Friday 17th February: Half term.
- Monday 20th February: INSET day
- Tuesday 21st February: All pupils return to school.
- Tuesday 21st - Friday 3rd February: Parent consultation
- Tuesday 2nd March: World Book day.
- Friday 3rd March: Year 4 Sleepover
- Monday 6th March: Year 5 & year 6 Residential week (Gorsefield)
- Monday 13th March: Thinking of others week
- Friday 17th March: Red Nose Day
- Wednesday 29th March: Shakespeare School Festival year 4
- Friday 31st March: Autism Awareness
- **Friday 31st March: Last day of term Children finish at 1:30pm**
- Monday 3rd- Friday 14th April: Easter Holidays
- Monday 17th April: INSET DAY - School closed
- Friday 21st April: Eid Day - School closed

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	18 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	5 spaces remaining
Friday			
Club House	Nursery - Y6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Computing Club	Years 3 - 6	3:45 - 4:45	5 spaces remaining
Tennis/ Table Tennis Club	Years 3 - 6	3:45 - 4:45	18 spaces remaining

Stars of the week



Y1: Khaleel

Y2: Whan

Y3: Ahmed & Is-haaq

Y4: Sumi

Y5: Fahham

Y6: Whole Class

Dining Hall Helper of The Week:

Y3 - Obonee - well done!

Attendance

Y6: 96.90%

Well done Y6!

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.

Parents meeting about the residential trip to Gorsefield

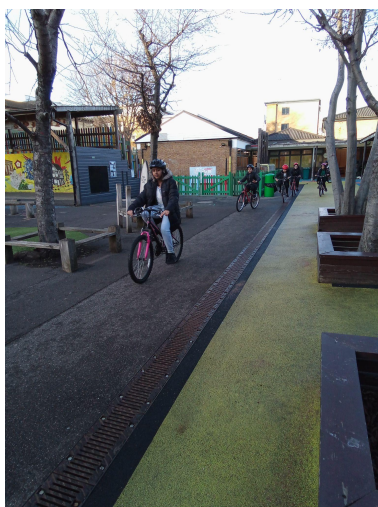
Parents are invited to come along to the parents meeting about the residential trip to Gorsefield. It is a chance for the teachers to inform you about the amazing things they will be learning, tell you what is needed for the trip and an opportunity for you to ask questions.

Dates:

31st January 2023 - Year 5

1st February 2023 - Year 6

From **9:00 am - 9:30 am** in the Y5 & Y6 classrooms



PE

Cycling - Year 5 & 6

Year 5 and Year 6 have been learning how to ride bikes. They have gained a lot of confidence throughout the process.

Sara in Year 6 has worked really hard to build her confidence in riding a bike and can now complete laps of the playground. Well done!



Learning Environments

Each year group designed their classrooms, inside and out, based on the topic they are learning for the spring term.

The winners:
The Best Display - Y2
The Best Door - Y4
The Best Classroom - Reception





Breakfast Club

We are incredibly proud of our Breakfast Club offer for children. Our Breakfast Club opens early & the children have their choice of breakfast. Once they have finished, they go off to engage in activities & play with their friends. We encourage parents to bring their children to Breakfast Club as it is a great way for children to start their day & an opportunity to build friendships with children in other year groups.

Breakfast Club: £1.00 per day.

Available to pay on ParentPay.



Cooking Club - Thursdays

Cooking Club takes place every Thursday after school. The children help one another to follow recipes & try new food.

If you would like your child to join Cooking Club, please sign up via ParentPay. The club runs from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm.



Club House

We still have spaces in our lovely Club House which takes place every evening until 5:30 pm.

If you would like your child to join Club House, please sign up via ParentPay. Ad-hoc places are also available to make life easier for families.



Please speak to Atera or the office team if you would like more information.





Computer Club - Coding

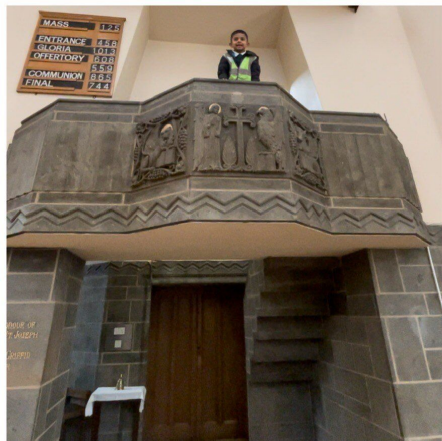
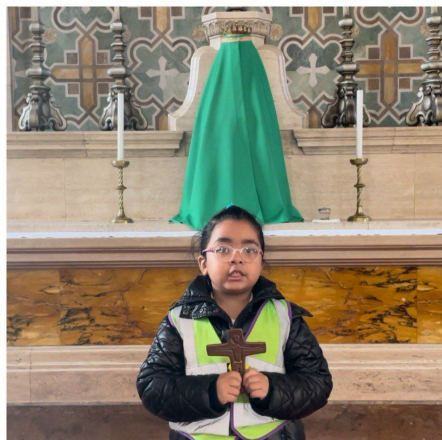
Coding Club are having fun creating animations. They used custom animations to change speed and add effects.



The club runs from 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm.

Reception - St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Church

Thank you to St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Catholic Church for opening the doors for Reception to explore the special objects found in a church. The link to see everything that Reception did: <https://youtu.be/WePGOpKhdHs>



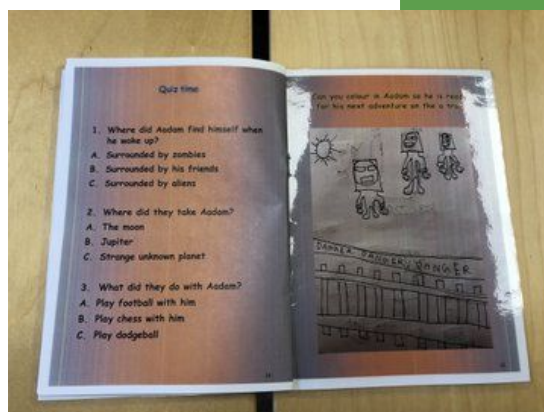
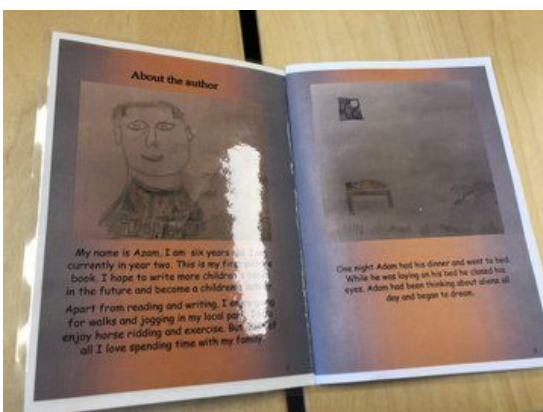
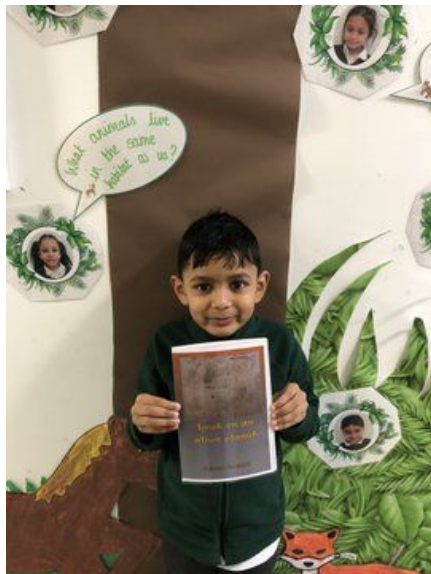


Year 2 - Dancing

We have been learning dance, copy movements and be creative. These children were able to perform movements confidently and were able to be great role models by encouraging their peers to dance.

Year 2 - Azam's first book

We are very proud of Azam in Year 2 who has just published his first book! The story is about a boy called Adam who meets some aliens. Azam has even written a quiz about the story and designed some games. His first book will be in our school library for everyone to read. Well done!

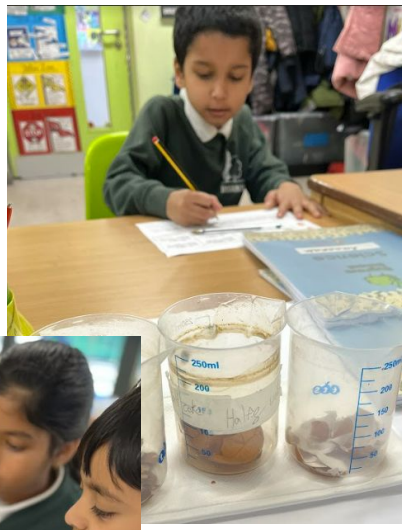




Year 2 -

Year 2 went on an amazing trip to the Soanes Centre to take part in some pond dipping. They were able to find a variety of wildlife and spent some time identifying them! Year 2 will be writing a guide on how to go pond dipping to help others know the right step to take. It was a great day and we all learnt a lot.

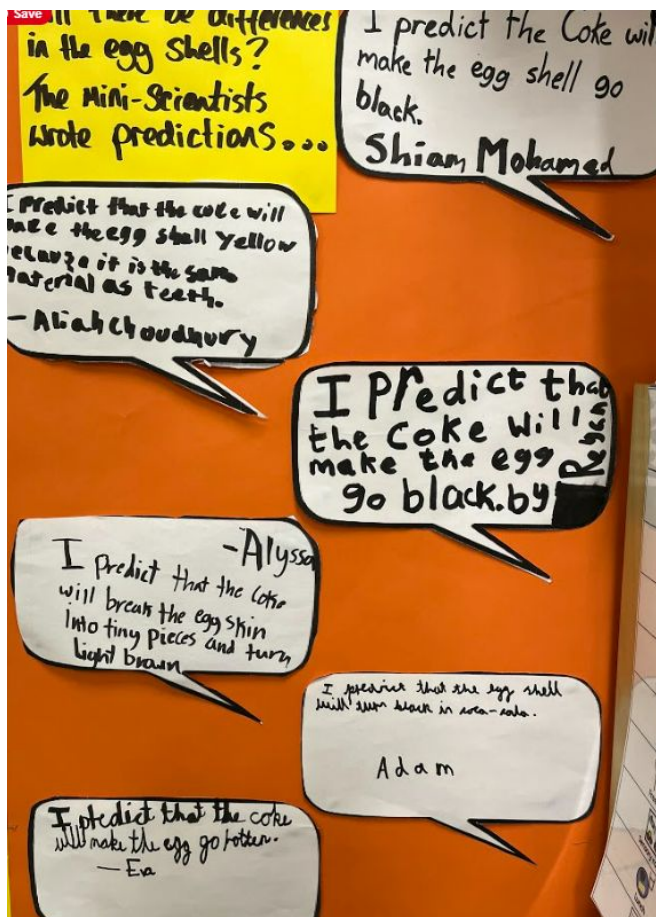




Year 3 - What does sugar do to our teeth?

The mini-scientists in Year 3 decided to find out what sugar does to our teeth, so we set up an investigation in order to observe and record the changes over time. We wanted to see the impact of teeth submerged in a highly-sugared drink such as Coca-Cola for a 7 day period. We substituted teeth for egg-shell and placed egg-shells in 3 different types of beakers: 1 filled with Coca-Cola, 1 filled with half Coca-Cola and half water, and the other with just water.

After 7 days, we observed the results. The children recorded these and then began to ask further investigative questions.





Year 4

Year 4 artists have been displaying their colour mixing and brushwork skills to great effect to paint these wonderful Tudor inspired portraits. Excellent work Year 4!



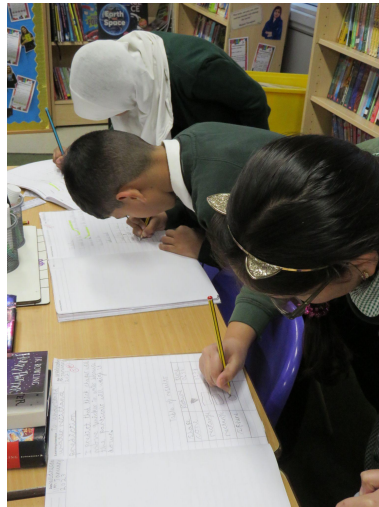
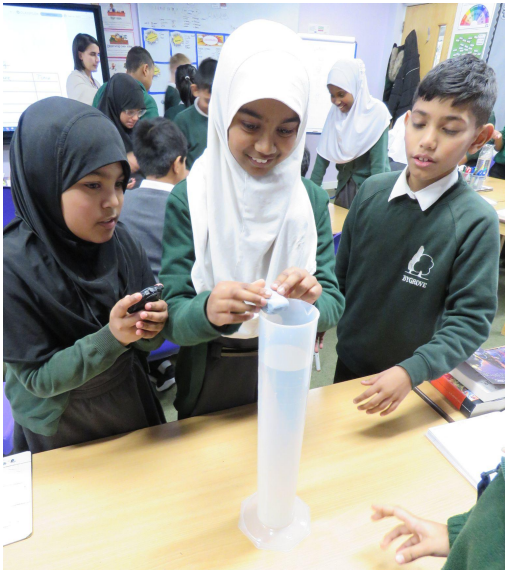
Year 5

Year 5's engineers' mission is to design and make a prototype Rover for NASA's next exploration of mars. They have been using their understanding of wheels and axle mechanisms to make their wheeled chassis. Next, they'll add key features to their models. Great work Year 5!



Year 5 - Forces

The Year 5 children carried out an experiment to explain the effect of water resistance. They designed the experiment themselves & chose what to measure, their equipment & how to present their results.



Learning Intention To understand water resistance

Date Wednesday 11/11/14

Position

The outcome will be: Thinner shapes will move down faster because they will have less resistance and particles.

Table of results

Shape	Picture	Time
Line		0.36
Rectangle		0.78
Rectangle		1.00
Square		0.65
Disc		11.09

"Thicker things have to push past more particles. This means they will fall slower through the water."

- Anisha

Analysis

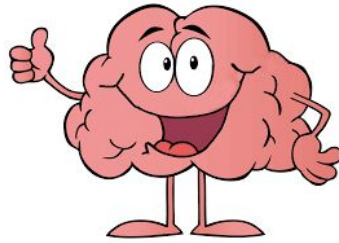
All our times are accurate because however 2 of our shapes weren't that accurate because the others started with 0s but the other 2 started with 1... or 2

The triangle was faster because it was the thickest shape out of all of them.

Year 6 Brain Buddies

Year 6 have been participating in some 'Brain Buddies' sessions with Corina (an Educational Psychologist) on Friday mornings. She has been helping the children to talk about their feelings and teaching them strategies that can help to feel more comfortable and in control. In the sessions, they have the opportunity to share their experiences and also share whether the suggested strategies have been useful to them or not.

They have one more session to go and are really looking forward to it!



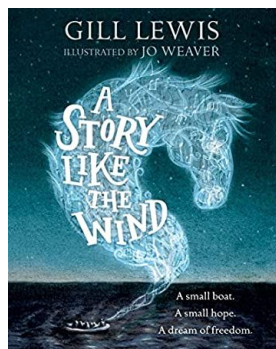
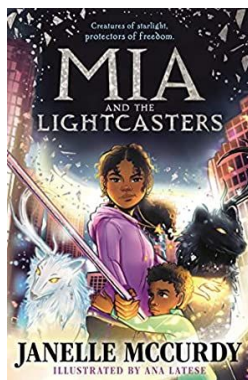
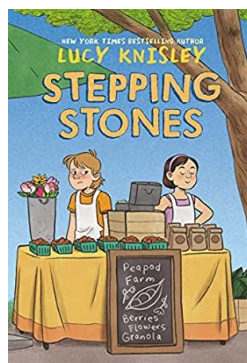
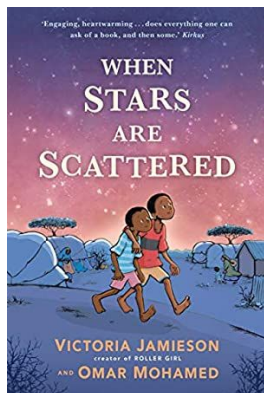
Year 1 and 2 - Library

Our Year 1 and Year 2 families were delighted to visit our new library space and share our love of books! We are looking forward to seeing more families use the space with their children soon.

Published Books

We've all been inspired by one of our past student's incredible ambition. Udo has written and self published her first book. Her two younger sisters were delighted to share this with the school.





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.



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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!



Year 3 & Year 2 Performance

This term Year 2 and 3 will be taking part in an exciting performance project called Wiz Wham Alakazam.

PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and Features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.

How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)

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Online Safety

These posters contain all the information parents will need in order to have parental control for apps on iPhones and Android phones. Take a look at the advice it offers as it is there to help protect your children when they are online.

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS Android Phone

On Android phones, restricting access to particular apps usually requires going onto Google Play. From there, it's fairly easy to navigate your way through the settings to manage the parental controls and authentications relating to any apps on the device. These features can prevent your child from downloading or buying anything unsuitable for their age. Updated versions of apps or games that your child has already installed may occasionally contain something inappropriate, so we've explained how to stop those, too.

How to Block App Downloads (This Also Disables In-app Purchases)

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Scroll down to the Family section and tap Parental controls
- 5 Toggle 'Parental controls are off' to 'Parental controls are on'
- 6 Create a PIN and tap OK
- 7 Confirm your PIN and tap OK again
- 8 Tap Apps & Games
- 9 Set the age limit you wish to set
- 10 Tap Save to apply your changes

How to Stop Auto-updates

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Auto-Update Apps
- 5 Select 'Don't auto-update apps' and then tap Done

Restricting Apps Through Google Family Link

- 1 Open Google Play Family Link for parents
- 2 Tap the three horizontal lines in the top left
- 3 Select your child's account
- 4 Tap Manage
- 5 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 6 Tap Apps & Games
- 7 Select the age limit you wish to set

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Chinese New Year

On the 24th January 2023, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year, the year of the rabbit, with a special themed meal.



Bikes and Scooters needed!

If you have any bikes or scooters that are unwanted or unused but in good condition, can you please donate them to the school. We will be using them during our school physical education lessons. They will need to be suitable from the age 9 and upwards.

Kind Regards,
Atera Meho

PE Teacher and Coordinator



SWIM SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSES

Why not keep the kids active this holiday while learning a new life skill with our Swim School Holiday Courses.

Classes for 2023 (Foundation class's only):

13th -17th February, 9am - 11:30am

3rd - 6th April, 9am - 11:30am

14th -18th and 21st -25th August, 9am - 11:30am

- For ages 4 years - 11 years.
- Each class is 30 minutes
- £5 per lesson
- Tiller Leisure Centre, Tiller Road, Docklands, Tower Hamlets, London, E14 8PX

To find and book a Swim School holiday short course:

- Visit better.org.uk/book-lesson
- Find and click on your preferred location to be taken to the available courses.
- Select 'Swim School Holiday Courses' in the left-hand filter.

Our Learn to Swim framework is designed by industry experts to ensure lessons are of the highest quality, progressive and make our pupils journey fun and hassle free. All our teachers are professional, passionate and pupil-focused; and will ensure your child is in safe hands.

Book your short course today at
better.org.uk/lessons



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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:

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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