



# The Byword



27th June 2025

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## Key Dates

- Friday 11th July 2025 - Parent Coffee Morning at 9:15am
- Monday 14th July 2025 - Meet the Teacher Day
- Wednesday 16th July 2025 - Reception Graduation at 2pm
- Thursday 17th July 2025 - Parent Celebration Day
- Monday 21st July 2025 - Y6 Leavers Show at 2pm
- Wednesday 23rd July 2025 - Last day of term - **1:30pm finish**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are incredibly excited to welcome you all to our Summer Fair today at 2:30pm. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon of fun, food, games and community spirit - we can't wait to see you there!

Last week we also had fantastic news to celebrate. We successfully underwent our Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) assessment and, as a result, Bygrove has proudly retained its Flagship School Award! This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire school community.

The assessor was particularly impressed with the inclusive culture we foster here at Bygrove and the quality of provision for all our children. She thoroughly enjoyed speaking with our pupils, staff and parents throughout the day, which truly highlights the strong partnerships we have. The full report will be available soon and we'll be sure to share it with you.

We look forward to seeing many of you this afternoon at the Summer Fair!

Warm regards,

Fiona



Paper  
copies of  
the Byword  
are  
available  
from the  
office.

**INVESTORS IN PEOPLE®**  
We invest in people Platinum



# 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.



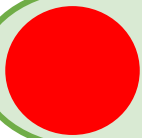
**Exceptional!**  
**100%**



**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 16th June  
2025 - Friday 20th June 2025  
(Rec-Y6):

**96.27%**

Year	Attendance
Nursery	90.42%
Reception	97.67%
Year 1	90.00%
Year 2	97.33%
Year 3	99.00%
Year 4	94.67%
Year 5	98.55%
Year 6	96.90%

Last week's  
attendance

**Y3: 99%**

**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%!

# 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](#)



# TESCO Stronger Starts Grant



We have been accepted for the TESCO STRONGER STARTS GRANT! You may have seen the boxes in store where customers get to vote for their favourite cause with blue tokens.

The voting for our grant will commence in store from the first week in **July 2025** until the end of **September 2025**.

We have applied for **£1500** to expand our emotional literacy support programme in school.

If you shop in any of the following stores, please ask for a token & cast your vote for Bygrove!

2239 Canary Wharf Express Express E14 4QT  
5430 Millharbour Iod Express E14 9NA  
5736 Limehouse Commercial Road Express E14 7LW  
5841 Poplar High Street Express E14 9RL  
5989 Bow Violet Road Express E3 3QG  
6005 Frances Wharf Express E14 7BY  
6063 Baltimore Express Express E14 9RB  
6289 South Plaza Isle Of Dogs Express Express E14 9SH  
6593 Isle Of Dogs Marsh Wall Express E14 9AB  
6898 Isle Of Dogs Manchester Road Express Express E14 3NX  
5010 Paternoster Square Express Express EC4M 7DX  
5738 Blackwall Express Express E14 2BE



To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here: <http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk>

Once voting has concluded in store, votes will be collated in October and you will be notified of the outcome of the public vote in early November.





# Stars Of The Week

Reception

Jade

Year 1

Ibrahim

Year 2

Yousuf

Year 3

Dielli

Year 4

Iyaaz

Year 5

Mohammad

Year 6

Anas

# HANDWRITING HEROES

RECEPTION: IDRIS

YEAR 1: BISMA

YEAR 2: AYLÄ

YEAR 3: ASIYAH

YEAR 4: ARYAN

YEAR 5: SAMA

YEAR 6: FARIHA





Mathletics

# MATHLETICS WINNERS

**1ST: Y1 - 21,422 POINTS**

**2ND: Y2 - 19,397 POINTS**

**3RD: Y6 - 15,364 POINTS**

**TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE  
THIS WEEK:**

**Y3 - FARHA  
5,110 POINTS**



# Back to school

Get ready for the new academic year.

You can buy school bags through ParentPay [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and pick them up from the school office.

Each book bag is **£5**.



## LANGUAGE ANGELS



**This week's word is:**

**"Escuela"**– which means **"School"**

Try using it at home and in school!



**Remember to place your group photograph order by  
Sunday 29/06/2025  
for FREE delivery to  
Bygrove Primary School**

Every order generates funds for your school too

[www.schoolphotographs.co.uk](http://www.schoolphotographs.co.uk)



Your child has been given a photo leaflet with the QR code and instructions on how to purchase the class photos.

# 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





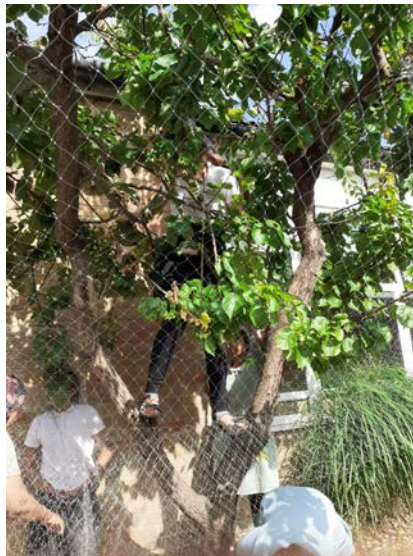
## Y6 Secondary Transition

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](mailto: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.

### Gardening club



In Gardening Club this week, the children picked apricots from the trees.

We will be having an exciting project coming up soon for all to enjoy!



# Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been practising finding the missing numeral in a number line up to 5. First, we ordered unifix towers from smallest to biggest. Then, when a number went missing, we worked hard to think about which number we had NOT said. We also had a go at saying which number is next to one another, like 3 is next to 2 and 4!



## Reception

In English, Reception have been learning the story 'Billy's Bucket'. This week they've innovated the story setting to a forest and had a go at writing what Billy might see inside his bucket full of adventure. Have a read of our shared writing and some children's wonderful sentences.

Billy's Bucket		
Intro:		
Setting:		
Warning:		
Problem:		
Solution:		

Billy's Bucket  
On Billy's birthday he asked for a bucket. Mum and dad took him to 'Bucket's RVs' and he found THE one. Billy peered into his bucket. First he saw an enormous bear with googly eyes and a wet nose. Next he heard a herd of deers stomping around and bashing their antlers. Then he saw a

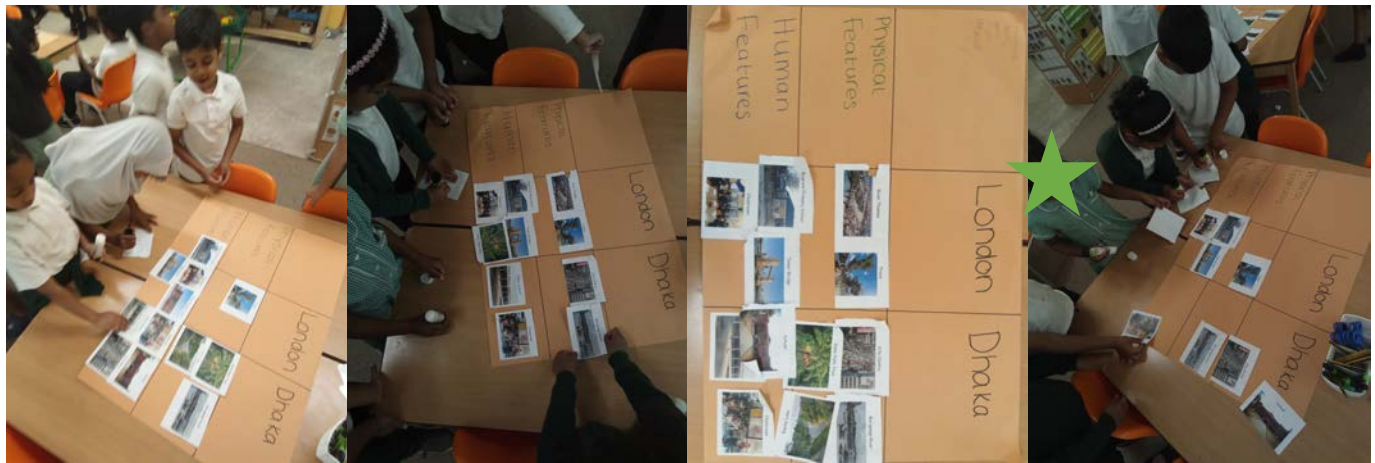
then he saw a  
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of stick.  
so park  
@ 16.6.25

then he saw a  
helutween and a  
spacee cabin.  
Eesoh @ 16.6.25



# Year 1

Year 1 have been learning all about physical and human features in geography this term. This week they were given the opportunity to compare physical and human features from two cities around the world; London and Dhaka. They had to discuss what a physical and human feature was. Then working as a team they had to look at the pictures from the two cities and sort the feature correctly into the table.



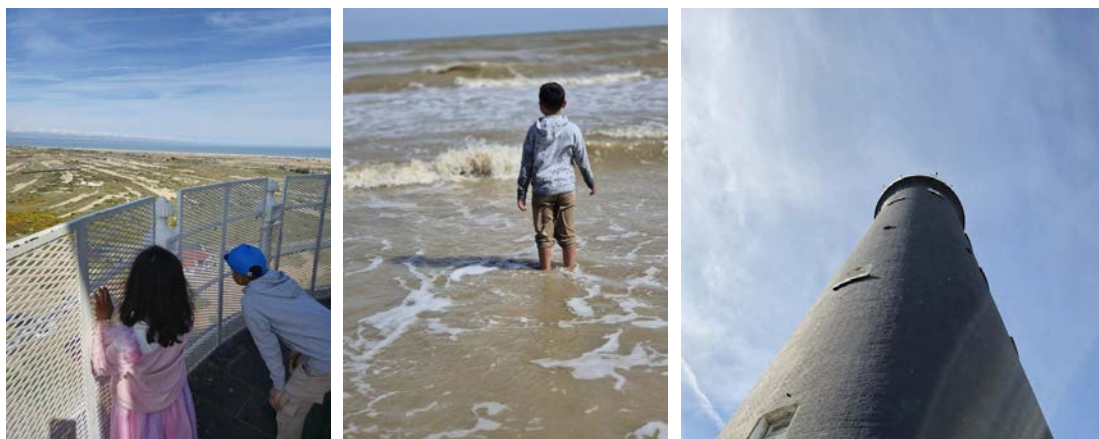
The children have also been looking at place value to 100 in maths this week. They started the week by representing the amounts using dienes. Then they worked in pairs to explore how to find one more and one less than given number. They realised that they just had to count one back or one forward to find the answers. They had to explore what happens when you add one more to a number where the ones is 9 and what happens when you take one away when the ones column is a 0.



# Year 3

The children in Year 3 have been thoroughly enjoying their class book Featherlight by Peter Bunzl. The story has sparked lots of curiosity and imagination, especially around the themes of lighthouses and seaside adventures. Zakariya R and Zakariya H were so inspired that they wanted to share some lovely photos with their classmates.

Zakariya R brought in pictures from a family visit to a lighthouse and beach during the April holidays, where he stayed in a cosy chalet. He told us that he couldn't believe how tall a lighthouse was! He also shared some recent photos from a trip to the beach this past weekend, where he enjoyed exploring tide pools and feeling the fresh sea breeze on his face.



Zakariya H told us that the story reminded him of his visit to the French countryside. He saw a rugged coastline and loved playing around it. He especially remembered the large rocks, and, just like the character in the story, he found himself skipping from rock to rock. It's wonderful to hear how the children are making personal connections with the story through their own experiences.



Thank you to Zakariya R and Zakariya H for bringing the story to life and helping us all make connections with our own adventures!



The children in SLS are practicing their phonics.



They also had fun during stage two of their bucket session.



## Year 4



In geography, Year 4 have been learning about climate issues. They worked in groups, researching the climate issues we are now facing and its impact. They produced some amazing posters.



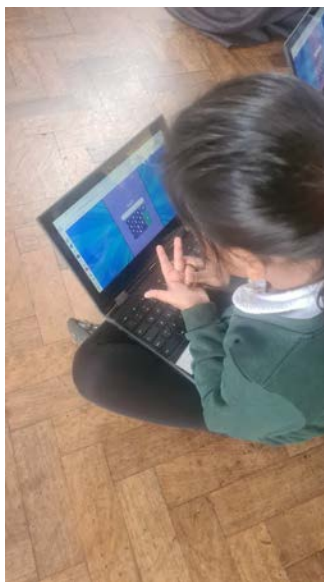
# Year 6

This week Year 6 have had workshops on heart health and safe travel from TfL. In the pictures, we can see William from TfL teaching the children how to stay safe when travelling on various different modes of transport across London.



## Maths!

We had a school wide times table quiz using 99maths! All of the children took part and had an amazing time showcasing all of their skills! We were working on speed as well as accuracy! Keep practising those times tables at home!







**Family  
Hubs**  
TOWER HAMLETS



# School Readiness Parent Workshop

Do you have a child aged between 18 months - 4 years?

The Local Children and Family Centre will be delivering the School Readiness Programme here at Bygrove. All sessions are based on a Stay and Play format and will include introductions/aims, resource packs, parent discussions, Top Tips and important information.



## Sessions available:

Wed 2nd July - Routine & Boundaries

Wed 9th July - Play & Language



Sessions will run weekly on Wednesdays from **9am - 10am**.

There is a **limit of 10 families per session** so please sign up ASAP.

REGISTER NOW



If you would like to attend,  
please call the school office on 020 7538 4925 by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June to  
book your space and session choice.





TOWER HAMLETS

# Holiday Childcare Scheme

Bookings  
now open

Ages  
**3-13**  
years old

The Tower Hamlets Childcare  
Scheme offers Ofsted  
registered childcare.

**020 7364 0523**

**[www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs)**

Summer scheme  
Monday 28 July to  
Friday  
22 August 2025  
(20 days)



## Holiday Childcare Summer Scheme 2025

### Information for professionals

The Tower Hamlets Holiday Childcare Summer 2025 Scheme is now open for bookings for working parents' resident in the borough, and for vulnerable referrals. Non-working parents / carers are welcome to book places from 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

### Scheme dates

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025 (20 days).

Our scheme dates are based on the Tower Hamlets school holidays.

**Booking closing date: 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025 by 12pm** or earlier once bookings are full.

### Venue

St Anne's & Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School, Underwood Road, E1 5AW

Please support and share this information with families you feel may benefit from our scheme. To refer a child please complete our [referral form](#) and support the family to book following the steps on our [booking system](#).

More information can be found on our website [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs).

We will look forward to receiving your bookings.

Holiday Childcare Team  
Parent & Family Support Service  
Education Directorate  
London Borough of Tower Hamlets

# 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!**







# 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](#)