



# The Byword



3rd October 2025

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## Key Dates

- 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 Bygrove Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy and productive week here at Bygrove and I have some fantastic updates to share about the hard work taking place.

On Monday, Akosua and I had the pleasure of carrying out a maths learning walk across the school from Nursery to Year 6. We were genuinely impressed with what we observed. The children are developing exceptional number fluency and demonstrating sophisticated reasoning skills. It's brilliant to see such confidence and enthusiasm in mathematics.

Meanwhile, the main hall has been transformed into a rehearsal studio! Our Year 5 children have been working incredibly hard preparing for their performance of Moana. They are showing wonderful dedication to learning their lines and we've been thoroughly enjoying the sounds of their beautiful singing echoing through the corridors. Their commitment is inspiring and we can't wait for them to share their performance with you.

Finally, a very important reminder about the upcoming residential trip. We are holding a Year 5 and Year 6 parent meeting on Tuesday at 3pm to share all the essential information about the residential to Fairplay House. This adventure learning opportunity is an exciting and vital part of our curriculum, as it develops the independence, resilience and teamwork skills that the children will need as they transition to secondary school and beyond. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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 22nd September 2025 - Friday 28th September 2025 (Rec-Y6):

**96.52%**

Year	Attendance
Nursery	<b>90.45%</b>
Reception	<b>89.67%</b>
Year 1	<b>97.67%</b>
Year 2	<b>100%</b>
Year 3	<b>99.67%</b>
Year 4	<b>98.67%</b>
Year 5	<b>98.62%</b>
Year 6	<b>91.38%</b>

**Last week's attendance**

**Y2: 100%**

**Well done Y2!**

# 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	13 spaces remaining
Gardening Club <b>(£11 until 22/10/25)</b>	Years 1 - Year 6	3:45 - 5:00	16 spaces remaining
Thursdays			
Clubhouse	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Cooking Club <b>(£22 per term)</b>	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:**

**"Maestro / Maestra"** – which means  
**"Teacher (male/female)"**

Try using it at home and in school!

## Introducing ...

We are delighted for you to meet some of our trainee teachers for this academic year:

Danii, who is based in Reception

'Hello! My name is Danii and I'm a trainee teacher here at Bygrove. I only started at the school in September but everyone has already made me feel so welcome and I have already made such meaningful connections with the children. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings! Outside of school, I love to go to the gym and spend time with my friends doing fun activities.'



Shimon, who is based in Year 3

'My name is Shimon, I'm excited to be working in a primary school after teaching in a secondary school for 2 years. I've also been to 27 countries which probably means I enjoy travelling to an extent.'



## 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](mailto:admin@bygrove.org.uk)



# Stars Of The Week

Year 1

Zaid

Year 2

Azzan

Year 3

Mihran

Year 4

Khaleel

Year 5

Salma

Year 6

Tasmi

# **HANDWRITING HEROES**

**YEAR 1: ALIYA**

**YEAR 2: MANHA**

**YEAR 3: ELLA**

**YEAR 4: TAQIYA**

**YEAR 5: ZAHRA**

**YEAR 6: DAVID**





# MATHLETICS WINNERS

- 1ST: Y2 - 30,815 POINTS
- 2ND: Y3 - 21,693 POINTS
- 3RD: Y4 - 14,949 POINTS

TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE  
THIS WEEK:

Y2 - AZZAN  
4,868 POINTS

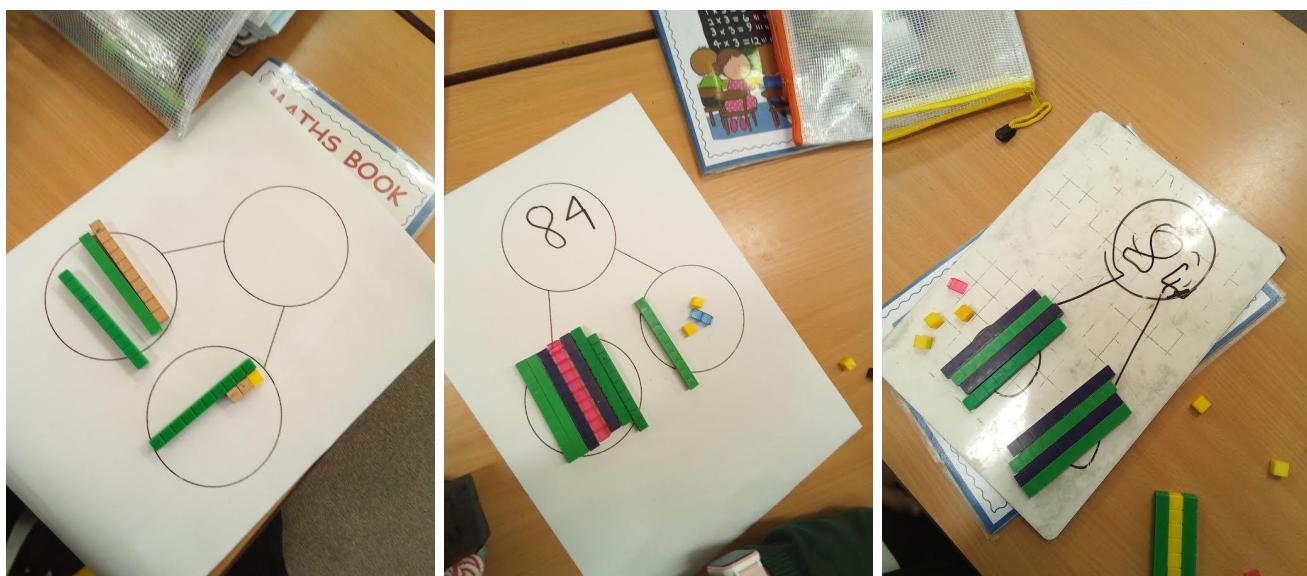
# Nursery

Over the past few weeks, Nursery has been looking at the story, 'Owl Babies'. First, we read the story again and again to properly remember the narrative. We also learned new words, like 'owls', 'tree trunk' and 'swooped'. Then, we started to act out the story, using actions and our words to retell 'Owl Babies'. At first, it was a bit tricky but now, we all have remembered the key characters and story points!



# Year 2

This week in maths, Year 2 have been learning how to partition numbers up to 100 using their part whole models and dienes. They have done a great job using their place value learning to be successful!



# Year 4

On Thursday afternoon Year 4 children took part in the inspiring Black Heroes of Mathematics – Youth Festival with Herbert Daly. Together they explored the question: “Will my computer survive without maths?”

Through solving challenging maths problems, testing their knowledge in exciting quizzes and experimenting with coding, the children discovered just how important maths is, not only in technology but in everyday life. The festival was a wonderful opportunity for them to celebrate mathematical thinking, learn about inspirational black mathematicians and see the incredible impact maths has on the world around us.



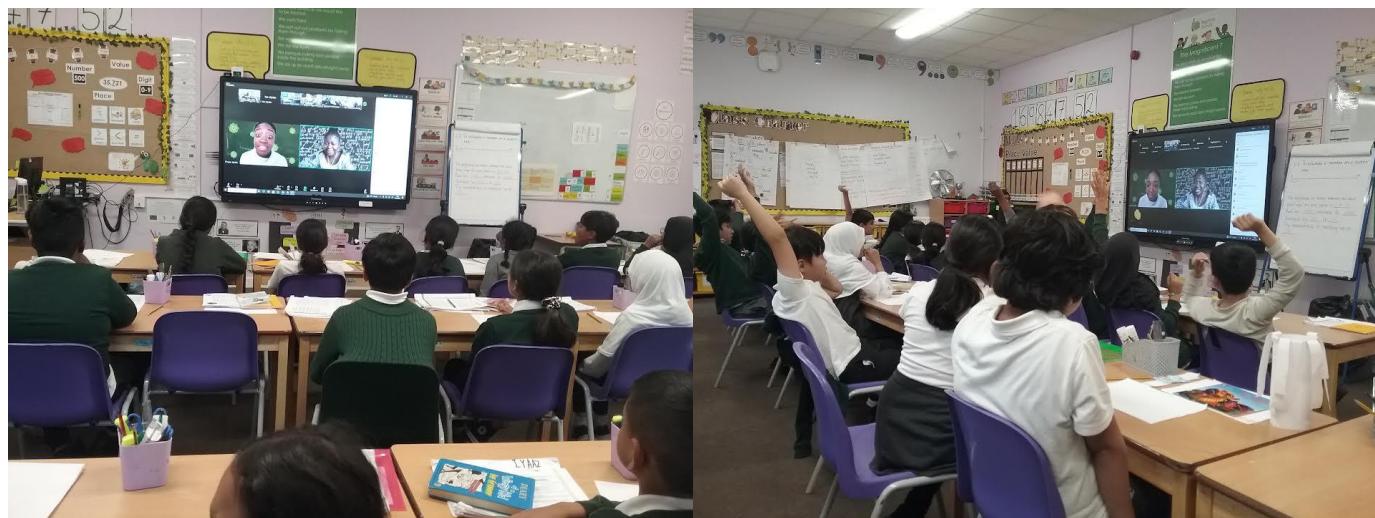
## SLS



The SLS children took their learning outdoors to investigate autumn. We used our senses to hear the crunching of the leaves, see the different colours and feel the different textures.

# Year 5

This week, Year 5 took part in the Black Heroes of Mathematics workshop, where they were shown how fascinating maths is and the 'magic' there is behind maths.



## TA Appreciation Day



TA appreciation day was last week on Friday 26th September. The children made cards and celebrated their teaching assistants.

Thank you to our TAs who work super hard at supporting the children here at Bygrove, we really appreciate you!



# PARENT WORKSHOP: EDP LAUNCH: ORACY

**WHAT ARE WE WORKING ON THIS YEAR?**

**DATE** Thursday 9 October 25

**TIME** 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

**LOCATION** Staffroom

**LED BY** Akosua (Assessment,  
Curriculum & Maths lead)





# Black History Month Menu

**Thursday, 16 October 2025**

**Caribbean Brown Chicken Stew**

**or**

**Jerk Sweet Potato  
& Vegetable Curry**

**All with  
Rice & Peas**

**Green Cabbage & Sweetcorn  
Chef's House Salad & Coleslaw**

**Followed By  
Coconut Sponge with Custard  
Seasonal Fruit Platter**



**Fantastic FOOD IN SCHOOLS**

# 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!

<b>Nursery admissions 2026</b> For children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023	<b>52 spaces available for 2026/27 apply online via the <a href="#">eadmissions portal</a></b>
<b>Reception admissions 2026</b> For children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022	<b>30 spaces available for 2026/27 apply online via the <a href="#">eadmissions portal</a></b>
<b>Nursery admissions 2025</b> For children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022	<b>10 spaces available for 2025/26 apply online via the <a href="#">Parent Portal</a></b>
<b>Current Year 2 admissions</b> For children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019	<b>1 space available! Apply via the <a href="#">Parent Portal</a></b>
<b>Current Year 5 admissions</b> For children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016	<b>1 space available! Apply via the <a href="#">Parent Portal</a></b>
<b>Current Year 6 admissions</b> For children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015	<b>2 spaces available! Apply via the <a href="#">Parent Portal</a></b>

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 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](mailto: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**

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