



# The Byword



4th July 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**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Bygrove!

What a wonderful Summer Fair we had last Friday! It was fantastic to see so many of you there, enjoying the sunshine and all of the activities. Thank you to everyone who came along and made it such a memorable afternoon for our school community.

A special thank you must go to the incredible parents who so generously cooked and ran our food stall. We truly appreciate all your efforts and we're incredibly grateful for your time, energy and delicious contributions. Events like these simply wouldn't be possible without your amazing support!

Looking ahead, Monday 14th July will be **Meet the Teacher Day**. On this day, children will have the exciting opportunity to spend the whole day with their new teaching teams, getting to know them and their new classrooms. We will also be sharing the new staff list with parents on the same day.

We're excited to invite you to our annual **Parent Celebration Day** next Thursday 17th July. We'd love for you to join us for a pastry and a hot drink either before or after school as a small token of our appreciation for your continued support throughout the year. Your partnership is invaluable to your child's success and our school community. Your child's end-of-year pupil report will also be emailed to you on this date.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes for the weekend,

Fiona



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trust

# 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 23rd June 2025 - Friday 27th June 2025 (Rec-Y6):

**97.19%**

Year	Attendance
Nursery	92.69%
Reception	98.67%
Year 1	96.67%
Year 2	98.33%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	94.33%
Year 5	96.74%
Year 6	95.52%

Last week's attendance

Y3: 100%

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

Amaan

Year 1

Kiyan

Year 2

Arham

Year 3

Arafat

Year 4

Khadeeja

Year 5

Zahid

Year 6

Aryan

# HANDWRITING HEROES

RECEPTION: SALMA

YEAR 1: AIDEN

YEAR 2: MAYAMEEN

YEAR 3: IRADAT

YEAR 4: MADEEHA

YEAR 5: MOHAMMAD

YEAR 6: KHADHIJA





Mathletics

# MATHLETICS WINNERS

**1ST: Y2 - 51,025 POINTS**

**2ND: Y1 - 33,266 POINTS**

**3RD: Y6 - 22,269 POINTS**

**TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE  
THIS WEEK:**

**Y2 - ELIZA  
3,644 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:**

**"Amigo"**– which means **"Friend (male)"**

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](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.



# 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 are led by Aji.

Our librarians have been making origami to give out to the children for borrowing books. We have Arwin facilitating a younger child to choose a book, Noah returning books, Amaanah writing emails and making sure the books have library labels on, Alyssa reading stories to younger children and Aliah fixing the bookshelves. These are just a few of jobs that our amazing librarians do!



## Upcoming events:

We also have other roles in the library which we will share with you soon.



# Summer Fair

Bygrove's annual summer fair was last Friday. The hall and playground were buzzing with laughter and happiness as children bounced on the bouncy castles, had homemade food by our parents and splashed teachers with wet sponges.

Thank you to all who helped us organise the event!

A special thank you to the parents who participated in the parent food stall. We really appreciate the time and effort you put into making the event a success, from planning weeks beforehand, to setting up early on the day and cooking such delicious food for all to enjoy.



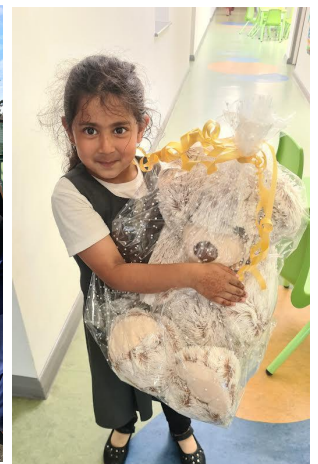
Our goal this year was to raise £1650 and we exceeded this by raising a total of **£2,195.97!** We collected money to enhance the resources for our children in school.

Read on to see some highlights we captured from the event.



There were many activities for children and adults to take part in such as badge making, tin can throw and beat the keeper. The Tower Hamlets Recycling Team also were able to attend and had a stall with resources and activities based on recycling.





Many families were lucky enough to win prizes in the raffle and the tombola which was run by Sharon and our friend of Bygrove, Christina. Hana from Y1 won the teddy from the summer fair because she guessed its name correctly! This awesome bear was called 'Liyana'.



**1st** - Summer hamper: Olexandr (YR)

**2nd** - Amazon Fire HD 8 Kids Tablet: Yasmin (YN)

**3rd** - Children's bike: Muaaz (YN)

Tilda Pure Basmati Rice 10KG - Baboucarr (SLS), Hidayah (YN), Amira (SLS) and Salma, Sulaymaan, Sakariya (YR)

Leyton Orient goodie bags - Eesa (YR) and Ihsaanul (Y1)

Leyton Orient mugs & stress balls - Hermes (Y3) and Léo/Noah (Y3/Y5)

Cushion - Sienna (SLS)

White handbag - Zayaan (YN)

Brown handbag - Aiza Afrin (Y2)

Pink handbag - Eliza (Y2)

Beauty hamper - Zayna (Y3)

Beauty hamper - Sienna (SLS)

Hair accessories hamper - Humaira (Y5)

Fruit basket - Eliza (Y2)

Large frame - Harun (YN)



# Nursery

In Forest School this week, Nursery continued to make dens. It was very exciting to practise tying knots. We also helped Sherin with watering and planting, using our tools very carefully. Because of the hot rainy weather, we saw lots of slugs and newts around the science garden!



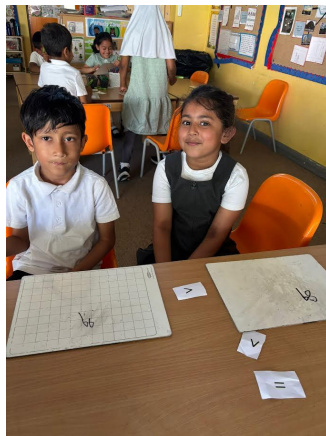
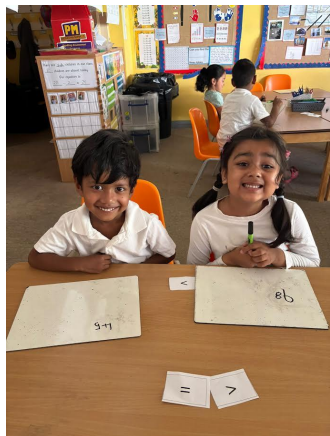
## Year 1

This week Year 1 have been exploring their senses in science. They were tasked with identifying all five senses; touch, taste, sight, smell and hearing. They then did a carousel of activities in which they had to use one of their senses to help them record their findings. Lots of the children were able to accurately identify which sense they were using and how it helps them to explore the world around them.



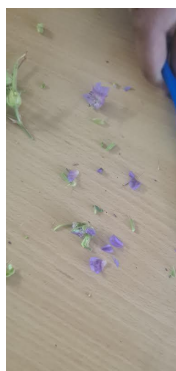


This week in maths, Year 1 have been exploring and comparing amounts up to 100. They were able to confidently use dienes to represent the amounts and then use the greater than, less than and equal to symbols to make a direct comparison between the two numbers. Some children were so confident they were able to simply write the number itself and make the comparison.



## Year 3

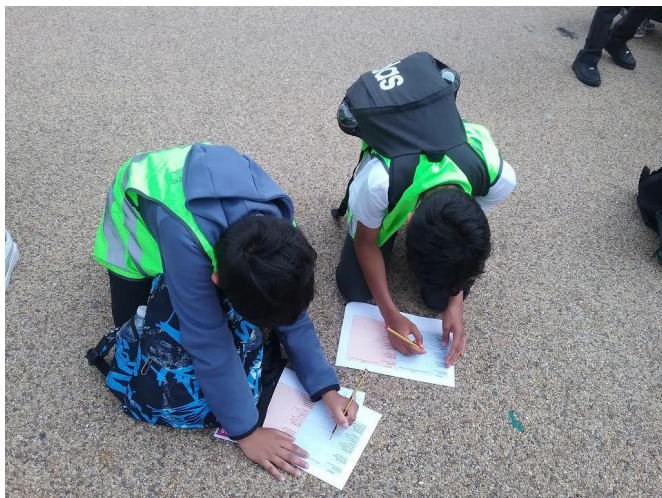
Year 3 have been learning to identify the different parts of a plant and understand their functions. Through careful observation and plant dissection, the children explored how roots, stems, leaves, and flowers each play an important role in a plant's life cycle and growth. In the coming weeks, they will continue their scientific enquiry by carrying out experiments to investigate what plants need to grow and stay healthy.





# Year 5

Last week, Year 5 went on a trip to the Olympic Park for geography where they had to identify different land use and complete a tally chart.





TOWER HAMLETS


## Holiday Childcare Scheme

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)

Bookings  
now open







**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Centre Court Fish Finger Bap

or

Court 1 Vegetable Pasty

or

Cream Cheese & Cucumber Sandwich



Served with

Tennis Ball Potato Wedges

Carrots

Sweetcorn

&

Match Point Mixed Salad & Coleslaw



Victory Strawberry Eton Mess



**Let the games begin – Game, Set, Lunch!**

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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.





# Asthma and allergy

Newsletter July 2025

Learn more about asthma and wheeze with these short [video](#).

## Make sure you have an Asthma and Allergy Plan at home and school



Take your preventor inhaler over the summer so you are protected from the triggers such as colds and virus which start once you are back at school. If your child's asthma is worse, give blue inhaler more regular 2 puffs at a time if needing more than 3 times or **NEEDING MORE THAN 10 PUFFS EVERY 4 HOURS?** See your GP or hospital asthma team - you may need extra medication or even hospitalisation.

### In an emergency

Think: Are they coughing, wheezing, breathing difficulty, tight chest. Intervene: Reassure the child, sit them upright and slightly forward. Medicine: Give 10 puffs of the blue inhaler using a spacer. Emergency: If there is no improvement or if you are worried call 999. If you're waiting for an ambulance give another 10 puffs of salbutamol.

**Mart therapy** has a different management follow your asthma plan. If your asthma is worse, you can use up to 12 puffs in 24 hours including your normal twice daily doses.

### In an emergency

Think: Are they coughing, wheezing, breathing difficulty, tight chest. Intervene: Reassure the child, sit them upright and slightly forward. Medicine: Take 1 inhalation of Symbicort Turbohaler. Wait 1-3 minutes. If no improvement in symptoms take another inhalation of

Symbicort Turbohaler (up to a maximum of 6 inhalations).  
Emergency: If there is no improvement or if you are worried call 999.  
**Understand how to use inhaler correctly** • Take your spacer home and wash it (you should get a new one every year) – school aged children don't need a masked spacer a mouthpiece will ensure medication gets into the lungs.

• Check you know [how use a spacer and look after your spacer](#).



• Take your preventer (brown, purple or orange inhaler) with a spacer EVERY DAY even when well – this calms lung inflammation, prevents attacks, reduces symptoms and prevents hospital admissions.

• Other Dry [powder inhalers](#) such as symbicort

## Eczema

Learn how to manage your child's [Eczema](#) and watch these videos on



how to apply [emollients and steroids](#). Help school understand how to support your child's Eczema with this [School care plan](#). Emollients can cause the skin to burn so make sure you use [sun cream](#).



**Allergy Always carry 2 pens and antihistamines with you at all times it could save your life**

**If Having an asthma attack and your reliver is not working, follow your allergy Plan  
ADRENALINE PEN IF IN DOUBT – USE IT!!!!**

There may be no signs as the signs of an anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction) may not always be obvious.

[How to use a Jext Pen](#) [How to use an EpiPen](#)

[More information on allergies](#)



## Schedule an asthma review every year or after an attack

You should have an asthma review with your GP/ Practice nurse or Pharmacist at least once a year for a **new spacer** and **individual asthma/allergy plan** that must be taken to school.

Book one earlier if:

- you NEED your Reliever inhaler **more than 3 times a week**
- you have frequent daytime asthma symptoms, or your asthma is **waking you up at night**.
- you have attended the emergency department or needed steroid tablets or liquid for your symptoms. **Booking an asthma review during the summer holidays may prevent a term time asthma attack**

## Consider air quality and triggers that impact your lung health

Indoor and outdoor pollution effects asthma find [out more](#). You can help by walking or scoot to school avoiding main roads walking along quieter roads. If you must drive turn off your engines when stationary. For more information on [air quality](#) check out the website.

**Treating your Hayfever treats your Asthma:** Take your hay fever medication and nasal spray daily in the summer months when the pollen is high **Contact your GP or Nurse if your hay fever is not controlled**

Breathing in mould spores makes your [asthma worse](#) causing more coughing, wheeze and allergic rhinitis make sure you use mould spores to reduce the level.

**Advice on how mould affects Asthma** contact your council to make repairs and **Report it**. If you are having difficulties in getting repairs, you can get [support](#), [complain](#) or [legal advice](#).

If you need help with [cost of living](#).



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# PLAYWHEELS

Join Us For Free Play, Creativity, And Outdoor Fun  
This May Half Term!

For Ages 5 to 11

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August & Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August to Friday  
15<sup>th</sup> August and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 11am to 3pm



**Where: Bromley Recreation Ground  
(St Leonards Street/Bruce Road, E3 3BT)**

**Activities Include: Arts & Crafts • LEGO • Sports • Games  
• Free Play And More!**

Scheme is outdoors and will not operate in poor weather - Open access  
playscheme - children can come and go as they wish (it is not a childcare  
scheme) - Register your child on the day

**To find out more, contact:  
Paula on 0207 511 4253 | [paula@theaaazone.com](mailto:paula@theaaazone.com)**

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# SOANES CENTRE

## SUMMER PROGRAMME

regular drop in sessions  
between 10am and 2pm!

**free** and suitable for people of any age!\*

register  
on  
eventbrite!

### SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY

TEXTILES - PRINTING WITH CYANOTYPE AND COMPOSING AN IMAGE  
CERAMICS - EXPERIMENTING WITH NATURAL MATERIALS

### SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY

TEXTILES - DYING AND RESIST TECHNIQUES  
CERAMICS - SCULPTING, CARVING AND DRAWING WITH CLAY

### SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

TEXTILES - MONOPRINTING TECHNIQUES ON FABRIC  
CERAMICS - MAKING CERAMIC WALL-MOUNTED SCULPTURES

### SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST

TEXTILES - EMBROIDERING BY HAND AND JOINING FABRIC TOGETHER  
INSTALLING OUR ARTWORKS AT THE SOANES CENTRE!

+ contribute  
to our  
oral history  
project!

\*kids must be supervised

stay in touch with us on instagram  
**@savesoanes**



or our website **www.savesoanes.com** for updates  
and more information!





# 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](#)