



# The Byword



14th February 2025

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## Key Dates

- Monday 17th - Friday 21st February: School closed for Half Term Holiday
- Monday 24th February: INSET Day - School closed**
- Tuesday 25th February: All children back to school
- Monday 31st March: School closed for Eid
- Friday 4th April: Last day of term - Children to be collected at 1.30pm**
- Monday 7th - Friday 18th April - School closed for Easter Holidays

**Paper copies of the Byword are available from the office.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a truly magical evening we had last Friday at the Greenwich Theatre! Our Year 4 children absolutely captivated the audience with their performance of Romeo and Juliet. From the vibrant costumes to the passionate delivery of their lines, every single child shone brightly on stage.

The energy and enthusiasm they brought to Shakespeare's classic tale was simply breathtaking. They handled the complex language and emotions with remarkable confidence and maturity. It was a joy to witness their hard work and dedication come to fruition in such a spectacular way.

I've received so many wonderful comments from audience members who enjoyed the evening. It was a testament to the hard work of Jen, the Year 4 team and all the staff involved, who have nurtured and guided the children throughout this project. A huge thank you also to all the parents and carers who supported the children by helping with costumes, learning lines, and of course, attending the performance. Your support is invaluable!

This production of Romeo and Juliet will undoubtedly be a lasting memory for our Year 4 children and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. We are already looking forward to seeing what they will achieve in Year 5!

Please remember that the school will be closed on Monday 24th February for an INSET day. We are looking forward to seeing you all, bright and early, on Tuesday 25th February.

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break,

Fiona



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# 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 3th February 2025 - Friday 7th February 2025 (Rec-Y6):

**96.10%**

Year	Attendance
Nursery	89.23%
Reception	94.52%
Year 1	93.79%
Year 2	99.00%
Year 3	100.00%
Year 4	95.00%
Year 5	92.28%
Year 6	97.93%

Last week's attendance

Y3: 100%

Well done Y3!

# Safeguarding



AI generated content and AI tools like chatbots, content generators and summaries are quickly appearing across popular online apps and services. There are also popular AI tools appearing like ChatGPT.

There can be many positives to the use of AI in helping to find information, making creative content and getting support quickly through chat functions. However, as with other areas of online use, it comes with risks to children as well.

For example, the content that children see might not be age appropriate, legal or promote healthy behaviours. They can also experience harms such as bullying and sexual abuse through the misuse of AI content generators to create realistic looking content intended to cause harm.

**6 top tips from the NSPCC on how to support your children to use AI safely:**

## Top Tips

# Safeguarding

## How Safe is WhatsApp for Children - NSPCC

WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It allows you to send and receive messages, as well as make voice and video calls. You can connect with people individually or join group chats where lots of people can contribute. All you need to set up a WhatsApp account is a phone number. However, children and young people can easily subvert the restrictions placed on its access. Although **rated at 16+**, all that is required is a phone number. All it takes is one child in a class to be on whatsapp, and all the others will wish to join. This can lead to **increased vulnerabilities** for child users. The NSPCC has released its own analysis about the **dangers of the app**. If interested, please follow the link below:

### [The dangers of Whatsapp](#)





# Medical Tracker Introduction

We will be introducing a more convenient way to keep parents regularly informed about first-aid incidents and medication administration at school, using a service called Medical Tracker.



This system will also allow us to analyse the data we record to improve our response to future incidents and better support pupils' health needs. It will allow us to inform parents/carers of first aid incidents and medication administration by email.

To use Medical Tracker effectively, we need your email address to always be up-to-date to notify you of incidents.

**Important** – email messages will be sent from [donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk](mailto:donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk) Please add this address to your email address books (or approved sender list) to prevent messages from being blocked by your SPAM/JUNK filters.

## Parent Consultations - Spring 2025

Date	Year Group	Location
Tuesday 25th February	Year 2	Leadership Room
Wednesday 26th February	Year 5	Leadership Room
Wednesday 26th February	Nursery	Therapy Room
Thursday 27th February	Year 1	Leadership Room
Friday 28th February	SLS	Therapy Room
Tuesday 4th March	Year 6	Leadership Room
Tuesday 4th March	Year 3	Therapy Room
Wednesday 5th March	Year 4	Leadership Room
Thursday 6th March	Reception	HT Room

# Have a look at your child's **knowledge organisers** this term.

They are put together by subject leaders to help support the children in learning **key facts & vocabulary** about the subjects they are learning.

**Year Group: 5**  
Spring

**Knowledge Organiser: Science**  
**Theme: Properties and Changes of Materials**

**Key Learning**  
 When solids and liquids are mixed, there are different ways of separating them.  
 When changing materials, some changes can be reversed, and some cannot.  
 Everyday materials can be grouped, based on their properties.

**What have I learnt already?**  
 Most visible materials are either solids or liquids.  
 The names of common materials (rock, wood etc).  
 The properties of common materials (rock is hard, glass is usually smooth).

**Reversible and Irreversible Changes**

**Key Vocabulary:**

Reversible	You can reverse the change, getting back the same initial ingredients
Irreversible	You cannot reverse a change in materials
Soluble	Will dissolve in water
Insoluble	Will not dissolve in water
Dissolve	Will mix with a solid so that it appears to disappear

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Our Team

Curriculum

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Our Curriculum

Inclusion

Early Years Foundation Stage

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Click on your child's year group under the 'Curriculum' tab on the [school website](https://www.letta.org.uk).

Art and design

Computing

Design and technology

Geography

History

Spanish

Music

PE

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**Year Group 2**  
Spring

**By the end of this unit:**  
You will know how to compare things from the past to now.

**How will you be using your skill of understanding concepts?**

You will ask how and why questions to explore and find out more about the past/ things from the past. You will use photos and objects from the past to help you understand how Poplar has changed. You will compare things from the past to now.

**What have I learnt already:**

In autumn you placed key events in time order. You also looked at sources like photos and then asked questions about it.

**Knowledge Organiser: History**  
**Theme: The Secret Garden**

**Key knowledge that will be learnt:**

Through using different sources, you will find out what life was like in Poplar in the past.



In the Victorian age, Tower Hamlets opened one of the first schools for families who had little or no money. The Ragged school museum was setup by Dr. Barnardo to help local children have a basic education and improve their lives.



Dr Barnardo



Thomas Barnardo was born in Dublin in 1864. He became a Doctor in 1876.  
During his lifetime he was to become one of the most famous men in Victorian Britain due to his work with orphans.

**Key questions:**

- What did the buildings in Poplar look like in the past? How have they changed?
- What food was available before and what is available now?
- What did the streets of Poplar look like before and what do they look like now?
- What religious beliefs was mostly followed in Poplar before? How has that changed?

**Key Vocabulary:**

source	Something that tells us about the past
diversity	Having lots of ways that people/things are different
Victorians	People who lived during the reign of Queen Victoria, from 1837 to 1901
representation	To be a sign or symbol of something or someone
population	Number of people living in a certain place

# Support our Gardeners

To support our gardeners at Bygrove, please donate any garden equipment, soil, plants, shrubs, flowers, seeds you no longer need. Please bring these to the office. Any donations will be appreciated. Thank you!

Thank you to the parents who have donated so far.



## Stars Of The Week

Year 1

Zahra

Year 2

Tanha

Year 3

Yaqub

Year 4

Whole class

Year 5

Amaanah & Arwin

Year 6

Saleh

# HANDWRITING HEROES

YEAR 1: YAMIN

YEAR 2: ADAM A

YEAR 3: RIYAD

YEAR 4: SALMA

YEAR 5: AHMED

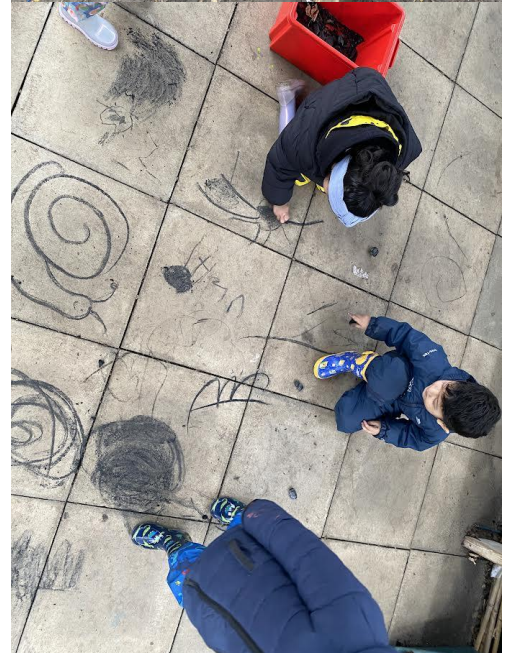
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# Nursery

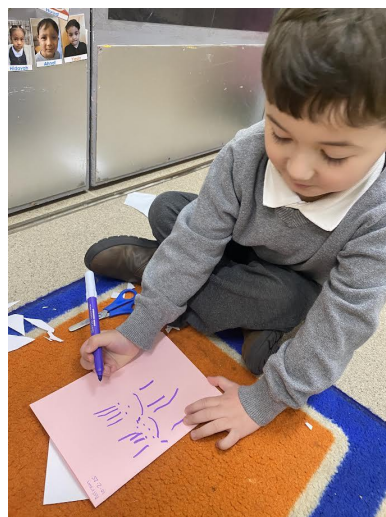
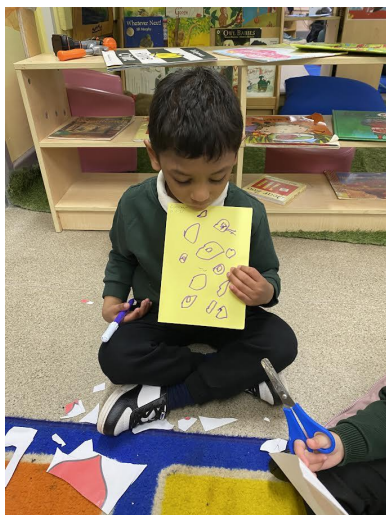
In Forest School this week, we continued to focus on digging. First, we reminded ourselves of the rules to stay safe in our environment. Then, we used shovels and rakes to dig, finding worms and root vegetables. Next, we used charcoal to make marks on the floor, drawing things we could see. Some of us even explored the pond area, using a net to collect our 'fish'. It was very cold, but we really enjoyed ourselves.





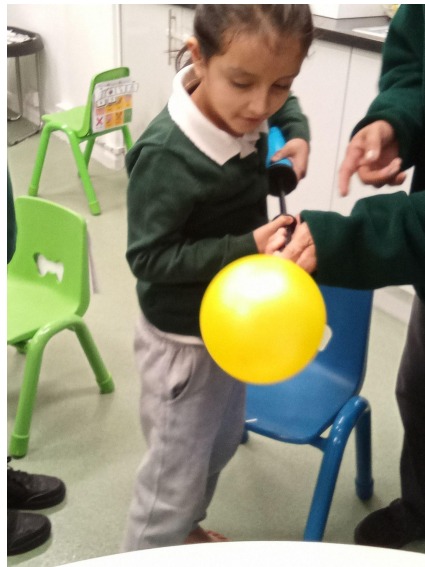
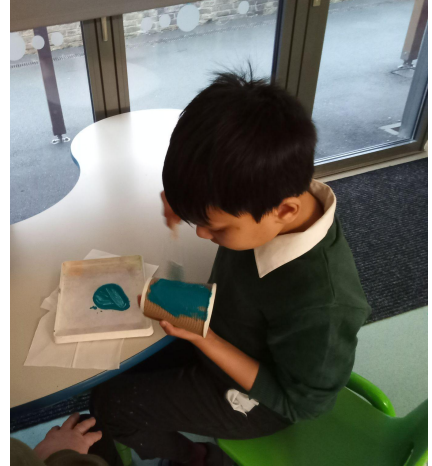
# Nursery

This week, we learned about 'Valentine's Day', a day to celebrate love. First, we spoke about the people we love, like our mummies and daddies, and why we love them. Then, we talked about things we can do or give to the people we love. Finally, we made some Valentine's cards for our families, practising our cutting skills and drawing hearts.

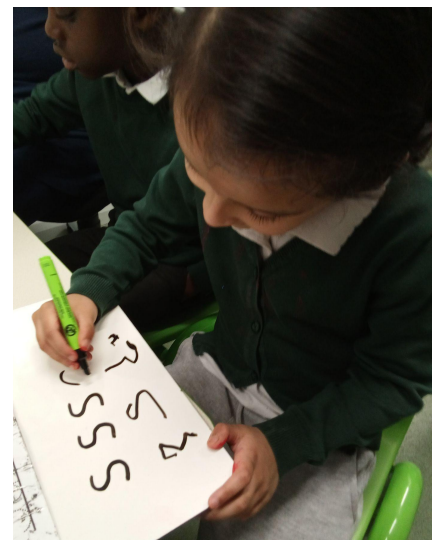




The SLS fortnightly focus is: Land and Sea.  
So we made hot air balloons. We designed and made them using string, paper cups, balloons and paint. Up, up and away!



We have also been practising our handwriting, correctly forming the letter shapes to spell our names.





# Year 1

Year 1 have been preparing a dish safely and hygienically in design and technology this week. They discussed the importance of hygiene and making sure everything was clean. Then they were able to prepare their fruit salad by washing, peeling and chopping the fruit. Finally, they sat and enjoyed eating the delicious dish they had prepared.



## School council

This week school council met with Fiona to discuss proposals they had been working on this half term. They were able to support each other in presenting their proposals showing determination and confidence in doing so. They are looking forward to hearing the outcomes from their proposals and working on them next half term.





Congratulations to our Year 4 Performers for their fantastic rock'n'roll performance of Romeo & Juliet. We are so proud of you all! Here are a few backstage pictures. Keep your eyes peeled for the professional pictures and performance appraisal coming soon. WELL DONE YEAR 4!

## **YEAR 3 & 2 PERFORMANCE PROJECT**

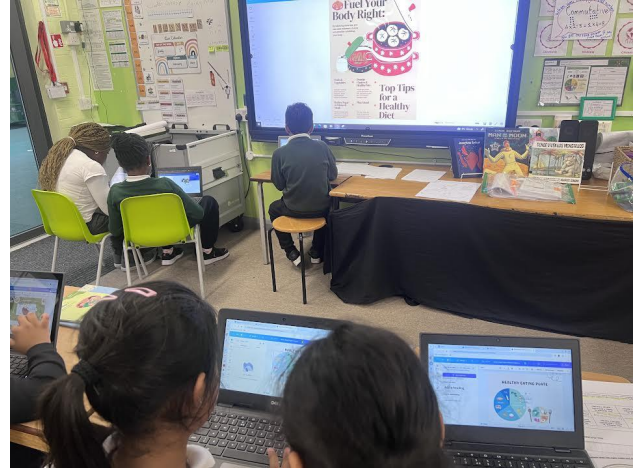
After half-term, Year 3 will begin their exciting Performance Project 'The Wind in the Willows' with Jen. Year 2 will also perform songs in the show. Please scan the QR code to listen to the songs. The Wind in the Willows will be performed to parents on the morning of Friday 4th April.

A promotional graphic for 'The Wind in the Willows' songs. It features a QR code in the center, surrounded by colorful illustrations of characters from the story, including a mole, a badger, and a toad. The text 'SCAN HERE!' is prominently displayed above the QR code, and 'FOR THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS SONGS!' is written below it. At the bottom, there is a small logo and the text 'The Wind in the Willows'.



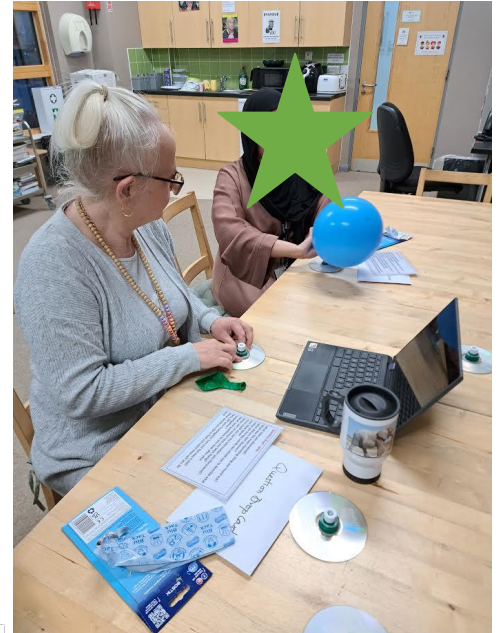
# Year 3

Year 3 scientists are on a mission! This week, they've been using Canva to create awesome presentations about what they've learned in science so far. From balanced diets to keeping our skeletons and muscles strong, they're diving into the big questions of health and nutrition. Get ready to be amazed by their creativity and knowledge by checking out their amazing posters displayed on our class window!



## TA training

This week TA training focussed on science!! As well as looking at how science skills developed across the school - we also explored the principle of friction, by making CD and balloon hovercrafts!





# Year 5

This week in Science, Year 5 conducted experiments to find out the best method for separating materials. They made predictions based on their knowledge of solids, liquids and gases and then thought carefully about how to best record their data.





# We're celebrating World Book Day® & you're invited!

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**When:**

**Thursday 6th March**

**How we're celebrating:**

**Come to school dressed as your favourite book character!**

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**6 MARCH 2025**



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### EARLY READERS



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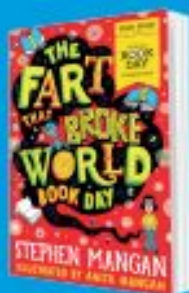


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# FEB HALF TERM DRAMA CLUB

Mon 17th Feb - Fri 21st Feb 2025  
10am - 2pm

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For 5 to 11 year-olds  
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Venue:  
St Paul's Way Community Centre  
83 St Paul's Way, London E3 4AJ





# What are your plans for your children during the February Half Term?

Looking for an affordable childcare option that keeps your kids happy and entertained?

We're running our popular Half Term Drama Club at St Paul's Way Community Centre!

The club includes arts & crafts, fun drama games, and movement activities and is led by trained and DBS-checked facilitators.

## Prices

£10 a day, or £40 for the week (book as many or as few days as you like)



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## FEBRUARY HALF-TERM 2025 Information

In this fantastic 5-day Holiday Science Activity Camp, your children will enjoy lots of premium fun, educational, hands-on, science activities and special demonstrations with take home experiments (see below) - across Chemistry, Biology and Physics.

- **Dates:** Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb 2025 (5 days)
  - **Open to Children:** Ages 5-12 Years (only)
  - **Venues:** Across London (look right>)
  - **Times:** 9am - 3:30pm (6.5hrs).
- Earliest drop off 8:30am; latest collection 4pm
- **Day Places:** Limited day-places available to book online

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## Science Investigators! - New for 2025

**Day 1> Fabulous Forces!**  
Fizz, Bang, Boom!  
Ready, Steady, Go!  
Cool Car Friction!  
**Day 2> Living It Up**  
Brilliant Bodies!  
Super Slime!  
Heart Beat!  
**Day 3> Super Structures**  
Strong House!  
Marble Maze Run!  
Tallest Tower Investigation!

**Day 4> Magic Materials**  
Tough Ropes!  
Clean Water!  
Insulation Inquisition!  
**Day 5> Journeys!**  
Neuron Networks!  
Chunnel Games!  
Air Journey!  
Ready, Set, Stretch!

and many, many more cool science  
demonstrations, experiments,  
games and quizzes!...

## VENUES Serving

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See online for  
full list...

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## Afterschool Games Club

Join St Margaret's House on Tuesday afternoons in The Canvas for an Afterschool Games Club! From 3.30 - 4.30pm, children in school years 1-5 can participate in various games depending on their mood on the day, ranging from active drama to more focused board and card games.

**Spring Term:** Tuesday 14th January to Tuesday 25th March  
(no session Tuesday 18th February)



## Crafterschool

Our arts and crafts afterschool sessions are a nurturing environment where children can explore their creativity whilst having fun and being mindful! Sessions are for local children in school years Reception-Yr4.

**£3 per session (£5 for two siblings)**

**Spring Term:** Wednesday 15th January to Wednesday 26th March  
(no session Wednesday 19th February)  
**Time:** 3.30-5.30pm



## Hilarity Academy

Our free, fun space for young people to learn and engage in the skill of making people laugh. Workshops include learning how to tell jokes, creating sketches, writing stand up material and clowning.

**Spring Term:** Monday 13th January to Monday 24th March  
(no session Monday 17th February)

**Juniors** (School Years 3-6): 3.45-5.00pm  
**Seniors** (School Year 7 upwards): 5.00-6.15pm



## St Margaret's House Saturday Circus



Develop new skills in  
juggling, balancing  
and much more!

## Saturday Circus Club

Learn new circus skills led by National Centre for Circus Arts teacher, Dan Rose. These weekly fun and engaging sessions support the development of new skills, communication and creative thinking!

**£2 (Pay Less), £4 (Standard), £7 (Pay More)**

**Spring Term:** Saturday 18th January to  
Saturday 29th March

(no session Saturday 22nd February)

**Times:** 9.15-10.15am (School Years 1-3)  
10.30-11.30am (School Years 4-6)



Saturday 22nd February  
Shows at 11.00 am and 1.30pm  
Tickets: £5-£8

## Pigs and Bears Don't Come in Pairs

In addition to our regular activities, we will host a puppetry performance during the February half term. Two trios to tantalise and tickle your senses in this DOUBLE BILL of Furry Tails, where Goldilocks may even be more scary than the Big Bad Wolf!

**Date:** Saturday 22nd February

**Time:** 11am and 1.30pm

**Venue:** The Mulberry Hall at St Margaret's House,  
21 Old Ford Rd, E2 9PL

## St Margaret's House Free Half Term Activities Circus Club



Develop new skills in juggling,  
balancing and much more!

Monday 17th February, 10am-12noon  
Tuesday 18th February, 2-4pm  
Thursday 20th February, 10am-12noon

## FREE Half Term Activities - Circus

Join us for free two-hour sessions of our regular circus club over three days during the February half term.

This programme is free to attend thanks to funding from the Tower Hamlets Mayor's Community Fund.

**Dates/Times:** Mon 17th, 10am-12noon,  
Tues 18th, 2-4pm and Thurs 20th, 10am-12noon

**Venue:** Tramshed Community Hub, Digby Street,  
E2 0LS

# School applications are now open



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

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

Complete your application online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

For information about how to apply, scan the QR code or visit [towerhamlets.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://towerhamlets.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

[school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://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.



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# 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](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

They can start with us in September 2025



DID YOU  
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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 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](mailto:admin@bygrove.org.uk) or call 0207 538 4925**



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