



The Byword



2nd May 2025

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Key Dates

- Monday 5th May 2025 - School closed for Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 6th May 2025 - All children back to school
- Friday 9th May 2025 - Parent inclusion workshop: Belonging at 9.15am
- Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May 25: KS2 SATS
- Friday 16th May 2025 - Parent THEWS workshop at 9.15am
- Friday 23rd May 2025 - Last day of half term - **3:30pm finish**
- Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May - Half term holiday
- Thursday 12th June 2025 - Science Parent Workshop at 9:00am

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all been enjoying the beautiful sunshine this week.

I wanted to start by saying a big thank you to everyone who joined us for the parent coffee morning last Friday. It was lovely to see so many of you and we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to connect with each other in our new staff room - we are delighted that you like the changes to the space! Your support in making our interview candidates feel so welcome was also hugely appreciated. It truly reflects the warm and inclusive community we have here at Bygrove. Thank you for taking the time to speak with them.

We hope you are enjoying the addition of our new pupil leadership page in The Byword. It's fantastic to share the inspiring work and positive impact our pupil leaders are having on our school community. We are incredibly proud of their dedication and the valuable contributions they make to fostering a positive and thriving school environment. We believe in empowering our pupils to take on responsibility and make a real difference and this page is just one way we aim to celebrate their achievements.

A quick reminder that Monday is a Bank Holiday, so we look forward to welcoming all children back to school bright and early on Tuesday morning. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable long weekend.

Best wishes,

Fiona

Headteacher



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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 Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - Friday 25th April 2025 (Rec-Y6):
96.08%

Year	Attendance
Nursery	96.63%
Reception	92.74%
Year 1	97.92%
Year 2	93.33%
Year 3	94.17%
Year 4	99.17%
Year 5	96.36%
Year 6	99.14%

Last week's attendance

Y4: 99.17%

Well done Y4!

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	16 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	3 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	8 spaces remaining
Gardening Club (£21 per term)	Years 1 - Year 6	3:45 - 5:00	10 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	No spaces remaining
Fridays			
Clubhouse	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome



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](#)





Mathletics

MATHLETICS WINNERS

1ST: Y1 - 17,132 POINTS

2ND: Y5 - 12,801 POINTS

3RD: Y4 - 11,331 POINTS

**TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE
THIS WEEK:**

**Y3 - IRADAT
4,175 POINTS**

HANDWRITING HEROES

YEAR 1: OMAR

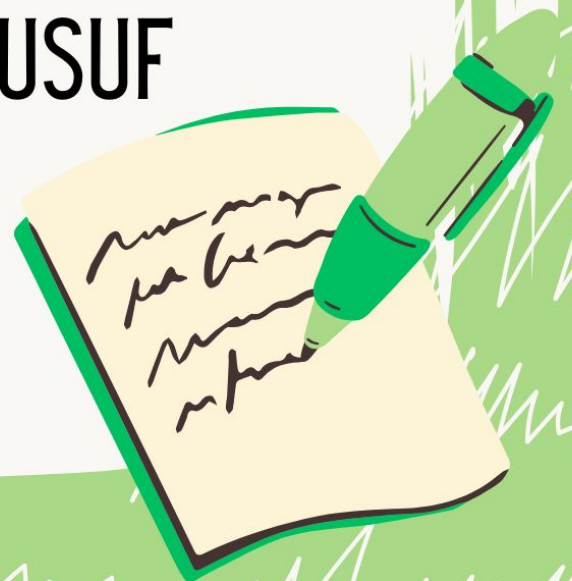
YEAR 2: ALEENA

YEAR 3: FARHA

YEAR 4: SOFIA

YEAR 5: DAVID

YEAR 6: YUSUF





Stars Of The Week

Year 1

Inayah A

Year 2

Elsie

Year 3

Zayna

Year 4

Arshad

Year 5

Whole Class

Year 6

Farhan

Reminder: Uniform

Please ensure your child is dressed in the correct school uniform.

This includes wearing appropriate footwear; Crocs are not suitable for school.



Reminder: Playground

To ensure the safety of all our children, we kindly ask that families refrain from using the playground climbing frame area before and after school when the gates are open.

As there is no school adult supervision during these times, playground use would be unsupervised, potentially leading to accidents or injuries.

Additionally, some of the playground equipment is not designed for very young children and so may pose risks for this age group.

LANGUAGE ANGELS



This week's word is:

"Estrella."– which means **"Star!"**

Try using it at home and in school!



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



Nursery

Last week, Nursery went on a trip to the farm. First, we took the bus to Limehouse. Then, we walked to Stepney City Farm. We saw lots of different animals - pigs, ducks, geese, goats, and donkeys! Next, we had our lunch and played in the park. Thank you to our parents for joining us on our trip! It was so much fun!



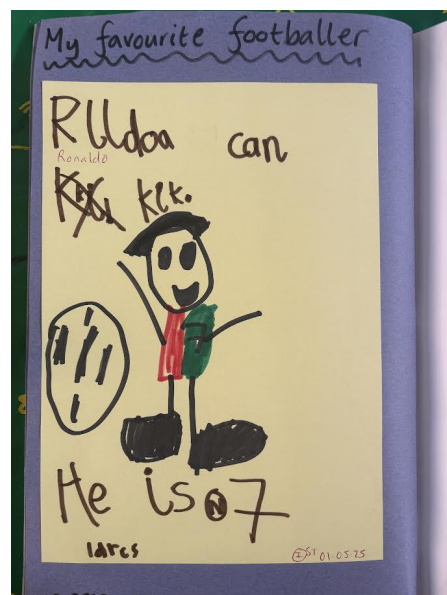
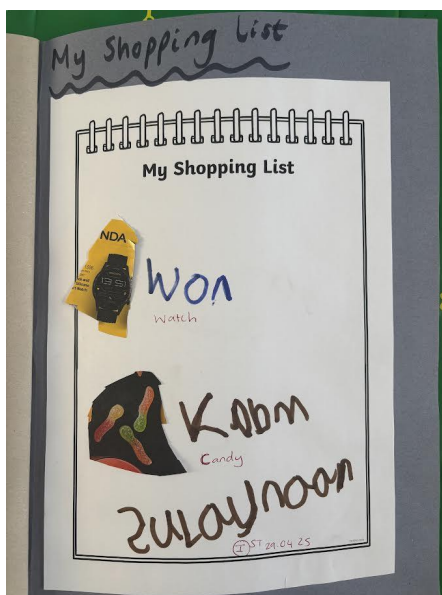
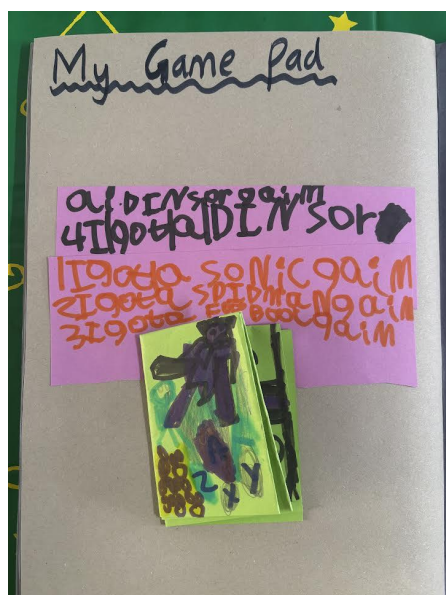
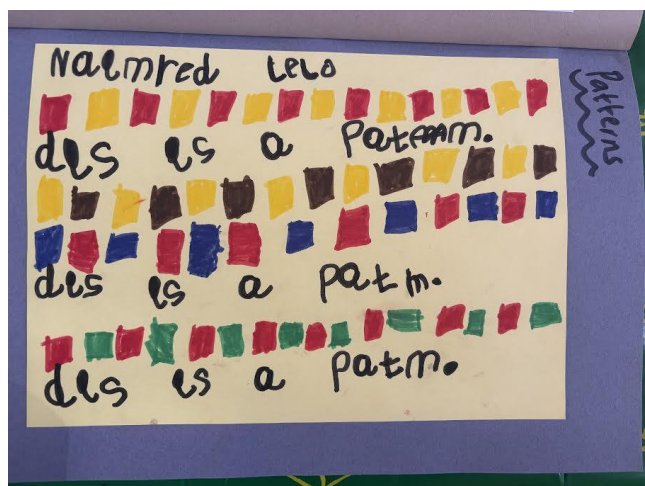
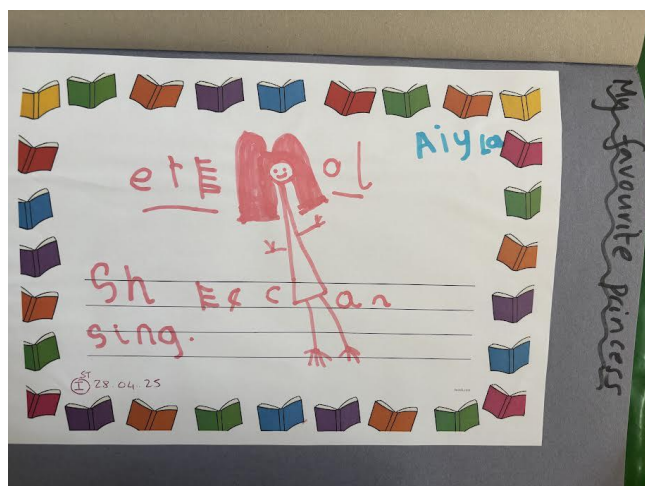
Year 1

To immerse themselves into their new story in English, the children had a teddy bear picnic. At the picnic they got to dress up in their pyjamas, bring a teddy and meet the main character from the story, Paddington. Unfortunately Paddington was rather clumsy and lots of things went wrong. The children used the events of the party to then write their very own stories in English.



Reception

This week Reception have been doing lots of independent writing. Here are some examples of their work.



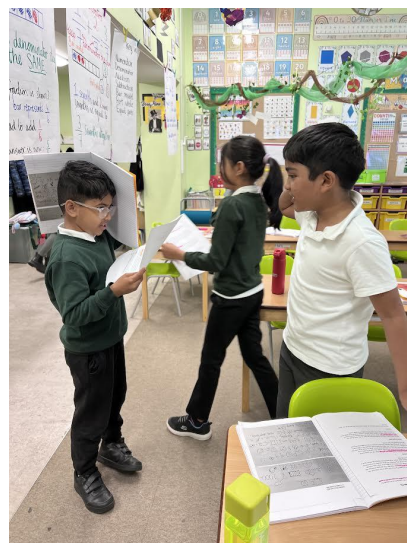
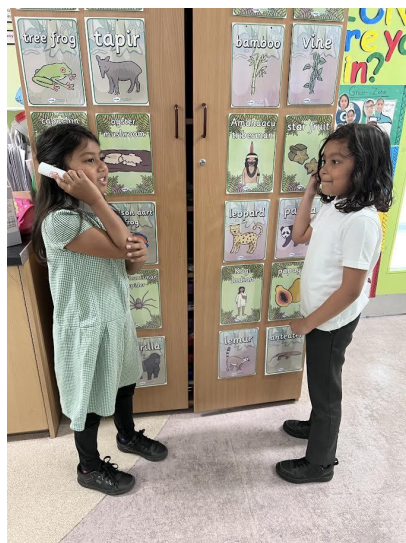
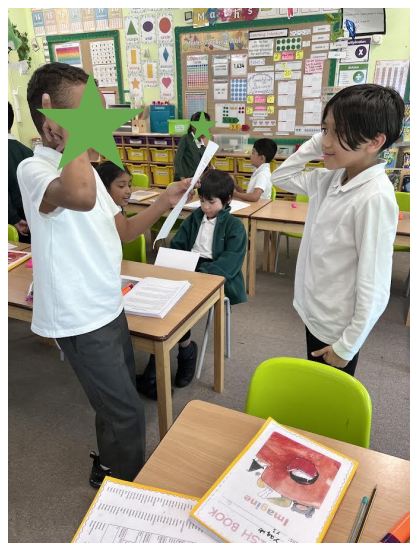
The children in the SLS were working on their fortnightly focus of "Types of Homes".

To understand this, they made houses from junk modelling. They had to paint it brown, cut out and stick on doors and windows (squares and rectangles) and even add a chimney. This was in response to the stimulus of "The Three Little Pigs" story.



Year 3

This week in Year 3, we turned up the excitement as we prepared to step into the shoes of the characters from our model text through role play! But before the performances could begin, there was a mystery to solve. The children became 'fact detectives,' carefully examining a series of statements to decide which were true and which were false—all based on what they had learned from the text. Once the facts were determined and our detectives had cracked the case, the stage was set for some imaginative and thoughtful role play, bringing the story and their understanding to life.



THURSDAY 8TH MAY 2025

VE Day Celebration Menu

Please choose 3 items from the menu below:

Homemade Chicken Sausage Roll

Margherita Pizza

A Selection of ½ Sandwiches or Wraps

Filled with either

Coronation Chicken

Tuna Mayonnaise,

Cheese & Tomato

or

Vegan Vegetable Fingers

All with

Full House Salad

A Selection of Vegetable Sticks

Followed by

Strawberry Ice Cream

or

Seasonal Fruit Platter



CELEBRATING
80
YEARS

VE DAY

8TH MAY 1945

YOU'RE INVITED!

Parents SEND Coproduction Charter Meeting

□ Tuesday 3rd June 10:00 AM

□ Parents Advice Centre,

30 Greatorex Street

HAVE YOUR SAY!

SHAPE THE FUTURE!

We're inviting all parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to help develop a SEND Coproduction Charter.

This is your chance to collaborate with other parents, professionals, and the local authority to build a shared vision and values for working together.


□ Your voice matters

⇒ Your input will shape services

□ Together we can make a difference

Refreshments provided. Friendly atmosphere. All welcome!

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Let's Talk SEND TRANSITION

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localoffer.towerhamlets.gov.uk

An information event about Secondary Transfer for parents/carers whose children have Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) in Years 4 & 5.

Presentation from SEN Department on Secondary Transfer

Local Offer & Family Information Service

Independent Travel Training

Meet the Secondary SENCos

Senior leaders will share updates about plans and actions following local area SEND inspections.

LOCAL OFFER



Tower Hamlets and City
SEND IASS



When? Thursday 1st May, 9.30am-2pm

Where? The Brady Arts and Community Centre, 192-196 Hanbury Street, London E1 5HU

Lunch provided

For further information, contact us at:

Family Information and Advice Service

Tel: 020 7364 6489

Email: fi@s@towerhamlets.gov.uk



Information from previous
Let's Talk SEND meetings on the Local Offer.



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!**



East End History Club: Parent & Under 5's



Tower Hamlets Image Collection
P23734 Abbott Road Childrens
Playground, 1954

Term Time Only

Fri/2 May

Fri/6 Jun.

Fri/4 Jul.

Fri/ 5 Sep.

Fri/3 Oct.

10am-11:30am

Come along to our Parent/Carer's & Under 5's meet up, and explore historical records on the famous East End. A chance to meet other parents, enjoy a cuppa and look through our unique collection of maps, photographs, newspapers, pamphlets and much more.

Toys will be available for children ages 0-5 with a mini kiddies brunch and refreshments including Tea & Coffee.

FREE drop-in session

Tower Hamlets Local History
Library & Archives
www.ideastore.co.uk/local-history

277 Bancroft Road
Stepney
London E1 4DQ





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 Medine Dubek to arrange a viewing via admin@bygrove.org.uk or call 0207 538 4925



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