



26th January 2024

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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

After School Clubs: spaces are 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	12 spaces remaining
Football Club	Reception - Year 2	3:45 - 4:45	13 spaces remaining

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

Club House	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Basketball Club	Year 3 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	11 spaces remaining

Thursdays

Club House	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Multi-Sports Club	Years 3 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	9 spaces remaining

Fridays

Club House	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Archery Club	Years 3 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	16 spaces remaining

Stars of the week



Y1: Arhaan

Y2: Arc-en-ciel & Osman

Y3: Maira

Y4: Amaanah & Arwin

Y5: Fariha

After School Clubs - Spring 2024

Each club costs £17.50 for the term. Breakfast club £1.00 and Ad-Hoc Club Clubhouse 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 22nd January 2024.

Spring Term P.E Timetable

Year 1

Dates	Day	What	Changing	Where
Spring Term 1	Tuesday	Dance	Change in school Go home in their PE kits	Hall
Spring Term 2	Tuesday	Ball Skills	Change in school Go home in their PE kits	Pitch/Playground

Year 2

Dates	Day	What	Changing	Where
Part 1: 8th January - 2nd February	Wednesday	Gymnastics	Arrive at school in PE kits Change after playtime	Hall
Part 2: 5th February - 1st March	Monday	Gymnastics	Change in school Go home in their PE kits	Hall
Part 3: 4th March - 29th March	Wednesday	Athletics	Arrive at school in PE kits Change after playtime	Hall

Year 3

Dates	Day	What	Changing	Where
Spring Term 1	Wednesday	Dance	Change in school Go home in their PE kits	Hall
Spring Term 2	Wednesday	Athletics	Change in school Go home in their PE kits	Hall

Year 4

Dates	Day	What	Changing	Where
Spring Term 1	Friday	Cricket	Arrive at school in PE kits Change after playtime	Hall
Spring Term 2	Friday	Athletics	Arrive at school in PE kits Change after playtime	Hall

Year 5

Day	What	Changing	Where
Monday	Swimming (9:30-10:30 session)	Change at venue	Poplar Baths

Year 6

Dates	Day	What	Changing	Where
Spring Term 1	Thursday	Tag Rugby	Change in school Go home in their PE kits	Pitch/Playground
Part 2 5th February-29th March	Tuesday	Cycling	Arrive at school in PE kits Change after playtime	Pitch/Playground

Vision Ability

We had a visit from Visionability, a fantastic charity who led an interesting and informative assembly about sight loss and how to support visually impaired people. They shared the importance of getting your eyes checked regularly. Thank you Owais and Luqmaan for coming in to share your stories.

<https://twitter.com/VisionAbility>

<https://www.visionability.org.uk>



Year 3

Y3 have been learning about the ways in which lever and linkage mechanisms can change the direction of movement. Carefully constructing their prototypes will really help them when it comes to designing and making their own moving greetings cards.



Nursery

A big thank you to the nursery parents that came to see their child's learning in their child's special book.



Nursery

Nursery had their first forest school session this spring term.

We were lucky to have sunshine and lovely weather.

The children had the opportunity to explore a range of activities, these included: pond dipping, bird watching, a minibeast hunt, planting a range of bulbs and tree climbing. We finished off our session with some hot chocolate and biscuits, which the children absolutely enjoyed.



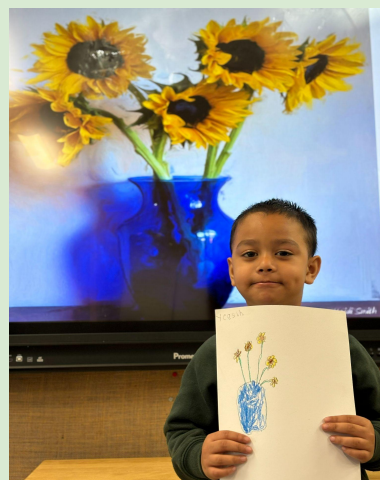
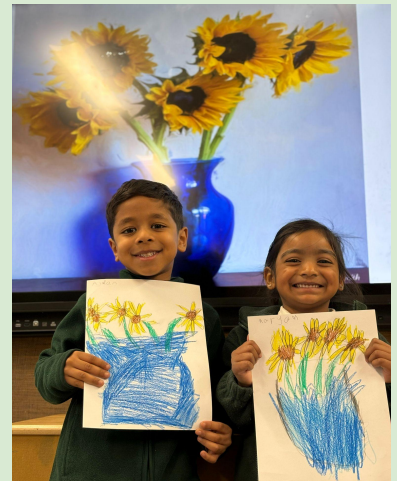
Reception

Reception were fascinated by the frozen pond this week! They thought of different ways to break the ice so that they could get to the water. They used sticks and spades to break the ice. They listened carefully to the sound the ice was making as it smashed into tiny pieces.



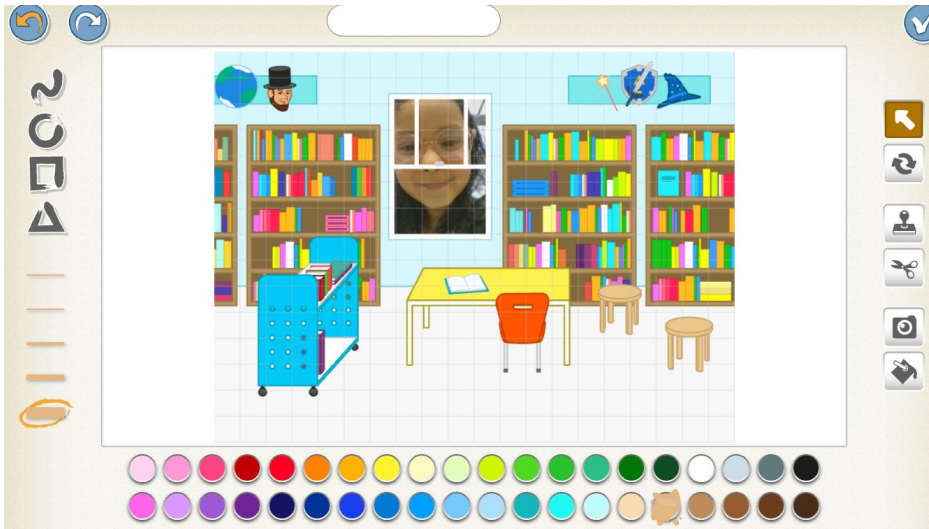
Reception

Reception have shown an interest in still life drawing. They spent some time observing artists completing their masterpieces. Reception then had a go at drawing and colouring a picture of some sunflowers. Here are some photos from their art session.



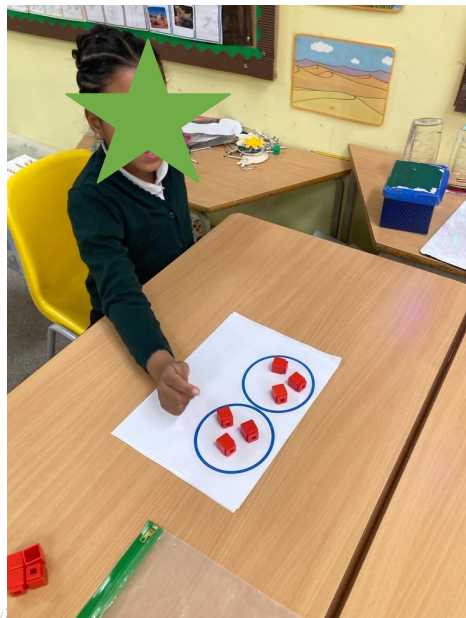
Year 1

This week in computing the children in year 1 have been using Scratch Jr. They learnt how to add a background and objects. All of the adults were impressed by the children's confidence and creativity in this subject.



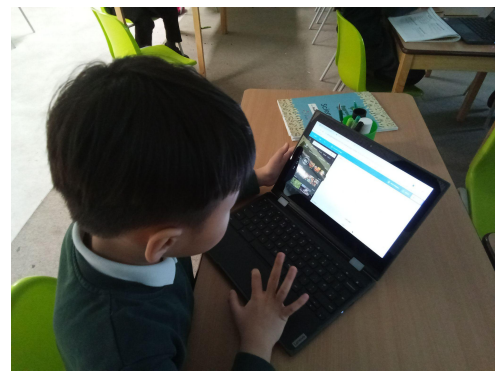
Year 2

This week Year 2 have been learning about division in maths. They learnt that division is when we share an amount into small equal groups. The children worked hard to make sure they were sharing equally and counting to see how many were in each group.



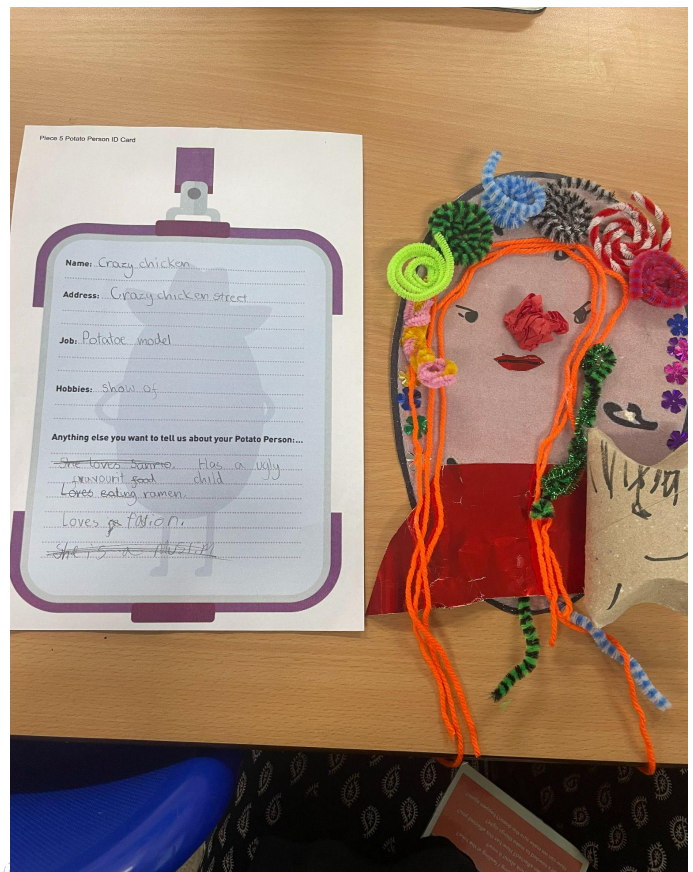
Year 3

Year 3 have been getting creative preparing presentations on 'What does it mean to be healthy?' Look out for the displayed on their classroom window next week!



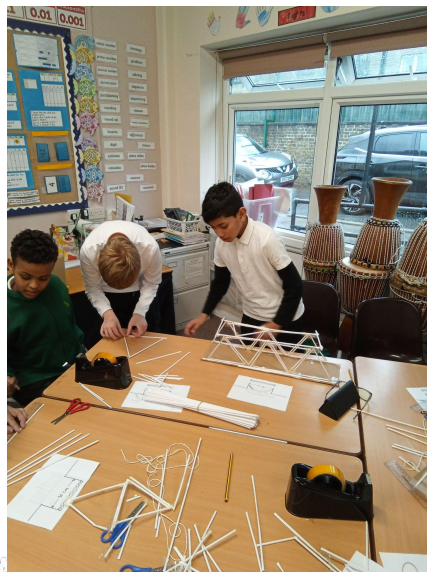
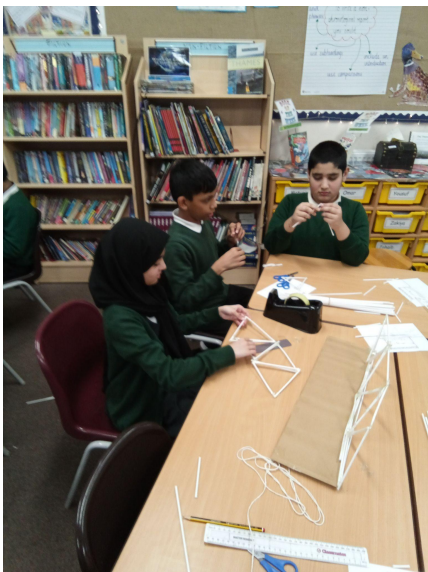
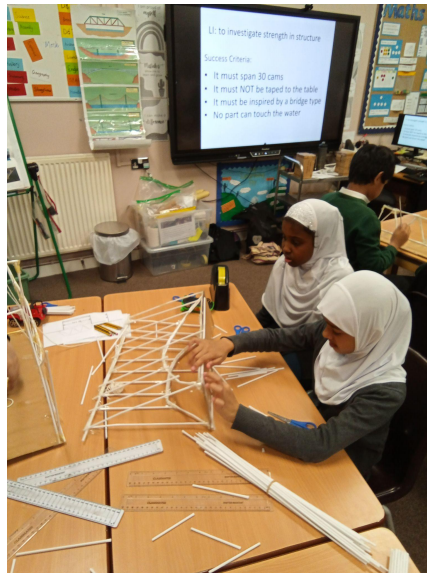
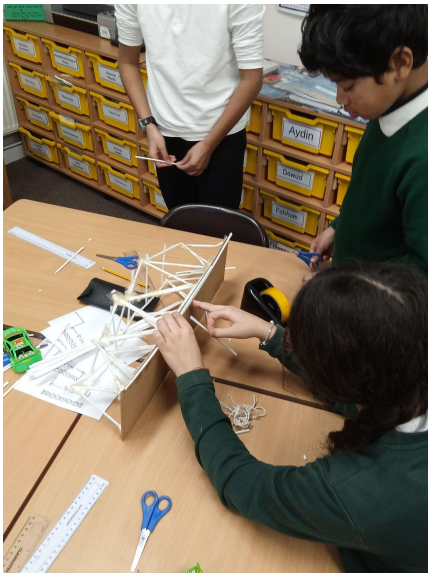
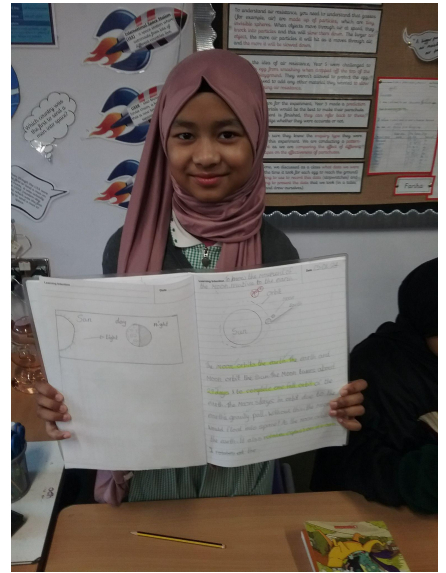
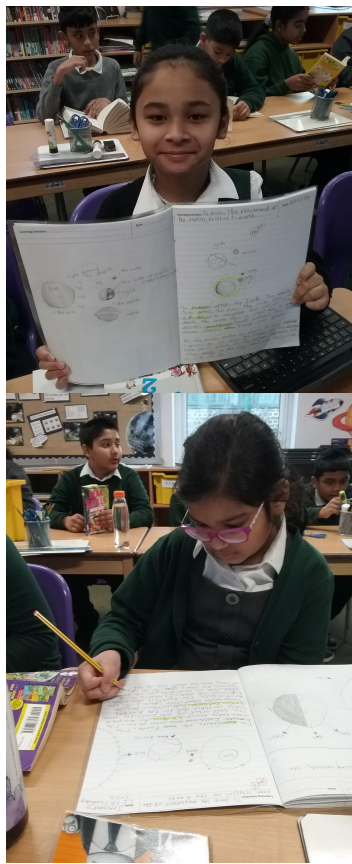
Year 4

In PSHE yesterday, Year 4 designed their own 'Potato Person'. This potato person won the class competition.



Year 5

This week in Science, Year 5 have been learning about the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth. They learnt about how the Moon orbits the Earth as well as rotating on its axis.



Year 6

This term Year 6 have been learning about different types of bridges and what it takes to makes a good strong bridge. Today, they have been working together to create their own model bridges. They have worked as a team and shared their ideas well. We can't wait to see the final master pieces and test the strength of their bridges next week.



BYGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

After School clubs

Club House - 3:45-5:30pm


Clubs - 3:45-4:45pm



**SIGN UP
NOW!**
ON
PARENTPAY

£17.50

LIST OF CLUBS

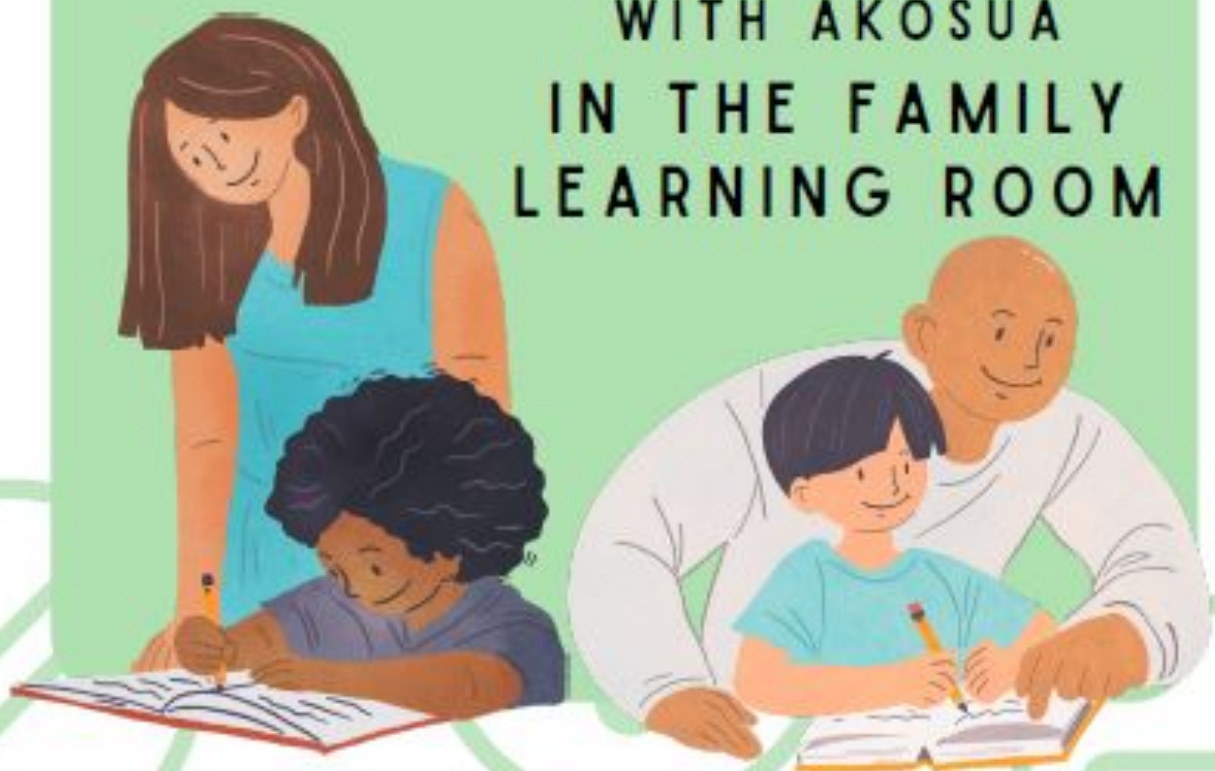
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- Music Production: Mondays - Yr2-Yr6
 - Football: Mondays: Rec - Yr2
 - Football: Tuesdays: Yr3 - Yr6
 - Basketball: Wednesdays: Yr3 - Yr6
 - Multi sports club: Thursdays: Yr3 - Yr6
 - Archery: Fridays: Yr3 - Yr6

**Club House: Monday-Friday
NURSERY - YR6**

MATH WORKSHOP: **Supporting maths at home**

9:15-9:45AM
MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2024

WITH AKOSUA
IN THE FAMILY
LEARNING ROOM



Maths Workshop

Maths Mastery



**FRIDAY 15TH
MARCH
AT 9:15 - 9:45AM**

**WITH AKOSUA
IN THE FAMILY
LEARNING
ROOM**

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!

Year 4's Shakespeare Schools Festival performance will be on
Friday 9th February 2024 at the Greenwich Theatre at 7:30pm.

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

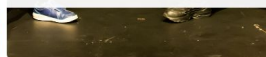
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TICKETS ON SALE NOW

9TH FEB - GREENWICH THEATRE - 7:30PM



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



coffee Mornings



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

Dates:

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

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

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

**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**



'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

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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 or call 0207 538 4925



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Byword