



# The Byword



1st December 2023

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We would like to say a huge well done to Year 6 for achieving 100% attendance last week! Year 3 were also very close!

Attendance at the start of the academic year was fantastic; we were above our target of 97% & we were the top school in the local authority for many weeks. The figure has just slipped below this target so we need your support.

Attendance is about learning. The evidence is clear - children with higher attendance make more progress and do better in school - so it is great news that we are getting closer to 97%! Thank you!

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. These gaps in learning are also the reason why we don't authorise leave 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.

If you need support with your child's attendance, please reach out to Sharon, a member of the leadership team or myself & we would be happy to meet for a chat.

Fiona

## Key Dates

- Thursday 7th  
December: Christmas Jumper Day
- Monday 11th - 12th  
December: Christmas Nativity Show
- Wednesday 13th  
December: Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 14th  
December: Christmas Party & Christmas Panto
- 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

# 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	9 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	1 space remaining

## Wednesdays

Club House	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Basketball Club	Year 3 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	18 spaces remaining
Cooking Club (£20 per term)	Years 1 - Year 6	3:45 - 5:00	NO space remaining

**SOLD OUT**

## 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	8 spaces remaining
Arts and Crafts Club	Nursery - Year 2	3:45 - 4:45	8 spaces remaining

## Stars of the week



**Y1: Yousef & Akilah**

**Y2: Khaleel & Farha**

**Y3: Liyana & Salma**

**Y4: Sama**

**Y5: Mahveen**

**Y6: Ishaq**

## Attendance

**Y6: 100%**

**Well done Y6!**

## 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 regarding this.





# School Council

Our fantastic School Council met for their first meeting of the academic year.

They discussed what it means to be a good School Councillor & how they are going to listen to and respect each other's ideas.

They also decided that they want to make sure that all children are safe and happy in school.

**Year 1:** Zahir and Mayameen

**Year 2:** Hermes and Arc-en-ciel

**Year 3:** Jamelia and Azam

**Year 4:** Noah and Alyssa

**Year 5:** Mahdi and Amaanah

**Year 6:** Dawud and Nuha



# Year 6 100% attendance

Well done to Year 6 for achieving 100% attendance! Keep up the good work, well done!



## Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents that came to the Christmas coffee morning today!





# ParentPay Activation

Activate your ParentPay account to purchase your Christmas show tickets now and more!

Please contact the school office to get your username & password to activate your ParentPay account for your child.

ParentPay offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest internet security available.

This is a more convenient way to pay for school meals, trips, clubs and other school items online, using a secure service called ParentPay. Once you have activated your account you can make online payments straight away.



## ParentPay

## Christmas Jumper Day

### Christmas Jumper Day

On **Thursday 7th December**, we are joining the rest of the country and taking part in Christmas Jumper Day. Everyone is welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas colours and donate £2 to 'Save the Children'. The school's charity buckets will be out on each of the gates at the beginning and end of the day. This is a wonderful way to teach the children even more about our school value of **compassion**.

# Reception

From London to India!  
Leading on from children's interest in building structures around them, EYFS are thinking about other famous landmarks. They have been looking at pictures of the Shard, Eiffel Tower & the Taj Mahal. Here is a photo of children working as a team to build a Taj Mahal. They even thought about the royal roles they'd have if they lived in the Taj Mahal.



## Reception

Reception continue to learn the Shark in the park story in English. Here are some photos of children acting the story out in small groups.



# Year 4

This week, Year 4 went on a trip. We didn't go too far - just to Stebon - but we had a fantastic time! The children worked in teams to build a robot using their knowledge of the components of an electrical circuit. With their robots made, they came up with some interesting names: Pancake and Furious Feline! Then, the fun began. Everyone had the chance to battle their robots. Well Done to team 'Furious Feline' for winning the battles!







## Year 1

Year 1 went on an autumn walk to discover signs of autumn in our environment. We noticed that things around us change in each season. We talked about animals, trees, shadows and even the weather!

## Year 4

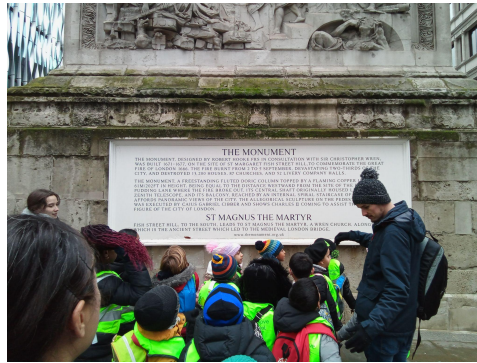
Following Steve the Inventors visit, Y4 design engineers set about creating eye-catching details that would exploit the movement produced by their cam boxes. A brilliant designing & making session. Excellent work Y4!





## Year 2

Year 2 completed their learning about the Great Fire of London by visiting Monument and the Tower of London. At the Monument they were able to see the huge statue in remembrance of the fire and Pudding Lane where the fire started. They then carried on the trip by visiting the Tower of London and going back in time to 1666 for a Great Fire of London workshop. The children had an amazing time and were able to share their knowledge about the events of 1666.



## Year 5 - Art

Y5 potters applied their coiling skills to form the shape of their vases. They used thumbs, fingers and then a clay tool to blend their coils and create a smooth outer surface. Next time, we'll create autobiographical details to make our vases really unique. Excellent clay work Y5!





# Year 6

Today Year 6 have been orally rehearsing their diary entry in English. They have used their story map and stepped out the sections as a group



## Hospitality & Catering Course

There is a Level 1 certificate for Hospitality and catering course. The course is running for 12 weeks, 3 days per week and 4 hours each day.

If you are interested please contact:

020 7510 9770

thehivetraining@popparh  
arca.co.uk



**Level 1 Certificate**

### Hospitality & Catering

Discover the essential skills to thrive in hospitality and catering.  
Gain a working understanding of all aspects of basic food preparation, cooking and restaurant service.

- ✓ Get qualified in 12 weeks
- ✓ 3 days per week
- ✓ 4 hours each day
- ✓ A busy and practical course with real working experience in our cafes and kitchens.

**Wed 10 Jan - Fri 29 Mar 24**

**Wednesday to Friday**  
9.30am - 1.00pm

**Felby,**  
18 Aberfeldy Sq, E14 0XA

**Enrolment closes 21 December**  
Get in touch:  
020 7510 9770  
[thehivetraining@popparharc.co.uk](mailto:thehivetraining@popparharc.co.uk)





**SCAN HERE**

TO PRACTISE OUR FESTIVE SONGS!



SNOWMAN AT SUNSET

## Snowman at Sunset

We are having our annual Christmas Show called 'Snowman at Sunset' on Monday 11th December and Tuesday 12th December at 2:15pm.

Please scan on the code for you to practice our festive songs along with your children!

## Tickets Now Available!

We are inviting you to come along and watch our Christmas Show!

Just go on ParentPay, select the amount of tickets you want (max 2 per family), write the day you want on the notes and make the purchase.

We hope to see you there!

[www.lefta.org.uk](http://www.lefta.org.uk)

## Snowman at Sunset



**Monday 11th December & Tuesday 12th  
December 2023**

**In the main hall at 2:15pm**

# coffee

## Mornings



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

**Dates:**

**Friday 26th January**

**Friday 23rd February**

**Friday 22nd March**

**Friday 3rd May**

**Friday 21st June**

**From 9:15am**



## 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

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](#).



## Shakespeare

We have the Shakespeare Schools Festival date!

Next year, Year 4's Shakespeare Schools Festival performance will be on **Friday 9th February 2024 at the Greenwich Theatre**.

Make sure to save the date in your diaries. More information to come soon...

# SSF DATE 2024

**FRIDAY  
9TH FEBRUARY  
(LAST DAY OF TERM)**

A date for your diaries Year 4 parents & carers! Next year's Year 4 Shakespeare Schools Festival performance date is Friday 9th Feb 2024 at The Greenwich Theatre. More info to come soon!



# 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](#)





# Bygrove School

## Nursery places available

for September 2024

**Would you like your child to attend  
an outstanding Nursery?**

### Open days:

Monday 27th November 2023 from 4:00pm—5:00pm


Monday 15th January 2024 from 4:00pm—5:00pm

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

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

**If your child was born between 1st September 2020 & 31st August 2021 you  
can apply for a Nursery place at Bygrove Primary School online at  
[www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)**



A background image showing several young children in school uniforms playing on a wooden playground structure. One child in the foreground is looking towards the camera, while others are in the background, some holding onto the structure.

**'This is a school that plans carefully for the needs of its children and parents.'**

**IQM, 2019**

**'I know they are in the best hands being at school with the amazing nursery team at Bygrove.'**

**Parent, 2021**

**'Personalised curriculum for pupils with additional needs was a fundamental aim of the school.'**

**IQM, 2020**

**Full time places are also available through the 30 hour funding scheme for working parents. You can check if you are eligible at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)**

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# 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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