



The Byword



19th September 2025

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Key Dates

- Tuesday 23rd September: Y6 Docklands Museum Trip
- Tuesday 7th October
- Y5/6 Residential: Parents Meeting - 3pm
- Thursday 16th October: Individual and Sibling Photos
- Wednesday 22nd October: Y5 Performance - **2pm**
- Thursday 23rd October: Flu Vaccinations
- Friday 24th October: Last day of Term - **3:30pm finish**

Paper copies of the Byword are available from the office.

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are very excited to welcome you all to our 'We Belong At Bygrove' event this afternoon! The children have had a fantastic day celebrating our rich and diverse community, and they all look absolutely wonderful. Thank you so much for your generous food donations and support—we hope you have a lovely afternoon.

This week, there has been a real buzz of excitement as the children applied for their new pupil leadership roles. A huge well done to all the children for their brilliant applications. We can't wait to see them thrive in their new roles and make a positive difference to our school community.

I recently attended a meeting with other school leaders in Tower Hamlets, where we discussed the critical importance of excellent attendance for all children. Last year, Bygrove's attendance was good, but this year, let's aim for the magic number: 97%! We know we can do it, Bygrove!

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Fiona



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 8th September 2025 - Friday 12th September 2025 (Rec-Y6):
97.73%

Year	Attendance
Nursery	97.95%
Reception	96.33%
Year 1	96.67%
Year 2	97.93%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	97.67%
Year 5	98.97%
Year 6	96.55%

Last week's attendance

Y3: 100%

Well done Y3!

It's a great start to the year.



After School Clubs

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

All other clubs will start from Monday 8th September 2025. To sign up, please log on to your ParentPay accounts. The clubs will be live on ParentPay by 3pm on Friday 5th September 2025!

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
Tuesdays			
Clubhouse	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Phase 2 Football Club	Years 4 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	9 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	15 spaces remaining
Gardening Club (£11 until 22/10/25)	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	No spaces remaining
Fridays			
Clubhouse	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome

For the autumn term, Gardening Club will only run for autumn term 1 (10/09/25-22/10/25). You will only be charged £11.00.

If you would like to continue with a club on Wednesdays for autumn term 2 (05/11/25-17/12/25), we can offer Ad-Hoc Clubhouse sessions for £8.75.

LANGUAGE ANGELS



This week's word is:

"**Manzana**" – which means "**Apple**"

Try using it at home and in school!

Introducing ...

We are delighted for you to meet:

Hajrah Haji, who is based in Year 4

Hi, my name is Hajrah and I'm the Apprentice Teaching Assistant in Year 4. I enjoy working with children and watching as they make progress in their learning. I believe every child should feel accomplished and supported in the classroom. Outside of school, I love baking and spending time with loved ones. I look forward to seeing you all in and around the school!



Tahiyah Sarah, who is based in Year 3

'Hi everyone, my name is Tahiyah and I've recently joined Bygrove as a Apprentice Teaching Assistant. I'm looking forward to being part of each child's learning journey and supporting them as they grow in confidence and ability. In my personal life, I love being around cats & trying new foods!



Uniform

Our school uniform helps pupils to feel like a team and is compulsory from Nursery to Year 6. You can buy the school uniform colours without any logos in any major supermarkets such as ASDA or Tesco.

Find out more via our school website:

<https://bygrove.org.uk/uniforms/>

Uniforms with the Bygrove logo are available at Khalsa in Bethnal Green. Khalsa Schoolwear, 388-390 Bethnal Green Road, London E2 0AH. You can also purchase them directly from their website:
<https://khalsaschoolwear.co.uk/school/bygrove-primary/>

Uniforms with the Bygrove logo can also be purchased online at:
<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/>

Just type Bygrove and click 'FIND MY SCHOOL', browse the items you would like to buy, place them in your basket and pay by credit or debit card.



Reporting Pupil Absences



If your child is absent, please call the school office by 9:00am.

If they attend our Nursery afternoon session please call the school office by 12:30pm.

The school telephone number is:
020 7538 4925

Please let the school office know in advance if your child has a medical appointment, proof can be emailed to
admin@bygrove.org.uk

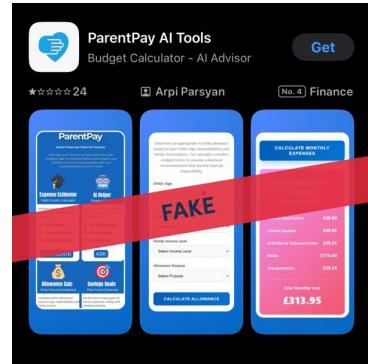


Message from ParentPay:

We have been alerted to a fraudulent app in the Apple App Store that mimics ParentPay branding.

Security and safeguarding are top priorities at ParentPay Group, and we took swift action to report the app and are working closely with Apple to have it removed.

To date, we have recorded only 2 cases of affected parents.



Please be aware:

ParentPay does not have an app available for download from any app stores

To use ParentPay, parents should visit <https://www.parentpay.com/> from a mobile phone or computer

After logging in, parents can save a shortcut onto their phone's home screen. This message is for awareness only, so you can confidently and quickly respond to any parent queries.

Yours sincerely,
ParentPay Group Customer Service Team

ParentPay Sign Up

Activate your ParentPay account.

Please contact the school office to get your username & password to activate your ParentPay account for your child.

ParentPay offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest internet security available. This is a more convenient way to pay for school meals, trips, clubs and other school items online, using a secure service called ParentPay.

Once you have activated your account you can make online payments straight away.



MATHLETICS WINNERS

- 1ST: Y3 - 57,310 POINTS
- 2ND: Y5 - 25,855 POINTS
- 3RD: Y6 - 19,289 POINTS

TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE
THIS WEEK:

Y3 - AMANY
5,877 POINTS

HANDWRITING HEROES

YEAR 1: JADE

YEAR 2: ALEMA

YEAR 3: TAQWA

YEAR 4: BUSHRA

YEAR 5: LIYANA

YEAR 6: AMAANAH





Stars Of The Week

Year 1

Zaydan

Year 2

Ibrahim

Year 3

Adam A

Year 4

Osman & Zakariya H

Year 5

Tarique

Year 6

Abdul

Harvest Festival

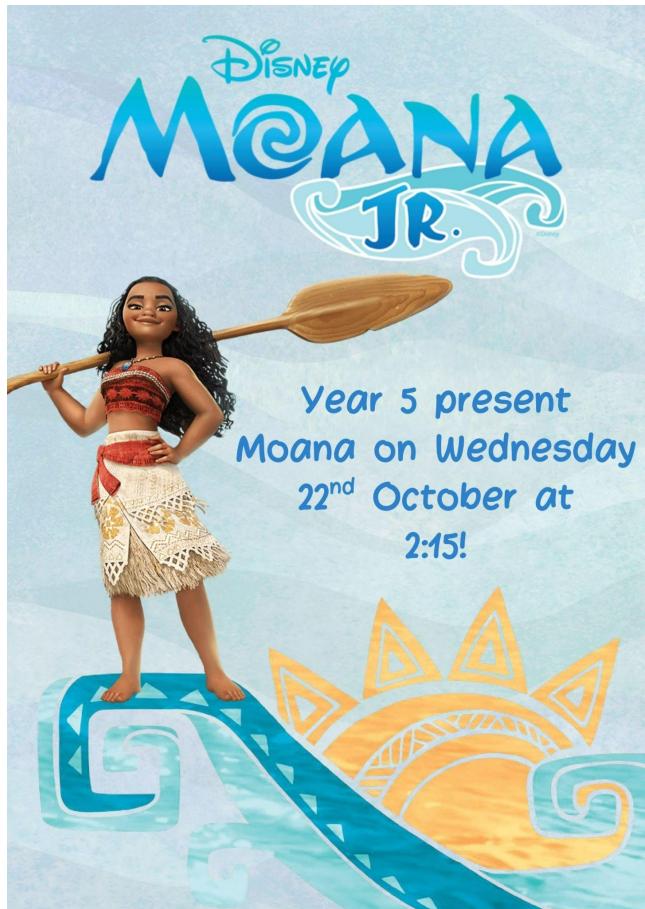
It is time for our annual Harvest Festival.

Each class will be decorating a box and filling it up with non perishable items. There will be a prize for the class with the best decorated box and most collected items. We would like to request that every child donate at least one item. All Donations will go to a local food bank.

The last day for donations is Friday 26th September

Examples of things you can donate are:

- Tinned foods
- Pasta
- Rice
- Lentils
- Toothpaste
- Long life milk
- Washing powder
- Toiletries



Save the date for
our Year 5 Disney
performance of
Moana JR!

World Afro Day

Monday 15th September was World Afro Day. Last week in assembly, we spoke about raising awareness of Afro hair. Hair equality belongs to every hair type. Did you know World Afro Day started in 2017 to celebrate Afro hair and change discrimination through education?

What do you love about your hair?



SLS

This week we used our senses of sight, touch and our fine motor skills to manipulate light. We used different media, such as torches and spiky, bouncy balls that flash light. During this activity we learned to turn them on and off observing cause and effect. Most importantly, we learned the skill of turn taking.



Year 4

Y4 were visited by Steve the Inventor. He brought in his marvellous cam machines for us to investigate. Steve helped us to work as engineers to construct our own machines. Well done Y4 engineers!



Year 4 have also been immersing themselves in their model text, The Iron Man. The children have shown great enthusiasm and creativity, learning the story with actions to help them remember key parts. They have particularly enjoyed acting out each dramatic scene using expression and movement to bring the characters and events to life.



Year 5

This week Year 5 have been learning different passing techniques and dribbling a ball.



Year 6

Year 6 were playing the ukulele in music this week. They also went outside to the playground to create sounds using the climbing frame.



Forest School

In Forest School we've been able to harvest pumpkins and some apples that have grown. They were really delicious!



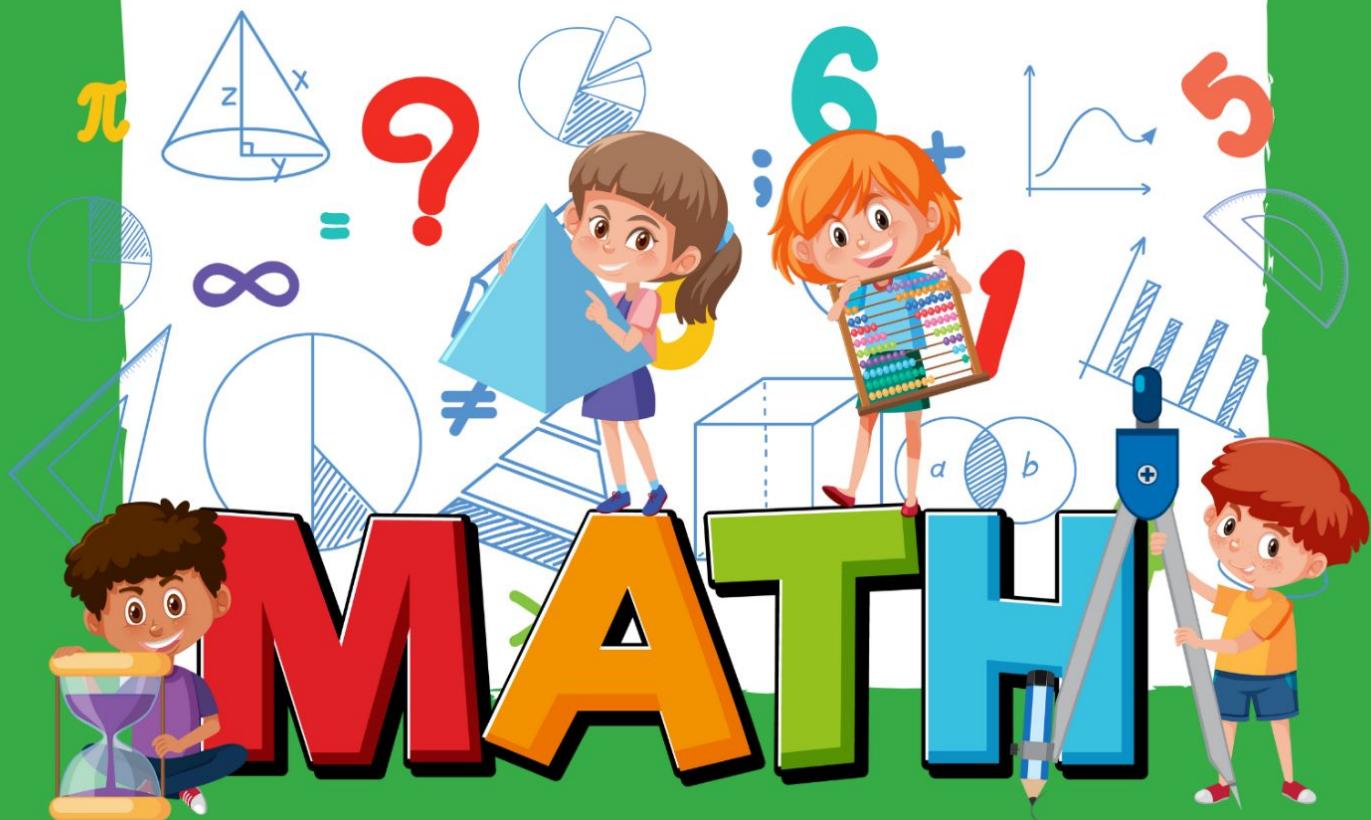
PARENT WORKSHOP: **MARVELLOUS MATHS MORNINGS**

EVERY TUESDAY

YEAR 1 - 3:00PM-3:30PM

YEAR 2 TO 5 - 9:00AM-9:30AM

THIS WILL BE IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM



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.

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 2026 For children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023	52 spaces available for 2026/27 apply online via the eadmissions portal
Reception admissions 2026 For children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022	30 spaces available for 2026/27 apply online via the eadmissions portal
Nursery admissions 2025 For children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022	11 spaces available for 2025/26 apply online via the Parent Portal
Current Year 2 admissions For children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019	1 space available! Apply via the Parent Portal
Current Year 5 admissions For children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016	1 space available! Apply via the Parent Portal
Current Year 6 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](#).

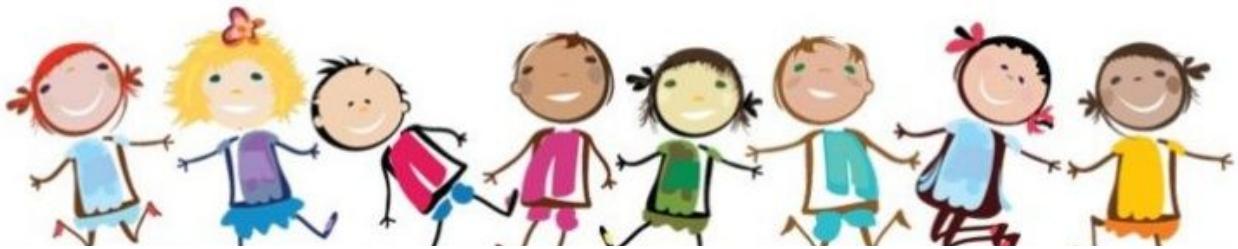
Contact the admissions service directly for more information

Email: school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Telephone: 020 7364 5006

Late applications will be accepted so please apply now and share with family and friends!

We also offer places to rising 3-year-olds to start nursery a term after turning 3 years old. Please spread the word and tell them to apply ASAP! They can apply via: the [Parent Portal](#)



NURSERY

Places Available!

Do you have or know someone with a child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?

Apply now via the [Parent Portal](#)

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! They can start in January 2026 or April 2026.

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](#)



FAMILY INFORMATION

service and Local Offer OPEN DAY

Date: 23rd October 2025

Time: 10am – 2pm

FREE ENTRY

Location: Tower Hamlets,
Grocers Wing, 160 Whitechapel Road,
London, E1 1BJ

Join us for a informative marketplace-style event

- Chat with stallholders
- Discover local support services
- Learn about childcare, education, health, wellbeing, and more!
- Free resources & helpful guidance
- No booking required

Family Information Service, 020 7364 6495

fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk, www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk

Let's Talk SEND

Come along to an information event for parents and carers to find out about Coproduction and help develop a Borough wide charter

For further information, contact us at:

Tel: 0207 364 4461

Email: Mark.Penn@towerhamlets.gov.uk

When: Friday 26th September 11am-12pm

Friday 24th October 10.30am-11.30am

Friday 21st November 11am-12pm

Where: Parents Advice centre, 30 Greatorex street,

E1 5NP



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

www.localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk/pages/local-offer/sendlets-talk-send