



The Byword



23rd July 2025

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Key Dates

- Monday 1st September: INSET Day - **School Closed**
- Tuesday 2nd September: INSET Day - **School Closed**
- Wednesday 3rd September: Back to school for returning Nursery pupils, Reception to Year 6 children (start dates for new Nursery children will be confirmed by the EYFS team)
- Friday 19th September: We Belong At Bygrove 2025 - **Children finish 2:30pm**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another fantastic year at Bygrove draws to a close, we want to express how incredibly proud we are of your children. Their achievements this year have been remarkable and they continue to embody our school values every single day.

Today marks a bittersweet moment as we bid a final farewell to our Year 6 children. Their recent performances were truly a joy to watch, a testament to their hard work and dedication. We couldn't be prouder of them and are confident they'll go on to achieve wonderful things in secondary school.

We extend a huge thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the Bygrove community. Your constant encouragement is invaluable and truly helps make our school whole. For families whose children are moving on to secondary school, we'll genuinely miss you and are so grateful for everything you've contributed. We wish your children the very best for their future and hope you'll keep us updated on their successes!

Looking ahead to September, please remember that school starts promptly at 9:00am on Wednesday 3rd September, finishing at 3:30pm. The main playground gate and Year 5/6 gate will open at 8:50am and close at 9:00am. The Nursery gate opens at 8:35am, with the morning session beginning at 8:45am.

We wish you all a brilliant summer break and eagerly look forward to seeing you in September!

Best Wishes,

Fiona




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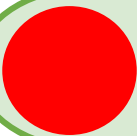
Attendance

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 14th July 2025 - Friday 18th July 2025 (Rec-Y6):
96.61%

Year	Attendance
Nursery	93.86%
Reception	98.67%
Year 1	98.33%
Year 2	98.00%
Year 3	97.00%
Year 4	97.67%
Year 5	94.91%
Year 6	91.38%

Last week's attendance

YR: 98.67%

Well done YR!

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

Our Ad-Hoc Clubhouse sessions and Breakfast Club provision for the autumn term will begin on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

All other clubs will start from Monday 8th September 2025. Please keep an eye for emails during the summer holidays because you will need to pay via ParentPay once the 2025-2026 clubs are ready.

The clubs available will be:

After School Clubs - Autumn 2025

Each club costs **£19.50 for the term**. The price for the Cooking Club and Gardening Club is **£22.00** 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 **£2.50 per day**.

Mondays			
Clubhouse	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
The Bygrove Band	Years 2 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	20 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	20 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	20 spaces remaining
Gardening Club (£22 per term) *Until Wed 22nd October 2025	Years 1 - Year 6	3:45 - 5:00	16 spaces remaining
Thursdays			
Clubhouse	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Cooking Club (£22 per term)	Years 1 - Year 6	3:45 - 5:00	16 spaces remaining
Fridays			
Clubhouse	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome

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.

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:

"Libro" – which means **"Book"**

Try using it at home and in school!

Parent Welcome Meetings 2025-26

Date	Time	Year Group	Location	Entry & Exit
Wednesday 3rd September	3.00-3.30pm	Year 6	Year 6 Classroom	Car Park Gate
Thursday 4th September	3.00-3.30pm	Year 5	Year 5 Classroom	Car Park Gate
Friday 5th September	3.00-3.30pm	Reception	Reception	Front Office & Playground
Monday 8th September	3.00-3.30pm	Specialist Learning Space	Specialist Learning Space	Front Gate
Tuesday 9th September	3.00-3.30pm	Year 2	Year 2 Classroom	Front Office & Playground
Thursday 11th September	3.00-3.30pm	Year 1	Year 1 Classroom	Front Office & Playground
Friday 12th September	3.00-3.30pm	Year 3	Year 3 Classroom	Front Office & Playground
Monday 15th September	3.00-3.30pm	Year 4	Year 4 Classroom	Front Office & Playground

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

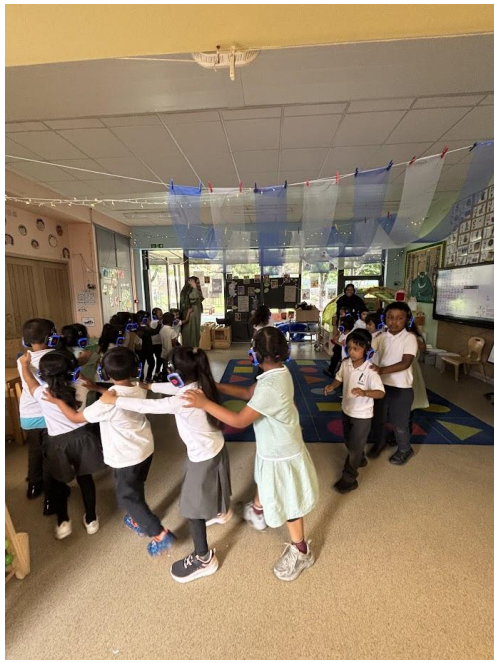
Library
Books
Wish List



Inclusion
Wish List



Reception



Unfortunately due to the bad weather, Reception's trip had to be cancelled this week. But they had a lovely picnic in the playground and a silent disco which they thoroughly enjoyed.

SLS

The SLS made a plant pot made out of clay. We used different methods to mould our clay using wooden clay rollers, pottery sculpting tools and our hands.



Year 1

Last week in maths, Year 1 learnt all about time. First they explored a clock and identified its different features including the numbers, minute hand and hour hand. Then the children used the clocks to begin to tell the time to hour. They learnt that when the minute hand is pointing to 12 it is always o'clock.



Year 2

For Meet the Teacher day the Year 3s (current Year 2s) created their own shields to immerse themselves into the theme for the autumn term all about invaders and settlers. The children designed their shields first on paper and thought of all the different patterns they wanted on their shield. Next, they transferred the design onto their shields and painted them. The children were very excited about their shields and loved creating their own designs.



SOANES CENTRE

SUMMER PROGRAMME

regular drop in sessions
between 10am and 2pm!
free and suitable for people of any age!*

register
on
eventbrite!

SATURDAY 12TH JULY

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

SATURDAY 26TH JULY

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

SATURDAY 9TH AUGUST

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

SATURDAY 23RD 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!

Linking and Empowering Autistic Families



Phoenix Outreach Service

LEAF is a seven week course devised by Phoenix Outreach Service using some materials from the Autism Education Trust.

It is designed for family members of an autistic child or young person to support their understanding of autism.

The course will cover:

- Introduction to Autism
- Communication Differences
- Thinking and Understanding
- Sensory Differences
- Emotional Regulation Differences
- Emotional Regulation Strategies
- Participant choice of final session

Families are welcome to attend while awaiting assessment for autism.

Please note that we are unable to accommodate babies or children and there are no creche facilities. We are unable to provide a translator but participants can bring a friend or family member for support.

All sessions will be at held in Training Suite 1 or 2 at the following address:

Phoenix Upper School, South Building, Paton Close, E3 2QD

starting at 10am and finishing at 12pm

The dates for each session are:

Tuesday 30th September 2025

Tuesday 7th October 2025

Tuesday 14th October 2025

Tuesday 21st October 2025

Tuesday 4th November 2025

Tuesday 11th November 2025

Tuesday 18th November 2025

To confirm your place on LEAF please email:

training@phoenix.towerhamlets.sch.uk



International Youth Day

12 August 2025

Barnardo's, Safe East, and Young WorkPath in Tower Hamlets are inviting you to interactive online sessions to give you the information you need about:

- children's rights
- your rights when you get support for health and
- your rights as you start to think about the world of work.

When you have more information, you have more power.



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

13 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

1 space 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 2025 will be accepted so please apply now and share with family and friends!





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](#)