



# The Byword



4th April 2025

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## Key Dates

- 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
- Friday 25th April 2025 - Parent Coffee Morning from 9:15 - 10:45 am
- 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 reach the end of another busy and successful term, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate some fantastic achievements.

Firstly, a huge congratulations to our incredible Year 3 and Year 2 children for their truly brilliant performances of Wind in the Willows! The energy, enthusiasm and talent displayed by every single child were simply wonderful to witness. From the charming character portrayals to the delightful songs and stage presence, you all brought the beloved story to life in such a memorable way. A big thank you to Jen and the teaching teams who worked tirelessly to guide and support the children in creating such a special experience for our school community.

On a more bittersweet note, today marks the final day at Bygrove for our wonderful Christina, who is embarking on a well-deserved retirement after an incredible almost 33 years here. Yesterday, the children celebrated Christina's contribution to Bygrove with a special assembly. There were lots of smiles and quite a few tears! Christina has been an integral part of our school for so long, touching the lives of countless children, families and colleagues. While we are sad to see her go, we wish her all the very best for a happy and fulfilling retirement. Please join me in extending our heartfelt gratitude to Christina for her remarkable contribution to our school – she will always be a friend of Bygrove!

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Easter break, spending quality time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 22nd April.

Best wishes,

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 24th March 2025 - Friday 28th March 2025 (Rec-Y6):  
**97.25%**

Year	Attendance
Nursery	96.50%
Reception	92.58%
Year 1	98.00%
Year 2	98.67%
Year 3	95.67%
Year 4	97.00%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	99.31%

Last week's attendance  
  
Y5: 100%  
  
Well done Y5!

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	16 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	15 spaces remaining
Gardening Club ( <b>£21 per term</b> )	Years 1 - Year 6	3:45 - 5:00	16 spaces remaining
Thursdays			
Clubhouse	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Cooking Club ( <b>£21 per term</b> )	Years 1 - Year 6	3:45 - 5:00	10 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:

Friday 25th April 2025 at 9:15 - 10:45 am

Friday 20th June 2025 at 9:15 - 10:45 am

Friday 11th July 2025 at 9:15 - 10:45 am



**That's a wrap!** 🎉

**Thank you for an  
incredible  
World Maths Day!**

Bygrove came number 236 in the world!

FANTASTIC JOB!

The number 1 pupil in the whole of Bygrove was AMAANAH (Y5) and she came number 27 out of all Y5 pupils in the country!

## Fundraising amounts raised update:

Red Nose Day on 21/03/25 = £117.26

Easter eggs in jar by School Council = £147.51

Thank you all for your contributions.

The Red Nose Day funds will be donated to Comic Relief & the School Council funds will be allocated entirely to the school budget, specifically for curriculum-based activities that provide enriching learning experiences for our pupils.



## 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:**

"Holiday"– which means "día festivo"!

Try using it at home and in school!



¡Feliz aprendizaje! (Happy learning!)

Mafia (Spanish lead at Bygrove)

# Wish Lists

Dear Families,

If you would like to support our school by purchasing items to donate, we have created wish lists as a guide for useful resources.

The generosity and kindness of the Bygrove community is much appreciated.



Early  
Years  
Wish List

Library  
Books  
Wish List



Inclusion  
Wish List





# Bygrove Pupil Leadership

## Introduction:

Welcome to the **Bygrove Pupil Leadership** page, where we'll be sharing updates on the exciting work our pupil leaders are doing to improve our school community.

## Spotlight on:

This week, we're highlighting the work of the Bygrove Librarians who have been working on making bookmarks to encourage the children to read and take out books. The children are learning about different authors so they can recommend them to other children.

We interviewed Shiam, Obonee and Aliah, who shared the following:

*"I applied for this role because I like reading books. I have learned to be patient with children taking a long time choosing books."*

***"I applied for this role because I enjoy reading and I wanted to be in an environment full of books. I have learnt how to help children find books they enjoy. I get VIP membership in the library."***

*"I enjoy reading and helping other children. I have learnt to be responsible collecting books from other children and enjoy children telling me about the books they have read."*



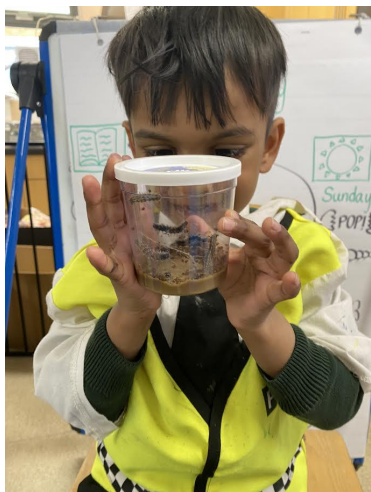
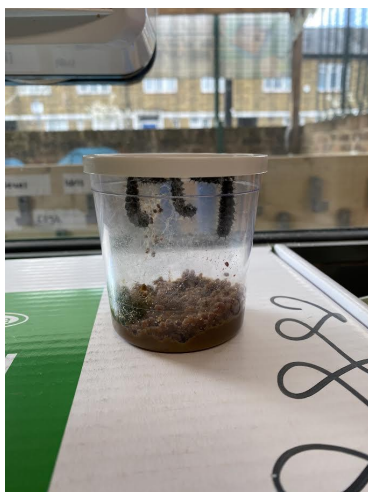
## Upcoming events:

The librarians will be writing about their favourite books to display in the library for others to read.



# Nursery

Over the past few weeks, Nursery has been taking care of live caterpillars. First, we read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' to understand its life cycle. Then, we looked at how the caterpillars grew bigger and bigger. Now, they are forming their cocoons. We're so excited to see them turn into beautiful butterflies!



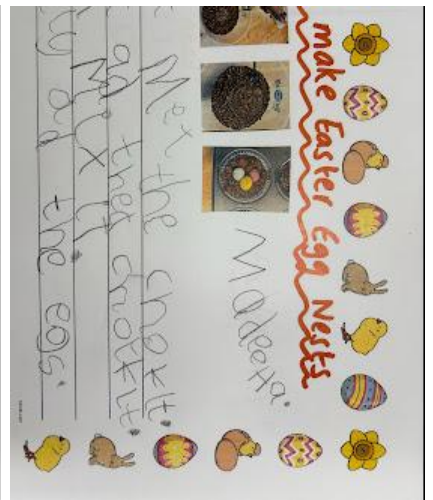
Here are some photos from our Eid parties:





# Reception

To finish off their English instructions unit, Reception made Easter baskets and have been busy writing the recipe for everyone.





The children in the SLS had a wonderful time at their Eid parties which they celebrated both with their year groups and in the SLS. They loved wearing their smart colourful clothes, playing exciting games and eating delicious Eid food.



## Year 2



Year 2 started their week off celebrating together for their Eid parties and enjoyed practising their songs for their upcoming performance!






# Y2/3 Show



Year 2 and 3 delivered a fantastic performance of *The Wind in the Willows*, bringing the beloved story to life with confidence and enthusiasm. The stage was beautifully set, and the children looked wonderful in their detailed costumes, perfectly capturing their characters. Their acting was expressive, their singing was lively and heartfelt, and their choreography was well-rehearsed, making each scene engaging. Highlights included the humorous antics of Mr Toad and the thrilling battle for Toad Hall, which had the audience captivated. It was a truly memorable show, and the children should be incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication.



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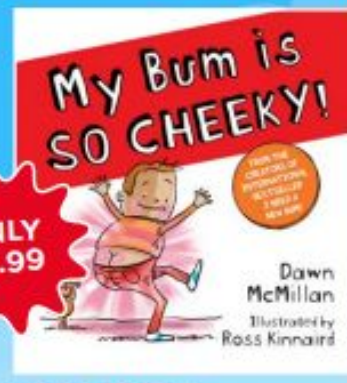


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## Parent Sessions at Phoenix

Session Name	Date	Time	Room
DCOS session	Wednesday 16th October 2024	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 2
Social Care	Thursday 14th November 2024	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 2
Behaviour - Dysregulation and Crisis Behaviour	Wednesday 11th December 2024	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 2
OT session	Wednesday 15th January 2025	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 2
Behaviour - Regular Occurring Behaviour	Thursday 13th February 2025	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 2
Puberty - Boys	Thursday 24th April 2025	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 2
Puberty - Girls	Wednesday 14th May 2025	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 1
Toileting	Wednesday 4th June 2025	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 2
Leisure and Play	Wednesday 2nd July 2025	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 2

To book a place please email:

[training@phoenix.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:training@phoenix.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

# Let's Talk SEND transition event

## For parents of Year 4 and 5 children with EHC plans

Parents of children in Years 4 and 5 with education health and care (EHC) plans are invited to attend a Let's Talk SEND transition event to support their children with the secondary school transfer process.

There will be a presentation from the SEN department on secondary transfer and information on independent travel training, plus the opportunity to meet with secondary school SENCos.

The Family Information Service will also be on hand to provide information on services to support families and what is available through the Local Offer website.

**Thursday 1 May 2025**

**9.30am-2pm**

**Brady Arts and Community Centre  
192-196 Hanbury Street, E1 5HU**

Lunch will be provided.

For more information or to book your place, email: [fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk) or call 020 7364 6489

## SEN family swimming sessions at Tiller Leisure Centre

Special educational needs (SEN) family swimming sessions are now available at Tiller Leisure Centre, Saturdays and Sundays from 12noon-12.45pm and 1-1.45pm.

With lots of swimming toys and floats to play with and accessible facilities on site, these sessions are aimed at families with children up to 16 years of age who have additional needs.

Parking available at weekends. Booking required.

[www.be-well.org.uk/family-sen-swimming-sessions](http://www.be-well.org.uk/family-sen-swimming-sessions)

## Let's Talk SEND Information event

**Friday, 4 April, 10am-4pm**

**Grocer's Wing, Tower Hamlets Town Hall  
160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ**

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

For further information, contact the Family Information Service on 020 7364 6495

[fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk)

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# **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](mailto:school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk)

Telephone: 020 7364 5006

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







# LIMITLESS CITY HUB

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# Colour Your Dayz

# WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP

**Workshop Dates:** 28th April to 9th June

5 Sessions per workshop  
Full attendance required

**10am - 1pm**

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155 East India Dock Road  
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only  
20 Spaces  
available

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East area  
residents  
Women only

## Registration Required

Full details of workshop on Eventbrite

[mindful-crafts-colour-your-dayz.eventbrite.com](http://mindful-crafts-colour-your-dayz.eventbrite.com)

For more information and support please email  
creative.crafts25@yahoo.com  
or call 07512 313 033

Follow us on Instagram @creativecraftsmhta

More watercolour workshops coming up in June.  
Cross Stich Workshop coming soon in September 2025.  
Details to follow.





### 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](http://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](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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