



# The Byword



13th October 2023

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## Key Dates

- Monday 16th October: Y5 Disney Performance
- Tuesday 17th October: Maths in the Early Years **(Parent Workshop)**
- Thursday 19th October: Class Photo Day
- Monday 23rd - 27th October: Half Term
- Monday 30th October: Parent Consultations
- Tuesday 7th November: Mathletics **(Parent Workshop)**
- Monday 13th November: Friendship & Anti-bullying week
- Friday 15th December: Last day of school & Autumn Term - Children to be collected at 1.30pm
- Monday 18th December - Wednesday 3rd January 2024: School closed for Christmas holiday**
- Thursday 4th January & Friday 5th January: INSET Days - School closed**
- Monday 8th January: All pupils return to school

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am delighted to start this week's newsletter by sharing that we had 100% attendance on Tuesday in Reception to Year 6 which is fantastic. The children really enjoyed their ice lollies to celebrate! Our target is to have at least 97% attendance for this academic year so let's work together to make this happen. Please support your child's learning & future by bringing them to school everyday. There is a body of research which shows that children who have good attendance in Nursery & Reception have better learning outcomes throughout their education. Every minute in school counts!

We are looking forward to watching our fantastic Year 5 children perform The Jungle Book on Monday. They have been working hard this term to learn their lines, perfect their acting & find their singing voices. Parents, carers & other family members are invited to come along to support the children & enjoy the show! We look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, I wanted to share a resource which may help you to talk about the devastating conflict in the Middle East with your children. These situations can be very distressing for children and adults alike. UNICEF have some really helpful advice for parents about how to talk to children about war & conflict:

<https://www.unicef.org/parenting/how-talk-your-children-about-conflict-and-war>

Times like these further highlight the role we all have in preparing our children to become kind, empathetic, critical thinkers who want to make a difference in the world.

Our hearts go out to all of the victims.

Best Wishes,

Fiona

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# Spaces are still 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.

## Mondays

Club House	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Music Production	Years 2 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	10 spaces remaining
Football Club	Rec - Year 2	3:45 - 4:45	4 spaces remaining

## Tuesdays

Club House	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Football Club	Years 3 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	2 spaces remaining

## Wednesdays

Club House	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Basketball Club	Year 3 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	19 spaces remaining
Cooking Club ( <b>£20 per term</b> )	Years 1 - Year 6	3:45 - 5:00	1 space remaining

## Thursdays

Club House	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Multi-Sports Club	Years 3 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	8 spaces remaining

## Fridays

Club House	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Archery Club	Years 3 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	10 spaces remaining
Arts and Crafts Club	Nursery - Year 2	3:45 - 4:45	8 spaces remaining

## Stars of the week



**Y1: Zabir**

**Y2: Arc-en-ciel**

**Y3: Hafsa**

**Y4: David**

**Y5: Aryan**

**Y6: Yousuf**

## Attendance

**Y1: 99.31%**

**Well done Y1!**

## After School Clubs - Autumn 2023

Each club costs £17.50 for the term. Cooking Club costs £20.00. Breakfast club £1.00 and Ad-Hoc Club House sessions will cost £1.50 per day.

There are some changes to some clubs in the autumn term. A member of the school office team will contact you if your child requires any changes.

# Attendance

Well done to Year 1 for  
99.31% attendance. Let's  
keep it up



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### London Borough of Tower Hamlets **FREE SCHOOL MEAL APPLICATION FORM**

Did you know you could be eligible for statutory Free School Meals (FSM) depending on your household income?

If you are eligible, this means additional school funding via pupil premium funding. The pupil premium grant is funding which improves educational outcomes for your child. It could also mean additional funds for your household directly such as via FSM vouchers (as previously available in recent years).

It is easy to apply! The form can be completed online via  
[https://benefitforms.towerhamlets.gov.uk/VictoriaForms/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Free%20School%20Meals%20\(1.0\).wdf](https://benefitforms.towerhamlets.gov.uk/VictoriaForms/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Free%20School%20Meals%20(1.0).wdf)

Please contact the school office for any questions or support with completing a FSM application form.

Printed copies are available from the school office.

## Portrait Photos

On **Thursday 19th October**, children will be having their individual and siblings photos taken.



Please make sure your child comes in wearing their correct uniform.

## Parent Consultation Dates

Here are the dates for the Parent Consultation.

Date	Year Group	Location
Monday 30th October	Year 1	Library
Tuesday 31st October	Nursery	Learning Hub
Wednesday 1st November	Reception	Learning Hub
Wednesday 1st November	Year 3	Library
Thursday 2nd November	Year 5	Learning Hub
Monday 6th November	Year 6	Learning Hub
Thursday 9th November	Year 2	Learning Hub
Friday 10th November	Year 4	Learning Hub



# coffee Mornings



**Every Fridays  
9:15am**

*Come along to our coffee mornings, where  
you can socialise with other parents and  
have some coffee and biscuits.*



Reception



Year 1



Year 3



Year 4

## 100% Attendance on Tuesday

Well done Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 for having 100% attendance on Tuesday! We are so proud for having every child in and learning. Let's keep up the good work!!



Year 2



Year 5



# Summer Reading Challenge

Every year, libraries across the country run a summer reading challenge. Here are some of the amazing students who read a total of six books over the summer holidays through the IDEAs store in Poplar. This is such a wonderful resource that is free to visit. We strongly encourage all our families to join!



## Phonics Parent Workshop

Thank you to the parents who attended the phonics and early reading workshop with Sinthiya. We hope you feel more confident at supporting your child with their early reading skills.





## Year 1

Year 1 are learning all about castles. As part of this work they learnt about the different parts of a castle before role playing a siege. They learnt about the type of weaponry that would have been used and how these buildings were effectively defended.



## Reception

Reception have enjoyed harvesting that last few potatoes and tomatoes in the science garden. They will begin clearing the vegetable patches to get it ready for the coming year.





## Disney Performance

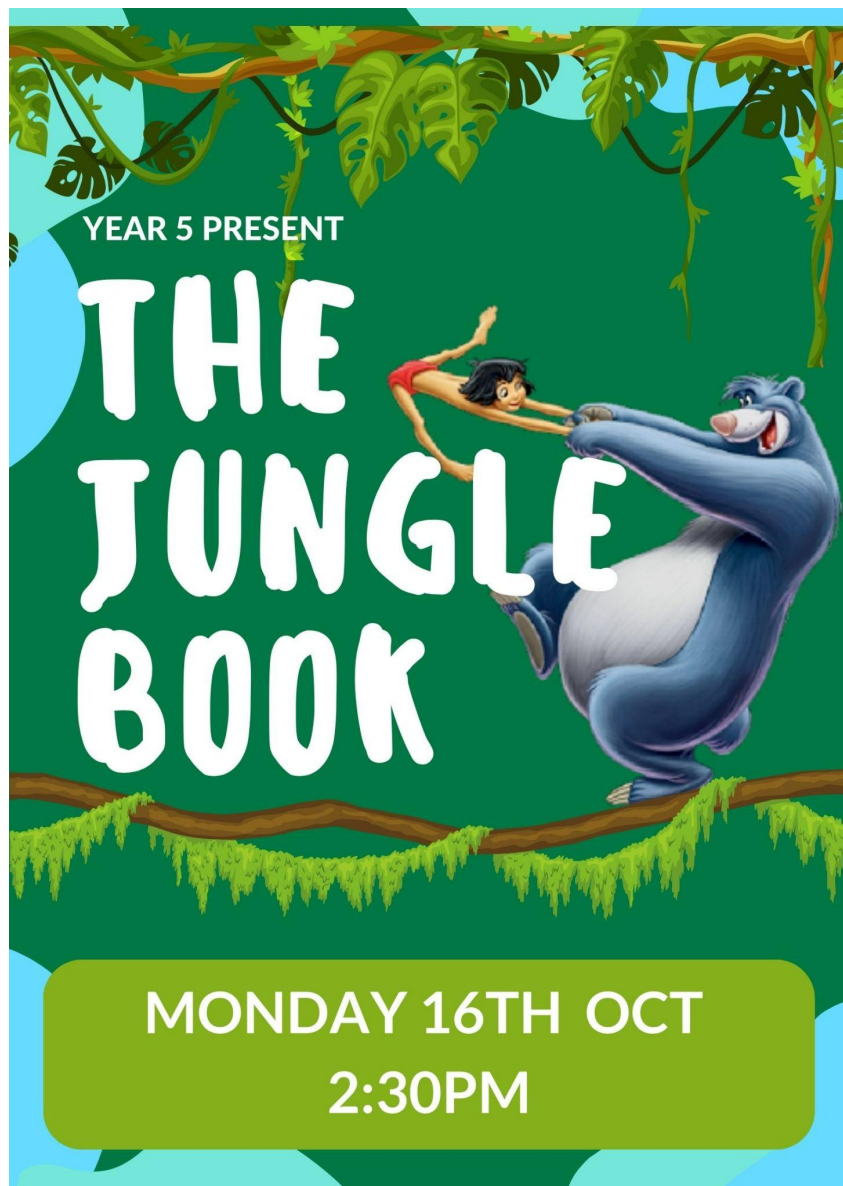
Year 5 have been practising very hard for their big disney performance. We look forward to see them perform.



## Disney Performance

This term Year 5 are taking part in an exciting project with Disney Musicals in Schools. Year 5 will perform *The Jungle Book* in the school hall for you and our community.

For costumes this year, we would like to create jungle/animal themed tie-dye T-shirts. These will be made during a special lesson in class and children can then keep these after *The Jungle Book* has finished.





# Student Contact Update Form

We are currently updating our school records to ensure we have the most up to date information held for you and your child.

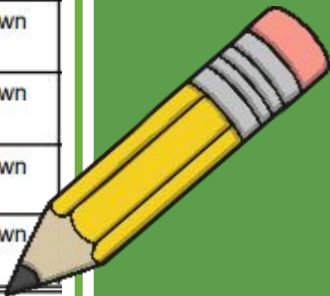
**Please return the completed forms directly to the school office by Monday 16th October 2023 and indicate if changes are required or not required to be made.**

If making changes to names or addresses, we may require original proof of your child's date of birth (birth certificate or passport) or original documents showing proof of your current address (either a recent council tax bill, child benefit letter, mortgage/rent agreement and a recent utility bill dated in the last three months).

You can contact a member of the school office team for any further information.

Please remember to **CIRCLE** in the Parental Consent Section

Consent Type	Permission		
Off-site school trips/activities - participation	Denied	Granted	Withdrawn
Off-site school trips/activities - receive first aid or urgent medical treatment	Denied	Granted	Withdrawn
Off-site school trips/activities - visit places of worship	Denied	Granted	Withdrawn
Photographs/Videos - for use within school premises	Denied	Granted	Withdrawn
Photographs/Videos - for use in school publications	Denied	Granted	Withdrawn
Photographs/Videos - for use on school website	Denied	Granted	Withdrawn



# Black History MONTH

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Lamb Curry  
with Savoury Rice  
or  
Macaroni Cheese

served with

Sweetcorn  
Green Cabbage

&

Mixed Salad  
Coleslaw

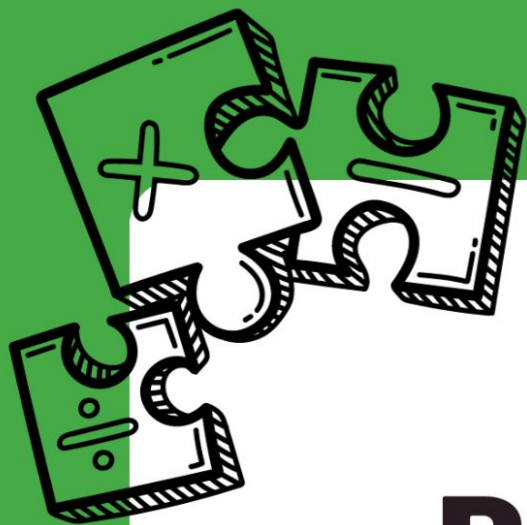
followed by

Seasonal fruit Platter



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# PARENT WORKSHOP: MATHLETICS

WITH AKOSUA

**TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER**

**9:15 - 9:45**



# Parent Workshop: Maths in the Early Years

With Akosua & Sinthiya

Tuesday 17th October  
9:15-9:45





## Admission to Year 7 (secondary school) 2024

Please read the [Ready for Secondary School in Tower Hamlets booklet](#) for useful information on the admission process.

If you live in Tower Hamlets and your child is in Year 6 (born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013) you will need to make an online application via the E-admissions website for them to transfer to secondary school in September 2024.

## Admission to Reception (primary school) 2024

Please read the [Starting Primary School in Tower Hamlets booklet](#) for useful information on the admission process.

Pupils usually start primary school in the September following their fourth birthday. If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 this will be from September 2024.

You must make an online application for a reception place, even if your child is already attending the school's nursery.

**[Click here](#) for further school admissions information via the Tower Hamlets website**



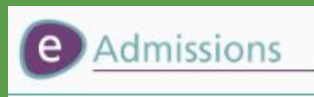
## School admissions application deadlines

Year 6 parents/carers must apply for a secondary place by Tuesday 31 October 2023.

Nursery parents/carers must apply for a Reception place by Monday 15th January 2024.

If you have or know someone with a child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you must apply for a Nursery place by Friday 16th February 2024. This is for for a nursery place for September 2024.

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







# NURSERY

## Places Available!

Do you have or know someone with a child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?

Apply now via [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

They can start with us in September 2024



DID YOU  
KNOW?

We also offer places to rising 3-year-olds to start nursery a term after turning 3 years old!

Please contact the school office on 020 7538 4925 or email [admin@bygrove.org.uk](mailto:admin@bygrove.org.uk)

Click the link below for more information

[Nursery admissions 2024](#)

# Hall Hire

**Price: £55 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](mailto:admin@bygrove.org.uk) or call 0207 538 4925**



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