



The Byword



28th March 2025

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Key Dates

- Monday 31st March: School closed for Eid
- Tuesday 1st April 2025 - Eid Parties
- Wednesday 2nd April 2025 - Parent Coffee Morning at 9:15am
- Friday 4th April 2025 - Year 3 & Year 2 Parent Show at 9:30am
- Friday 4th April: Last day of term - Children to be collected at 1.30pm**
- Monday 7th - Friday 18th April - School closed for Easter Holidays
- Monday 21st April 2025 - School closed for Easter Monday
- Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - All children return back to school
- Thursday 1st May 2025 - Geography Parent Workshop at 9:00am

Paper copies of the Byword are available from the office.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach Eid al-Fitr at the weekend, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all our families celebrating. Eid Mubarak! May this joyous occasion bring you peace, happiness and blessings.

We are excited to celebrate Eid together at school with Eid parties when the children return on Tuesday. The children can wear their party clothes to school and we look forward to seeing the children enjoying the festivities with their friends!

We warmly invite the Year 3 and Year 2 parents to next week's performance of Wind in the Willows on Friday morning. We are eagerly anticipating showcasing the children's hard work and talent! Please join us for what promises to be a wonderful performance.

Well done to Year 3 for 99.33% attendance last week! DfE research shows that at KS2, pupils who attended school **nearly every day** in Year 6 (with an attendance rate of **95-100%**) were **1.3 times more likely** to achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to pupils who only attended **90-95%** of the time. This means missing just **10 days** of Year 6 reduced the likelihood of reaching the expected standard by around **25%**.

Finally, I want to take a moment to acknowledge a significant milestone at Bygrove. Next week marks Christina's last week with us after an incredible 33 years of dedicated service to our Bygrove community. Her commitment, passion and unwavering support has touched the lives of countless children and families over the years. We will be celebrating her remarkable contribution with the children next week. Please join us in wishing Christina all the very best for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

Wishing you all a happy Eid and a lovely weekend.

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.



Our whole school attendance target for this year:
97.00%

Attendance for the week beginning Monday 17th March 2025 - Friday 21th March 2025 (Rec-Y6):
96.05%

Year	Attendance
Nursery	92.31%
Reception	88.71%
Year 1	98.00%
Year 2	94.33%
Year 3	99.33%
Year 4	96.67%
Year 5	98.55%
Year 6	97.24%

Last week's attendance

Y3: 99.33%

Well done Y3!

Every day counts! Even a small increase in attendance significantly boosts your child's chances of success in KS2. Moving up just one attendance band (about 2 weeks of school) increases the likelihood of achieving expected standards by at least 30%!

After School Clubs: spaces are available!

Our club provision for the Summer term will begin on Tuesday 22nd April 2025 including Ad-Hoc Clubhouse sessions and Breakfast Club. To sign up, please log on to your ParentPay accounts. Each club space is offered on a first come, first served basis. The clubs will be live on ParentPay by 3pm on Friday 28th March 2025!

The clubs available will be:

After School Clubs - Summer 2025

Each club costs **£18.50 for the term**. The price for the Cooking Club and Gardening 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 Clubhouse sessions will cost **£2.00 per day**.

Mondays			
Clubhouse	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Music Production	Years 2 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	19 spaces remaining
Tuesdays			
Clubhouse	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Phase 2 Football Club	Years 4 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	20 spaces remaining
Wednesdays			
Clubhouse	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Phase 1 Football Club	Year 1 - Year 3	3:45 - 4:45	20 spaces remaining
Gardening Club (£21 per term)	Years 1 - Year 6	3:45 - 5:00	16 spaces remaining
Thursdays			
Clubhouse	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Cooking Club (£21 per term)	Years 1 - Year 6	3:45 - 5:00	13 spaces remaining
Fridays			
Clubhouse	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome

MUSIC PRODUCTION CLUB



FOR YEAR 2 - YEAR 6 EVERY MONDAYS

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

Join Bygrove's afterschool music club to explore the exciting world of music production using fun, easy-to-use tools like Songmaker and other music apps on the laptop.

We learn about different genres and learn how to make our own songs. I learn something new every week that keeps me excited for next lesson.

- Eva

We use real softwares that famous artists use like Band Lab. We edit and make sounds with our surroundings and we learnt how to make samples.

- Humaira

I joined music club because I have a big passion for music as it is a really fun subject. We use apps called BandLab, Flip and songmaker. We learn how to produce music using real everyday sounds such as clapping, stomping and even shouting sometimes.

- Alyssa



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:
Click here for: [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:

Click here: [The dangers of Whatsapp](#)



Bygrove Parent Coffee Mornings

Please join us for a chat and refreshments.

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 2nd April 2025

9:20am - 10:45am

Please bring a dish to share as we will be celebrating Eid.

Friday 25th April 2025

Friday 20th June 2025

Friday 11th July 2025



Reception are starting PE soon



After the Easter holiday, Reception class will be starting PE lessons every Wednesday. Their first session will be on Wednesday 23rd April 2025.

They will need to bring their PE kits in a bag.

Clocks are going forward



Don't forget that clocks are going one hour forward on Sunday.

Please make sure that children are brought to school on time on Tuesday 1st April 2025.

Summer Term PE Timetable

Year 1			Changing
Summer Term 1 Tuesday	Dance	Indoors	Change in school Go home in their PE kits
Summer Term 2 Tuesday	Ball Skills	Outdoors	Change in school Go home in their PE kits

Year 2			Changing
Summer Term 1 Thursday	Kickball	Indoors	Change in school Go home in their PE kits
Summer Term 2 Thursday	Tennis	Outdoors	Change in school Go home in their PE kits

Year 3			Changing
Summer Term 1 Wednesday	Rounders	Outdoors	Change in school Go home in their PE kits
Summer Term 2 Wednesday	Tennis	Outdoors	Change in school Go home in their PE kits

Year 4			Changing
Monday	Swimming	Poplar Baths	Change at the Poplar Baths

Year 5			Changing
Summer Term 1 Tuesday	Cricket	Outdoors	Change in school Go home in their PE kits
Summer Term 2 Tuesday	Badminton	Outdoors	Change in school Go home in their PE kits

Year 6			Changing
Summer Term 1 Monday	Cricket	Outdoors	Change in school Go home in their PE kits
Summer Term 2 Monday	Badminton	Outdoors	Change in school Go home in their PE kits

LANGUAGE ANGELS

¡Hola, mis amigos!

We are delighted to share that Language Angels is supporting our Spanish curriculum, providing pupils with engaging and interactive resources to develop their language skills.

To consolidate their learning and practise at home, your child can now use the Language Angels website, which offers a range of fantastic tools, including:

Karaoke videos & songs – perfect for reinforcing pronunciation and vocabulary in a fun way!

Interactive games – helping to build confidence and fluency while making learning enjoyable.

The Language Angels website will allow pupils to continue exploring Spanish beyond the classroom, reinforcing what they have learned and giving them the opportunity to develop their skills further.

This week your child will be given language angels login details to access the webpage.

We encourage all pupils to take advantage of this fantastic resource to practise, play, and progress in Spanish!

In addition every week, we will have a Spanish Word of the Week for pupils to learn and use.



This week's word is:

"Hola"– which means "Hello"!

Try using it at home and in school!



¡Feliz aprendizaje! (Happy learning!)

Mafia (Spanish lead at Bygrove)



Stars Of The Week

Year 1 Zareen & Azzan

Year 2 Adam A

Year 3 Yaqub

Year 4 Ali

Year 5 Warsame

Year 6 Fariha

HANDWRITING HEROES

YEAR 1: ABDULLAH

YEAR 2: ADAM C

YEAR 3: OSMAN

YEAR 4: MADIHA

YEAR 5: AJWAAD

YEAR 6: ZAMZAM





Mathletics

MATHLETICS WINNERS

1ST: Y1 - 47,724 POINTS

2ND: Y2 - 36,646 POINTS

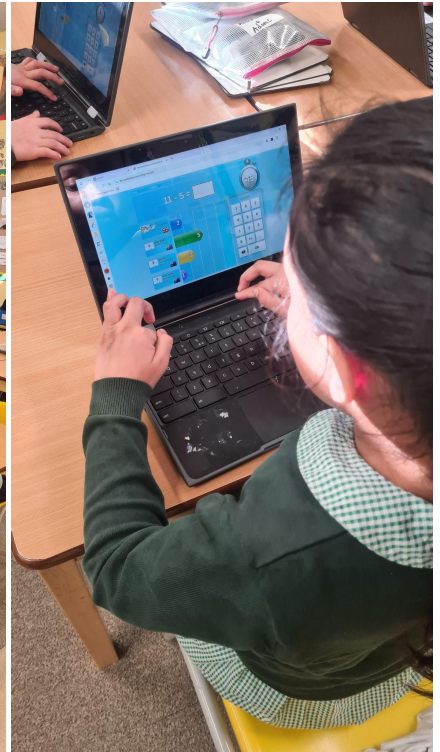
3RD: Y5 - 34,087 POINTS

**TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE
THIS WEEK:**

**Y2 - ARHAM M
7,316 POINTS**

World Maths Day

This week we had WORLD MATHS DAY! The children all took part in an online Mathletics Live competition where they had to focus on the fluency skills in maths. It was great fun and we will find out if we had any winners very soon! Keep practising at home!



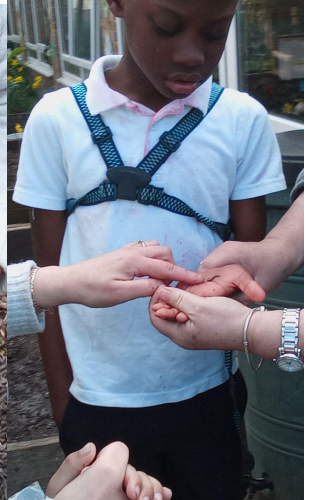
Year 3

This week, the children in Year 3 have been working incredibly hard, rehearsing every line, perfecting their movements and bringing the magic of *Wind in the Willows* to life! Their dedication and enthusiasm have been truly inspiring and they can't wait to showcase all their hard work on stage next week. With just a few more rehearsals to go, excitement is building as they prepare to perform in front of the whole school and, of course, their parents. It's going to be a fantastic show, and we are so proud of their effort, teamwork and determination!

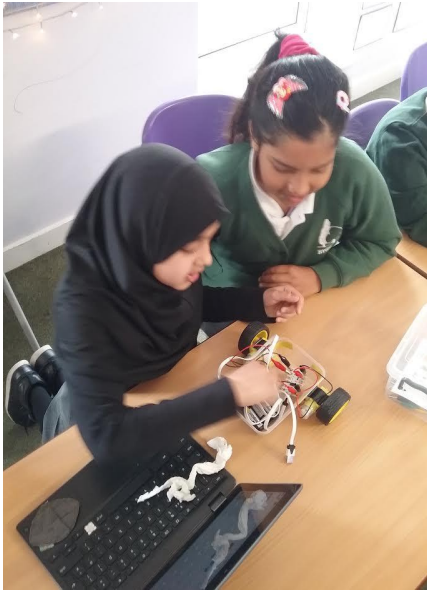




The SLS children continued their termly theme: Into the Woods. This week we have been thinking about our fortnightly focus on Woodland Animals and Their Homes. We used our senses to: look for minibeasts, listen for owls, touch wiggly worms and slimy snails, make owl food from crunchy tasty cereals and create a moonlight scene. We even experienced night and day, thinking about nocturnal animals.



Year 5



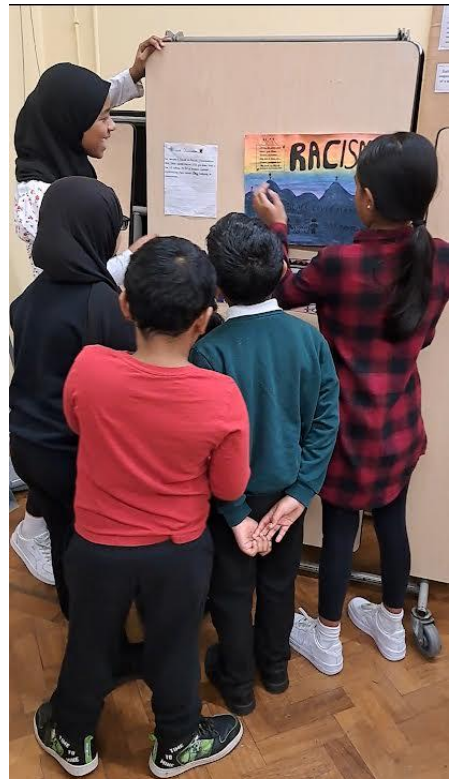
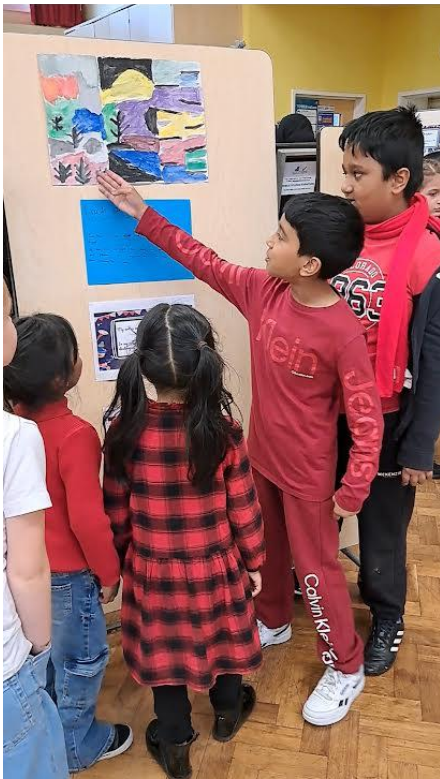
This week in D&T, Year 5 have connected two geared motors to their crumble controller. They then created programs to make a simple buggy move. To do this, the children had to make the code, run the code, disconnect the USB lead from crumble, put the buggy on the floor and turn the battery pack on.



This week, Year 5 carried out a science experiment to help explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials and that this kind of change is not usually reversible including changes associated with burning.

Volcanic Explorers

Last Friday, the Volcanic Explorers family exhibited their artwork as part of their Free Spirit destination! They could make any type of art they wanted, linked to a global issue. They invited younger children from the school to look and explained all about the art and the issues!



Year 6

For PE this term, Year 6 have been learning to cycle in the sunshine! They have been incredibly supportive and helpful to each other, and have made fantastic progress towards all being able to cycle all around the playground!





JOIN US FOR UPCOMING PARENT WORKSHOPS

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

**Friday 28th March: 9.00-9.45am
Parent Workshop
(Transition to Secondary)**

**Friday 16th May : 9-10am
Parent Workshop
(Positive Parenting)**

Bygrove Pupil Vacancies



Did you know we have pupil vacancies at Bygrove? If you have a child or know someone who might be interested, please apply, share and join our waiting list!

Nursery admissions 2025

For children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022

**Spaces available for 2025/26
apply online via the
[eadmissions portal](#)**

Reception admissions 2025

For children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021

**Spaces available for 2025/26
apply online via the
[eadmissions portal](#)**

Current Year 5 admissions

For children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015

**2 spaces available! Apply via
the [Parent Portal](#)**

If we are currently full in other year groups, please still apply to join our waiting list via the [Parent Portal](#). For more information about in-year admissions visit [LBTH in-year admissions](#).

For more information about all admissions in Tower Hamlets visit [LBTH school admissions](#).

Contact the admissions service directly for more information

Email: school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Telephone: 020 7364 5006

**Late applications for
Nursery and
Reception in 2025 will
be accepted so
please apply now!**



Thursday, 3 April 2025



EID MUBARAK

**Beef Kabsa
or**

**Vegetable Samosa & Spring Roll
with Potato Wedges & Sweet Chilli Sauce**

**Honey Glazed Carrots
Peas
Chef's House Salad & Coleslaw**

**Followed By
Jam & Coconut Cake with Custard**



Fantastic FOOD IN SCHOOLS

Friday 4th April 2025



Tower Hamlets and City
SEND IASS



Lets Talk SEND Information Event

Join us for an information session
to support parents and carers in
understanding key areas of SEND

- Specialist Classrooms
- Part Time Timetables
- Personal Budgets
- Short Breaks
- EOTAS (Education Other Than At School)
- Annual Reviews

This the first in a series of termly events on different SEN topics. Don't miss this chance to gain valuable insights and ask questions.

When? Friday 4th April 10.00am – 1.00pm

Where? Grocers Wing Tower Hamlets Town Hall
160, Whitechapel Rd London E1 1BJ

For further information, contact Family
Information Service
Tel: 020 7364 6495

fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk



www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk/pages/local-offer/send/let-s-talk-send



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for children with SEND aged 9+

Sign up via SPOND with the
code PMYQA, or scan the
QR code here



St Margaret's House Free Half Term Activities Circus Club



Develop new skills in juggling,
balancing and much more!

Monday 7th April, 10am-12noon
Wednesday 9th April, 10am-12noon
Thursday 10th April, 2-4pm

FREE Half Term Activities - Circus

Join us for free two-hour sessions of our regular circus club over three days during the Easter holidays.

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

Dates/Times: Monday 7th April, 10am-12noon,
Wednesday 9th April, 10am-12noon,
Thursday 10th April, 2-4pm

Venue: The Crypt at St John on Bethnal Green



£5 (Pay Less), £7 (Standard),
£9 (Pay More)

Shoe Baby

A magical puppet show! A fantastical sing-a-long adventure with a baby who takes to the sea, the air and the zoo all in a shoe!

Shoe Baby is adapted from the book by Joyce Dunbar. Aimed at 2-6 year olds.

Date: Saturday 12th April

Time: 11am and 1.30pm

Venue: St Margaret's House, 21 Old Ford Rd, E2 9PL

Join our Family Activities WhatsApp
Group to keep updated with these
and all our upcoming events



Scan this code or click on
this **link** to join



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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