



The Byword



13th December 2024

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Key Dates

- Monday 16th December: Nativity Performance
- Tuesday 17th December: Nativity Performance
- Wednesday 18th December: Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 19th December: Christmas Parties
- Friday 20th December: Last day of school & Autumn Term - Children to be collected at 1.30pm
- Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January 2025: Christmas holiday - School closed**
- Monday 6th January: INSET Day - School closed**
- Tuesday 7th January: All pupils return to school
- Monday 27th January: EYFS Open Day - 4pm

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are really looking to you joining us on Monday & Tuesday for the Christmas performance of 'Ralph the Reindeer'. It will be lovely to watch the children perform together as a community as they have been working really hard to learn their songs. Please don't forget to collect your tickets in advance so that the event can run smoothly for the children.

The festive excitement is also building for Christmas lunch on Wednesday & 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 20th 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



After School Clubs: spaces are available!

Our club provision for the Spring term will begin on Tuesday 7th January 2025 including Ad-Hoc Club House sessions and Breakfast Club. Please keep an eye for emails because you will need to pay via ParentPay. Clubs will be live on ParentPay by 3pm on Monday 9th December 2024.

The clubs available will be:

After School Clubs - Spring 2024

Each club costs **£18.50 for the term**. The price for the Cooking Club is **£21.00** due to the sessions being longer and the additional resources required. Breakfast Club will cost **£1.00 per day** and Ad-Hoc Club House sessions will cost **£2.00 per day**.

Mondays			
Club House	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Music Production	Years 2 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	20 spaces remaining
Tuesdays			
Club House	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Phase 2 Football Club	Years 4 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	17 spaces remaining
Wednesdays			
Club House	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Phase 1 Football Club	Year 1 - Year 3	3:45 - 4:45	15 spaces remaining
Thursdays			
Club House	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Cooking Club (£21 per term)	Years 1 - Year 6	3:45 - 5:00	10 spaces remaining
Fridays			
Club House	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome

Attendance

Our aim is to promote high attendance so that our pupils achieve well at school. Regular attendance and punctuality is also crucial for making friends and developing good relationships.



Exceptional!
100%



Very Good
97% - 99%



Potential to improve
91% - 96%



Needs to improve
90% & below

Our whole school attendance target for this year:
97.00%

Attendance for the week beginning Monday 2nd December 2024 - Friday 6th December 2024 (Rec-Y6):
96.60%

Year	Attendance
Nursery	83.20%
Reception	98.00%
Year 1	94.67%
Year 2	95.33%
Year 3	95.86%
Year 4	98.62%
Year 5	94.14%
Year 6	99.66%

Last week's attendance
Y6: 99.66%
Well done Y6!

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Virtual information sessions

Tower Hamlets Pupil Services are holding virtual information sessions for parents with the Transition Support Service on Reception and Nursery admissions as it is now time to apply. This is to support parents on how to apply & to make any changes to their application. The following details can also be found on the Tower Hamlets website:

Reception Admissions Sessions Date & Time:

Friday 10th January

To book a place: <https://GS25.eventbrite.co.uk>

Nursery Admissions Sessions Date & Time:

Tuesday 14th January

Tuesday 4th February

To book a place: <https://GR25.eventbrite.co.uk>

Christmas Nativity Show Tickets

You can collect the Christmas Nativity Show tickets from the office. Please keep the tickets safe as you will need to show them on the day.



Amazon Wishlist

Dear Families,

Every year at Bygrove we receive thoughtful and generous gifts particularly around the holidays. This year, if you are thinking of purchasing a gift, please consider buying something from our Amazon wish list for Inclusion and EYFS to add to the learning resources for our pupils at Bygrove. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.

Thank you for your support,
Team Bygrove



Inclusion Wish List Link: <https://amzn.eu/iNJP3zb>

EYFS Wish List Link: <https://amzn.eu/gadpcKz>

Chewing Gum

Please refrain from giving your child chewing gum when they are coming into school. We are a chewing gum free school as it can lead to littering, distractions during learning time, it is unhygienic and not good for children's health. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us create a focused and tidy learning environment.



Mathletics

MATHLETICS WINNERS

1ST: Y1 - 40,156 POINTS

2ND: Y5 - 21,968 POINTS

3RD: Y6 - 16,613 POINTS

**TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE
THIS WEEK:**

**Y5 - TASMI MD
9,030 POINTS**

HANDWRITING HEROES

YEAR 1: HANNA

YEAR 2: ELIZA

YEAR 3: ARC-EN-CIEL

YEAR 4: IQRA

YEAR 5: NOAH

YEAR 6: ZAMZAM





Stars Of The Week

Year 1

Ava

Year 2

Arham

Year 3

Akil

Year 4

Aryan

Year 5

Mumena

Year 6

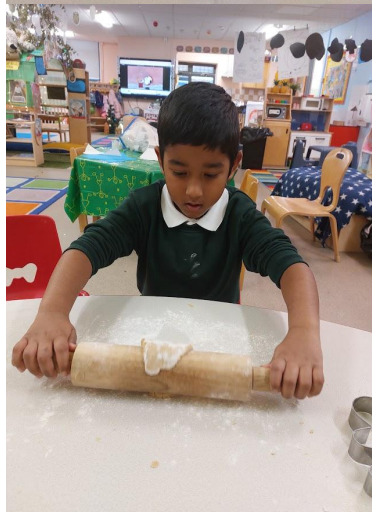
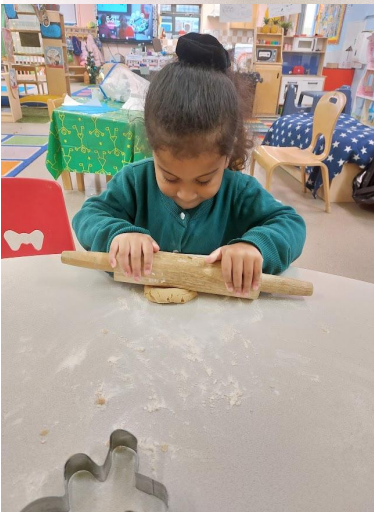
Maria

Nursery

It's been another festive week in Nursery! On Monday and Tuesday, we went to see the Christmas lights and the Christmas tree at Crisp Street Market. While we were there, we felt the spiky Christmas tree, pretended to send letters to Santa and even saw some colourful lights! Later in the week, our mummies and daddies came into school to help decorate our Snowflake hats for our performance. First, we looked through our special books to celebrate our learning so far. Then, we decorated our hats to make them look beautiful and snowy!



Reception



It's beginning to look, smell & taste a lot like Christmas 🎄
Reception enjoyed a week of Christmas themed sensory play. They had flour with mixed spices to mark make with, sweet cinnamon flavoured playdough to roll and cut with & then they got even more busy with baking some Christmas gingerbread cookies.

Bloom award 2024



Well done to Sherin & everyone at Bygrove for achieving 2nd place at the Tower Hamlets in Bloom Awards!

Bygrove Gardners



We had 50 applicants, 26 were shortlisted and 14 people have got the position as gardeners. Well done to Eliza, Daris, Jumana, Asiyah, Léo, Khadeeja, Tayeba, Madeha, Jaleel, Azam, Hana, Eva, Alyssa and Aliah. Phrases used in the interviews included 'making a safer environment' and 'producing an edible garden'. In the future they would like to be gardeners, scientists and farmers.



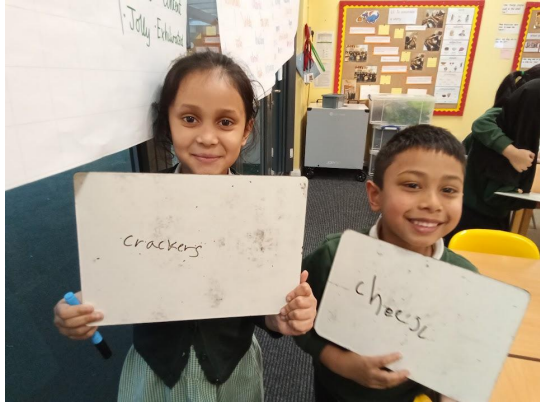
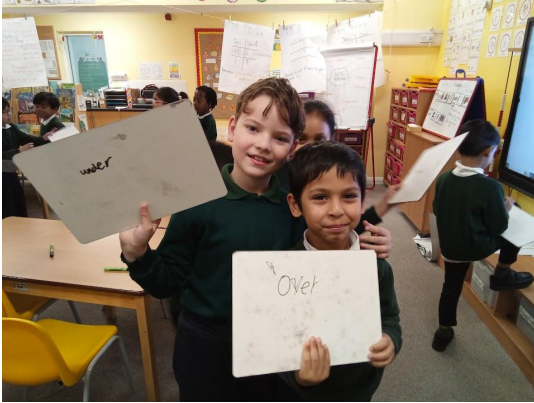
The children and staff in the SLS had a very enjoyable day wearing our Christmas jumpers to celebrate Christmas Jumper Day 2024. Dennis (the SLS puppet) greeted all the children at the door saying "Happy Christmas Jumper Day SLS!".



The children of the SLS were looking at the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. From this story, they created some very colourful caterpillars using egg boxes, green and red paint and our sewing skills (fine motor skills).

Year 2

Year 2 have been learning how to celebrate differences in PSHE. This week we looked at similarities, differences and how to value being different from each other. The children enjoyed their activity of finding their opposite pairs.



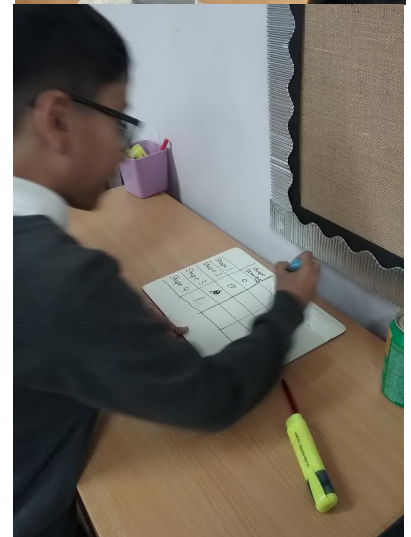
Year 3

This week, Year 3 embraced the magic of the season by using digital platforms to design and share their own Christmas cards! Their creativity has flourished as they crafted thoughtful, festive messages and amazing designs to delight their friends and teachers. These budding digital artists have impressed us all with their creativity and growing tech skills, spreading festive cheer throughout the school.



Year 5

This week, Year five have been putting their final touches on their Greek inspired pots. For science, the children carried out an experiment to find out how long it took for different shaped blue tack pieces to sink to the bottom of a jug filled with water.



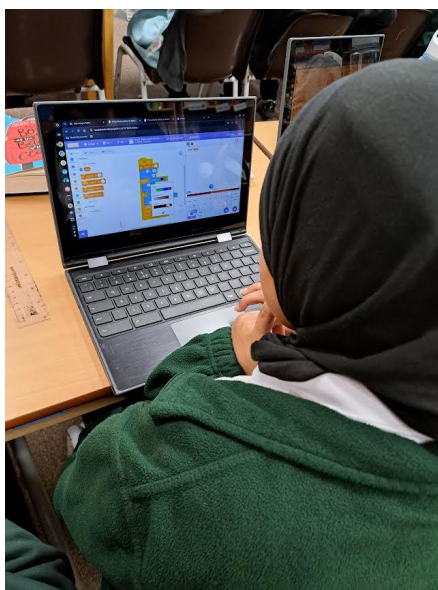
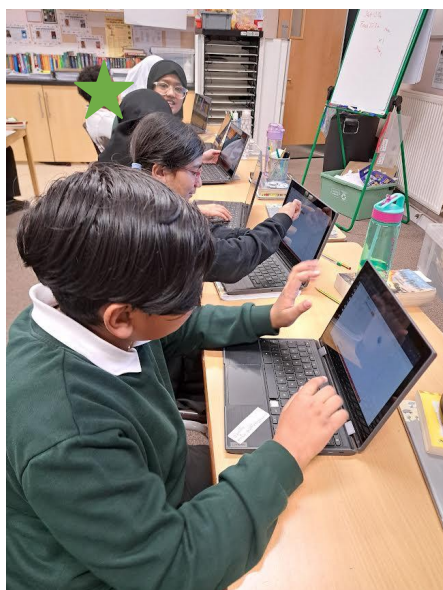
Explorers

Pacific Explorers hosted an afternoon tea party as an outcome for their Good Neighbour destination. They were excellent hosts to their guests, making sure they were offered drinks and food. Some children were even confident enough to take orders. The children then sat down with their guests and got to know them by asking questions. We would also like to thank all the families members who attended to make it a memorable event for the children.



Year 6

Year 6 have been improving simple computer games using their programming skills in computing lessons. They have been adding variables like scores, timers and improving a variety of game elements by altering the game algorithm!





JOIN US FOR UPCOMING PARENT WORKSHOPS

**The Tower Hamlets
Education Wellbeing Service
(THEWS) are hosting two
workshops at Bygrove
Primary School**

**Friday 10th Jan: 9-10am
Parent Workshop
(Wellbeing)**

**Friday 24th Jan: 9-10am
Supporting with Emotional
Regulation**



The Social Connect Pathway



An integrated approach with NHS Therapies and Children Centres to support children who have Social Communication Differences. The aim is to understand how your child is communicating differently and develop your child's communication and interactions within everyday routines and activities.

Discover Social Communication Difference (SCD)

One off Parent Workshop

This is an online session to support you to understand what we mean by social communication and think about what level of communication your child is at.

1 x 90 minute session

Scan QR code to sign up

WHAT WE OFFER

Learn and Connect

Parent Sessions

We go into more detail around strategies directly linked to your child. Sessions are delivered by experts in the topics using video examples and small group discussions.

6 x 90 minute sessions

To sign up:

Online: Scan QR Code

Face to face sessions: Speak to your local children's centre

Stay and Play

This is a session where there are families, Early intervention workers and different professionals that can provide specific strategies and advice around social communication in a safe environment.

This is a drop in session - speak to your local children's centre for more information.

Grow and Connect

Once we have seen you at our stay and play, we as a team will review each family and think about what support will be best for you. We may offer a block of therapy around a specific skill you would like to develop.

Play and Connect

Parent and Child Sessions

Focusing on communication and interaction within every day routines.

6 x 90 minute session

These groups are designed, set up and monitored by Speech and Language Therapists and Occupational Therapists.

To sign up:

Speak to your local children's centre

Supporting children with social communication differences

NHS

Barts Health
NHS Trust

WHAT WE OFFER



1) You or someone has concerns about your child's social communication.

Social communication means the way in which children understand and use language to communicate with different people in different social situations.

2) You understand what social communication is and want more support from professionals.

- There is not a specific order you have to access the groups.
- Please note we will not be accepting referrals unless you have attended these groups
- If you need help accessing virtual sessions please email:

bartshealth.socialconnect@nhs.net

UP TO DATE VIRTUAL SESSIONS

(learn and connect and understanding SCD workshop)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/barts-young-health-childrens-therapies-75042212983>



3) After these groups, if you are still worried will will invite you to a screening clinic for Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy

SCD Stay and Play Session

TUESDAY: MARNER CHILDREN'S CENTRE 10AM TILL 11.30AM

THURSDAY ISLE OF DOGS CHILDREN'S CENTRE 10AM TILL 11.30AM.

**SUITABLE FOR BENGALI FAMILIES
CONTACT C&FC TO BOOK**

Virtual understanding SCD workshop:

A online session to support parents to understand what we mean by social communication.

(Separate session for Bengali families)

Play and Connect

Parent and Child Sessions at Children and Family Centres

Focusing on communication and interaction within every day routines.
6 x 90 minute session

Speak to your health visitor or children and family centre

Learn and Connect

Parent only sessions

6 x 90 minute sessions - run by Speech and Language therapy team and occupational health team

Face to face: refer via Early Help enquiry form

Virtual sessions: Eventbrite

Currently not suitable for families that do not speak English

Would you like more information? Contact bartshealth.socialconnect@nhs.net

23 NOVEMBER - 4 JANUARY



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Read 4 books during
the challenge and
receive a certificate
for being a superstar!

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MITS ON
SOME BOOKS
TODAY!

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for more information.



The main logo for the LEGO Club. It features the word "LEGO" in large, bold, orange capital letters, and the word "CLUB" in smaller, white, outlined capital letters with a black shadow effect, positioned to the right of "LEGO". The entire logo is set against a white background that is shaped like a large LEGO brick with three studs on top. This central graphic is surrounded by several smaller, white-outlined LEGO bricks of various shapes and sizes, scattered across the teal background.

LEGO CLUB

Every Sunday, 12 - 1pm

Are you an expert builder or just like inventing new creations? Come along to our weekly LEGO Club and let your imagination run wild. We will give you a theme every week to inspire you or you can just do your own thing.

**Starts
Thursday 5
December!**

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Tesco Stronger Starts Grant

We have been accepted for the TESCO STRONGER STARTS GRANT!
You may have seen the boxes in store where customers get to vote
for their favourite cause with blue tokens!

The voting for our grant will commence in store from the first week in
October 2024 until Mid January 2025.

We have applied for £1500 to help us to promote healthy-after school
clubs & we need your help!

Our bid will be placed in the following Tesco Stores! If you shop in any
of these stores, please ask for a token & cast your vote for Bygrove!
THANK YOU!

2239 Canary Wharf Small unit E14 4QT
5430 Millharbour Iod Exp Small unit E14 9NA
5736 Limehouse Comm Rd Exp Small unit E14 7LW
5841 Poplar Hind St Lon Exp Small unit E14 9RL
5989 Bow Violet Rd Lon Exp Small unit E3 3QG
6005 Frances Wharf Lon Exp Small unit E14 7BY
6063 Baltimore Iod Exp Small unit E14 9RB
6289 South Plaza Iod Exp Small unit E14 9SH
6593 Marsh Wall Exp Small unit E14 9AB
6898 Isle Of Dog Manchester Exp Small unit E14 3NX

To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the
Tesco website here: <http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk>

Once voting has concluded in store, votes will be collated during
Mid-January 2025 and you will be notified of the outcome of the
public vote after Mid February 2025. Please share this with family &
friends!

School applications are now open



Don't miss the deadlines for admission to secondary, primary and nursery schools.

Secondary admissions For children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014	31 October 2024
Primary admissions For children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021	15 January 2025
Nursery admissions For children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022	16 February 2026

Complete your application online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

For information about how to apply, scan the QR code or visit towerhamlets.gov.uk/schooladmissions

school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk



What if I am not a Tower Hamlets resident but would like a place at a Tower Hamlets school?

You can submit an online application via the E-admissions website:
www.eadmissions.org.uk
naming Tower Hamlets schools.

What if my child has an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP)?

The application process is different for children with an EHCP and you do not apply online. Contact the SEN team for more information.

What if I apply late?

It's really important that you make your application before the closing date otherwise your application will not be considered until all on time applicants have received their outcomes and the school may then be full.

Is my child guaranteed a place at one of our preferred schools?

Most families will be offered a place at one of their preferred schools, but this cannot be guaranteed. When a school receives more applications than the number of places available, not all children can be admitted. Therefore, please fully consider the likelihood of your child getting a place at a preferred school before you make your application.
Only naming one school does not increase your chances of being offered the school.

If my child is already in the school's nursery class, is there an automatic right to a place in the school's reception class?

When parents/carers apply for their children to start reception, no priority is given to children that attend the nursery of the school. The decision on whether a place can be offered will be made in accordance with the school's admission policy.

How will I be notified about the outcome of my application?

You will receive an email and a letter on National Offer Day.



SCAN ME



NURSERY

Places Available!

Do you have or know someone with a child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?

Apply now via www.eadmissions.org.uk

They can start with us in September 2025



**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 2025](#)

Hall Hire

Price: £60 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.
30 minutes before the event to set up - free of charge.

Facilities:

Car Park Space: 6 cars maximum.

X8 double tables with benches attached.

X40 chairs

Use of warming ovens but no cooking allowed.

Playground use up to 8pm (no high heels allowed on the soft surface).

Toilet facilities.

Speakers: laptop access to surround sound system.

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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