



The Byword



5th June 2025

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Key Dates

- Friday 6th June 2025 - School closed for Eid
- Monday 9th June 2025 - Class Eid parties
- Thursday 12th June 2025 - Science Parent Workshop at 9:00am
- Monday 16th June 2025 - Sports Day & Be Healthy Week
- Tuesday 17th June 2025 - Going to Work Day
- Thursday 19th June 2025 - Class Photos
- Friday 27th June 2025 - Bygrove's Summer Fair 2025 - **All children finish 2:30pm**
- Monday 14th July 2025 - Meet the Teacher Day
- Wednesday 23rd July 2025 - Last day of term - **1:30pm finish**

Paper copies of the Byword are available from the office.

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting first week back we've had this half-term!

Our Year 1 pupils had an incredible time on their two trips this week, exploring both Paddington Station and embarking on a fascinating transport tour of London. They certainly covered a lot of ground and learned so much about how our city moves! Not to be outdone, Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful visit to Kew Gardens, immersing themselves in the beauty of nature.

Meanwhile, our Year 4 children have diligently begun their statutory multiplication check. We're proud of their hard work and focus. Good luck to the children who will take the test next week!

Looking ahead to next week, we want to wish our Year 1 children the very best of luck as they take their national phonics screening check. We know they'll do great!

After a truly fantastic half-term where our attendance was so positive, we've noticed a dip in the past two weeks. We understand that occasional absences are unavoidable, but we want to gently remind everyone about the significant impact that lost learning can have. Every day at school is crucial; it builds on previous lessons and introduces new concepts vital for your child's progress. Missing even a single day can mean falling behind, and those gaps can be tough to catch up on. We truly believe every day counts in your child's educational journey, and consistent attendance is key to their success and well-being.

Finally, we're very much looking forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday for our Eid celebrations.

We extend our warmest wishes to everyone for a peaceful Eid al-Adha.

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 19th May 2025 - Friday 23rd May 2025 (Rec-Y6):
94.46%

Year	Attendance
Nursery	88.85%
Reception	90.97%
Year 1	93.67%
Year 2	95.67%
Year 3	91.33%
Year 4	95.67%
Year 5	98.18%
Year 6	96.21%

Last week's attendance

Y5: 98.18%

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%!

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.

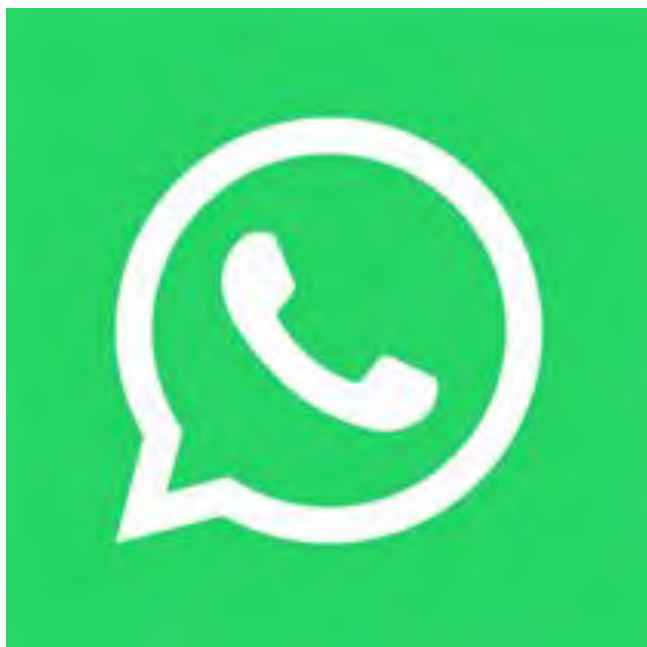
6 top tips from the NSPCC on how to support your children to use AI safely:
Click here for: [Top Tips](#)

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](#)





Stars Of The Week

Reception

Sulaymaan

Year 1

Sienna & Zayn

Year 3

Whole class

Year 4

Aryan

Year 5

Ajwaad

Year 6

Rafiul

HANDWRITING HEROES

RECEPTION: AYUB

YEAR 1: YASIN

YEAR 3: IRADAT

YEAR 4: KHADEEJA

YEAR 5: TAQI

YEAR 6: SUMI





Mathletics

MATHLETICS WINNERS

1ST: Y2 - 22,046 POINTS

2ND: Y3 - 20,146 POINTS

3RD: Y1 - 17,924 POINTS

**TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE
THIS WEEK:**

Y2 - RAFAN

Back to school

Get ready for the new academic year.

You can buy school bags through ParentPay www.parentpay.com and pick them up from the school office.

Each book bag is **£5**.



LANGUAGE ANGELS



This week's word is:

"Perro"– which means **"Dog"**

Try using it at home and in school!

Y6 Secondary Transition

If your child will be attending a Year 6 Secondary Transition day, please contact the school office to let us know in advance.

Proof of the transition day must be emailed to admin@bygrove.org.uk or brought to the school office directly.

If you don't inform us in advance, please call the school office on 020 7538 4925 by 9am on the day of your child's absence.

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 Zone Managers who, led by Donna, have been working on safeguarding in the playground. They have been organising and keeping lunchtime resources tidy and neat. The aim of this project is to prolong the life of the equipment and keep the playground safe.

We interviewed Khadeeja, Tayeba and Madiha who shared the following:

"I wanted to see what a zone manager was like as I have done the DHH role before. I believe that the more cleaner things are the better it is. I enjoy cleaning up and when im doing that, Y1 children come to help me."

"I can interact with the kids and keep things tidy. I've learnt that I don't always need to hangout with my friends. I can also get the younger children to engage in the zone I am taking care of."

"I want the school to keep tidy and the equipment safe so we can spend more money on trips. I want to start to read to the younger children at lunchtime. I have enjoyed organising my zones and getting help from the younger kids. "



Outdoor areas



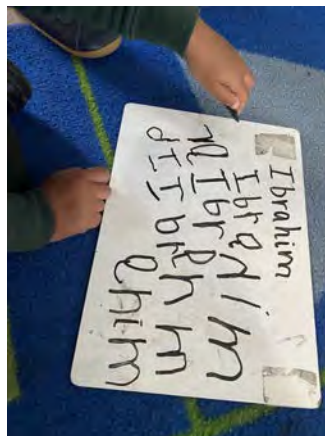
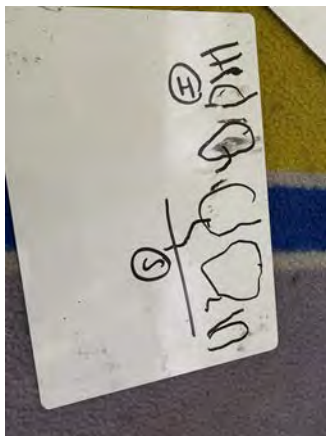
Bygrove's outdoor areas in the SLS and EYFS playgrounds have been transformed!

The new Early Years garden is now complete with planters and spaces for vegetable seed growing. A new shed has been installed to store garden materials, a compost bin and wormery to compost organic matter and a waterbutt so children can learn to water. The beds contain climbing plants to green the walls around the garden, fruit trees (apple and pear), edible plants such as currants, loganberries and strawberries and bee-friendly plants.

The area along the music wall in Early Years has also been planted up with a mix of sensory plants, easy maintenance shrubs to soften and bring nature to this area. The pupils helped to plant this area and really enjoyed themselves. During lessons, children will be able to plant seeds and use equipment including towels and watering cans so that whole classes can garden. We have already seen a red admiral butterfly and dragonfly!

Nursery

This week, we have been continuing to focus on writing our names. We have been practising everyday to make sure we know to start with a capital letter. We also need to remember to write the small letters next to each other because they are best friends. We are excited to show our mummies and daddies how to write our names. Please practise name writing at home!



Reception



Reception are learning a new story called Billy's Bucket. They have been shared writing the beginning of the story this week and being tricky word detectors to help them with their sentences.

Year 1



This week Year 1 went on a trip to visit Paddington Station as part of their English unit learning all about the famous bear called Paddington. At the station they were able to explore the vast surroundings and locate the famous Paddington Bear statue, bench and plaque dedicated to Michael Bond the author of the Paddington stories.

Year 2



Year 2 have been learning about measurement in maths. This week, we were measuring water in different beakers and containers to compare the capacity and volume of the colourful liquids!

Year 3

On Thursday, Year 3 had an unforgettable day at Kew Gardens, exploring the vast botanical collections, walking among the treetops, and discovering rare and exotic plant species. Highlights included visiting the incredible Palm House and trekking high above the ground on the Treetop Walkway.

Throughout the day, students learned about the vital role plants play in sustaining life on Earth—from producing oxygen to supporting entire ecosystems. Exploring the diverse gardens and interactive exhibits helped them understand how climate change affects biodiversity, and why protecting plant life is essential for the future of our planet. It was a day filled with wonder, learning, and a deepened appreciation for the natural world.



Year 5



This week in English, the children have been learning their new model text. To help deepen their understanding of the model text, the children used drama/actions.

Year 6

In Year 6 we are continuing our journey learning about the ukulele. Children have a great prior knowledge about how to play simple chords. We are working towards learning as many songs as possible. By the end of the year we are aiming to learn the G chord, which is one of the most difficult chords on the ukulele.



SLS



This week has been full of amazing trips for the SLS children. They really enjoyed their visits and were superstars!



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PARENT SCIENCE WORKSHOP



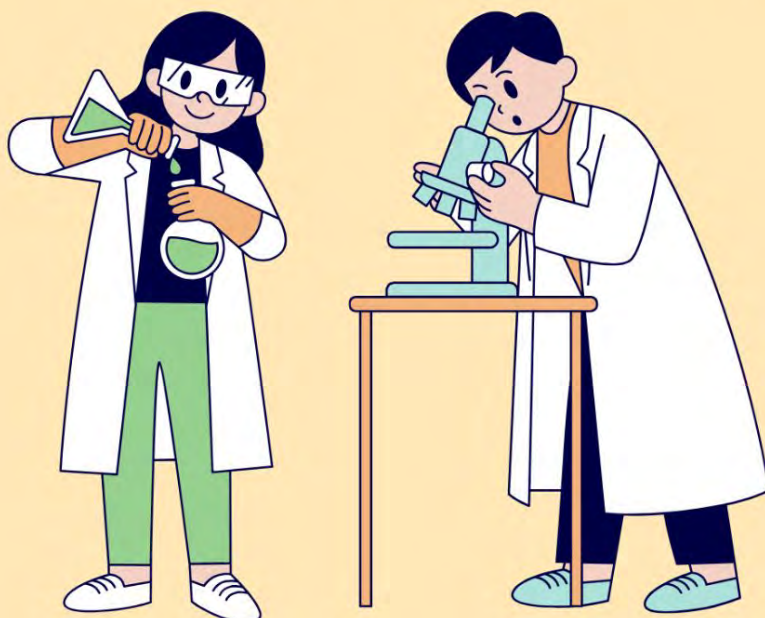
Thursday 12th June 2025

Time: 9:00am - 9:30am

Location: Staffroom

Led by: Andy

Come along to our science parent workshop to learn what your children will discover at Bygrove, why we teach it to them, and how we teach them! Science is all about discovery, fun experiments and finding out more about the world around us. We hope to see you there!





Be Healthy Week

Monday 16th June - Friday 20th June 2025

Let's work together to be healthy and have lots of fun!

Sports Day

Monday 16th June 2025

Bartlett Park

9:30-10:30am - All EYFS children
(including afternoon part time children)

10:45-12:15pm - Year 1,2 and 3

1.45pm-3.15pm - Year 4,5 and 6

Parents are welcome to join us!



Going to Work Day

Tuesday 17th June 2025

Children are encouraged to dress up in clothes to show what job they would like in the future! We will have workshops throughout the day with local businesses attending.





BYGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Summer Fair

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE 2025

2:30 - 4:30PM

[AT] MAIN PLAYGROUND



THE FAIR IS BACK! BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS!

**Tombola - Sponge the Teacher - Beat the Keeper - Henna &
Face/Nail Painting - Bouncy Castles - Food & Drink - Plant Stall -
Tin Can Throw - Raffle Prizes**

Please bring CASH for payment.



12th JUNE 2025

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Let's Talk SEND 'SURGERY'

An opportunity to have a meeting with a member of the Special Educational Needs Assessment and Review Team (SENAR) to discuss your child/young person's needs.

If you would like to book a 20 minute appointment with a member of SENAR to discuss any issues in relation to your child's Education please scan the QR code below or email: towerhamlets&city.sendiass@towerhamlets.gov.uk



When? Thursday 12th June

Where? Parents Advice Centre 30 Greatorex St. E1 5NP

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!**





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).

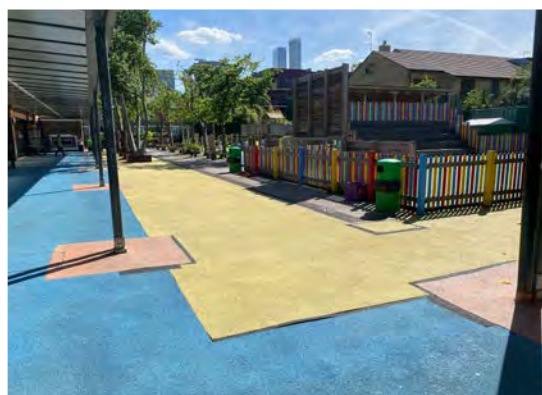
Toilet facilities.

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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