



# The Byword



8th December 2023

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## Key Dates

- 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

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are really looking to you joining us next week for the Christmas performance of 'Snowman at Sunset'. It will be lovely to watch the children perform together as a community. Parents & carers are also very welcome to watch the pantomime 'Gnome Alone' which is on Thursday morning. Please arrive for 9.20am.

The festive excitement is also building for our end of term class parties which will take place on Thursday. The children can come into school in their party clothes ready for a day of fun! Next week we will be sharing the key dates for the spring term so please keep a look out for these.

Friday 15th December will be the last day of the autumn term & the children will finish at 1.30pm.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend & see you next week.

Best wishes,

Fiona

# 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.

## Stars of the week



Y1: Jason & Aisha

Y2: Riyad & Aahil

Y3: Tarique, Sofia & Jaleel

Y4: Alyssa

Y5: Arya

Y6: Muaaz

## Cooking with Parents

One of our lovely parents taught other parents how to make one of her delicious recipes. Everyone joined in to help and enjoyed the food they all made together.





# Year 1

We had a great time at the Tower of London where we learnt even more about kings, queens and castles.

We went through some knight training with Sir Tom and even went to see the crown jewels!





# Year 1

Year 1 are learning about the Christmas story. They took part in a Now Press Play experience where they got to play the different characters and understand the significance of the Christmas story and why we celebrate this time of year.



## Year 5 & 6

Some children from Year 5 and Year 6 had a great time at a maths master class at Langdon Park Secondary School. They were able to mix with children from other schools and put their maths minds to the test! They had an amazing time spotting patterns and can't wait for the next session.







## Year 2

Year 2 brought plenty of festive spirit on Christmas Jumper day!



## Year 6

Today, Year 6 have been investigating light and how it travels. They made predictions and recorded their findings





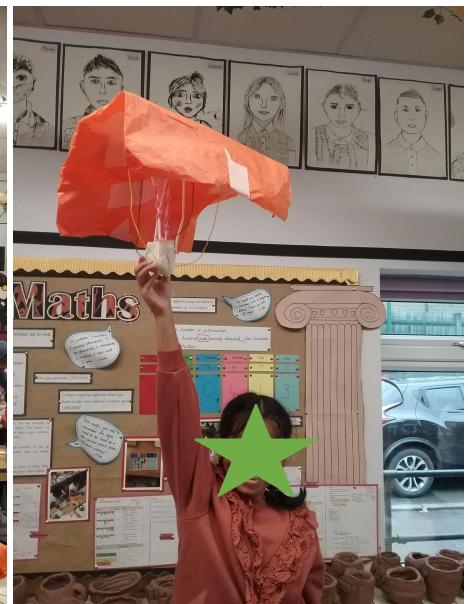
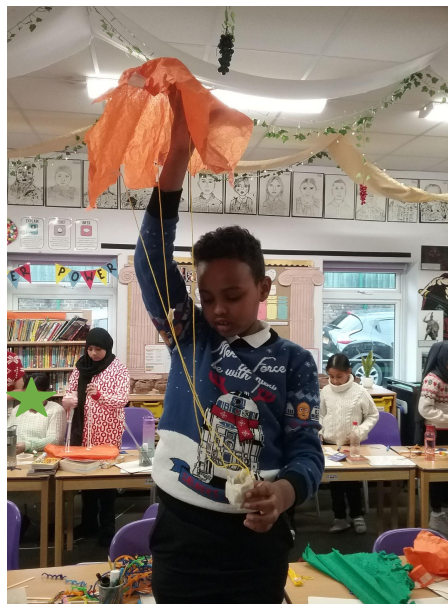
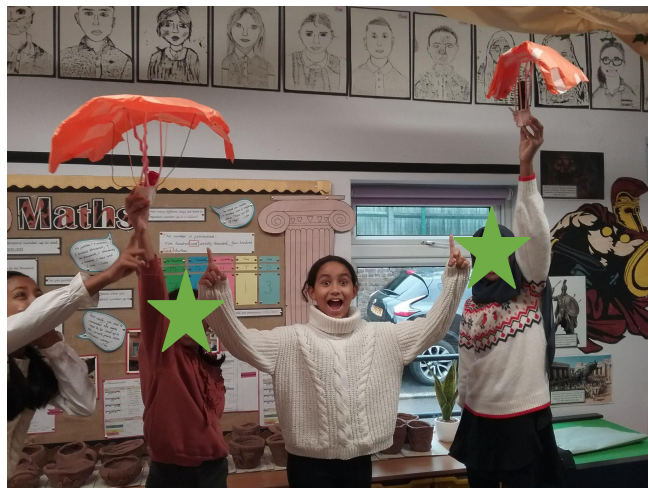
# Year 5 - Art

The artist Grayson Perry said "You should put all your experience, all your personality into making a vase." Our Y5 potters have done just that. This week, they applied their clay skills to add autobiographical details to their beautiful vases. Lovely work Y5!



## Year 5

Year 5 have been testing out air resistance as part of their science unit on forces this week. Next week they all have to drop an egg of the top of the fort in the playground. They have to find a way to increase the air resistance on it so that it doesn't break!





# 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!

## 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...

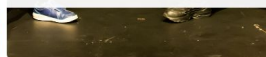
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## TICKETS ON SALE NOW

9TH FEB - GREENWICH THEATRE - 7:30PM



<https://greenwichtheatre.org.uk/events/shakespeare-schools-festival-feb-24/>



**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**

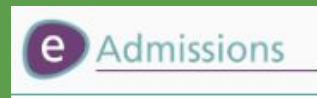
**From 9:15am**

## 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](#).



## 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**







# 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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