



The Byword



17th October 2025

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Key Dates

- Wednesday 22nd October: Y5 Performance - **2pm**
- Thursday 23rd October: Flu Vaccinations for Reception - Y6 Pupils
- Friday 24th October: Last day of Term - **3:30pm finish**
- **Monday 27th - Friday 31st October: Half term holidays - School Closed**
- Monday 3rd November 2025: All children return back to school
- Monday 3rd - Friday 14th November 2025: Parent Consultations
- Friday 19th December 2025: Last day of term - **1:30pm finish**
- **Monday 22nd December 2025 - Friday 2nd January 2026: Christmas holidays - School Closed**
- **Monday 5th January 2026: INSET Day - School Closed**
- Tuesday 6th January 2026: All children return back to school

Dear Bygrove Parents and Carers,

We have almost reached the final week of the first half of the autumn term and what a fantastic seven weeks it has been! The children have settled back into school life beautifully and the classrooms are buzzing with learning and creativity.

We are all incredibly excited for the **Year 5 performance of Moana** next Wednesday. The children and staff have been working extremely hard and I know it's going to be a spectacular show. Please be sure to arrive on time to be ready for the start of the show.

A friendly reminder to please sign up for our upcoming **parent consultations** which will take place shortly after the half-term break. These are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and set targets for the rest of the term.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who have attended our **parent workshops** so far this term. The staff team works hard to create workshops that offer practical and useful support for you at home and your attendance truly makes a difference. You can find details of our upcoming workshops on the school website here: <https://bygrove.org.uk/bygrove-parent-workshops/>. We understand that it's not always possible to attend so we will be making the slides for each workshop available on this same page after they have taken place.

We are thrilled to announce the yearly launch of **Explorers** on Friday 7th November. Friday afternoons in LETTA schools look and feel different from the rest of the week. Children are in mixed age groups, collaborating on projects that, where possible, address real-world challenges. These enable pupils to broaden their horizons, develop their character, and explore their personal interests and talents. Much of this takes place outside classrooms, using the outdoors, the local neighbourhood and other parts of London as resources for learning. All school staff are involved and older pupils are given genuine leadership responsibilities.

During each project, children have the chance to work towards destinations and exhibit the processes and outcomes of their project to others. They have opportunities to reflect on their learning and receive meaningful feedback from peers, school staff and other adults. These projects complement our existing knowledge and skills-rich curriculum which is taught through subject-driven termly themes. We believe that this curriculum, based largely on the national curriculum, provides insufficient opportunities for our pupils to develop the character behaviours and discover the passions and interests that will enable them to thrive, as children and adults. Our explorer curriculum gives us the chance to develop and embed these character behaviours in a more focused, systematic way.

On Friday afternoons, our children are learning, deeply and with purpose, about themselves, the world around them and their place in that world. At the same time, they are having lots of fun!

Wishing you all a restful final week of term.

Best wishes,
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 6th October 2025 - Friday 10th October 2025 (Rec-Y6):
97.09%

Year	Attendance
Nursery	94.76%
Reception	97.67%
Year 1	92.67%
Year 2	99.64%
Year 3	95.67%
Year 4	99.33%
Year 5	97.93%
Year 6	96.90%

Last week's attendance

Y2: 99.64%

Well done Y2!



Paper copies of the Byword are available from the office.



Stars Of The Week

Year 1

Maryam

Year 2

Inayah M

Year 3

Umme

Year 4

Hermes & Asiyah

Year 5

Iqra

Year 6

Zahid

HANDWRITING HEROES

YEAR 1: IBRAHIM

YEAR 2: KIYAN

YEAR 3: IDRIS

YEAR 4: ZAYNA

YEAR 5: NUHA

YEAR 6: SHIAM





MATHLETICS WINNERS

- 1ST: Y3 - 23,973 POINTS
- 2ND: Y5 - 22,791 POINTS
- 3RD: Y2 - 9,998 POINTS

TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE
THIS WEEK:

Y5 - ELIAS
4,266 POINTS

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 available will be:

After School Clubs - Autumn 2025

Each club costs **£19.50 for the term**. The price for the Cooking 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	8 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
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

LANGUAGE ANGELS



This week's word is:

"Árbol" – which means "Tree"

Try using it at home and in school!

Lost and found reminder

Please always label your child's uniform and coats.

We have many items without names in the lost and found.

From Monday 20th October until Friday 24th October we will be setting out a table in the Main Playground at the end of each day with all the lost and found clothes.

Any items not claimed will be repurposed.



Flu Vaccine

There will be optional flu vaccinations for pupils in Reception - Year 6 happening in school on Thursday 23rd October 2025.

Please use this link to opt your child in or out:
<https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/towerhamlets>

Consent must be completed for every child in Reception - Year 6!

Breakfast Club

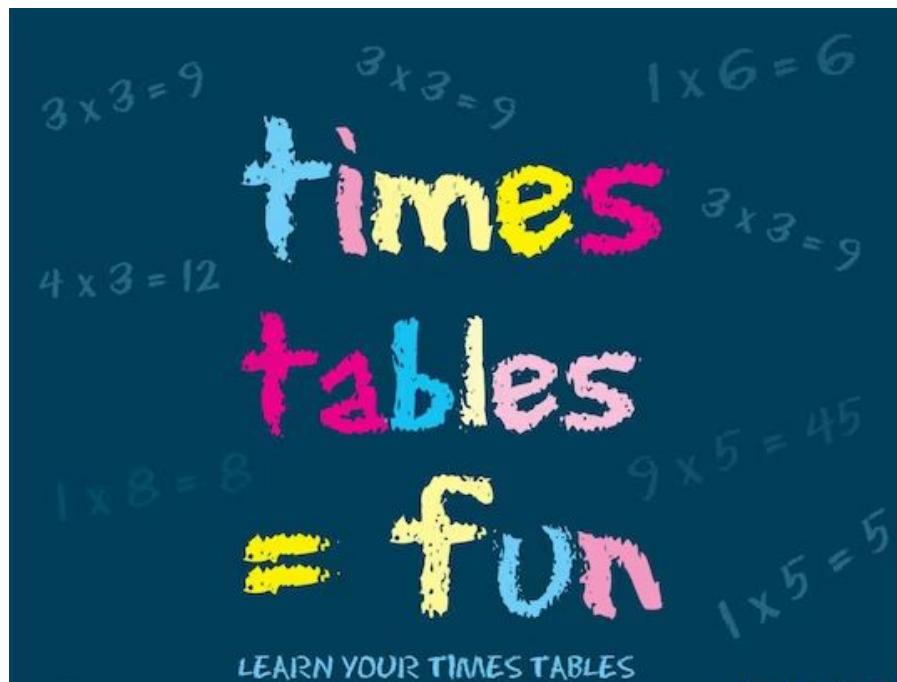
Did you know our **Breakfast Club** starts from **7:45am** and only costs **£1?**

You don't need to book, just join us from 7:45am until 8:30am and make a payment via [ParentPay](#).

Your child can choose to have healthy food options such as panini rolls, bagels, crumpets, yoghurt, cereal, fruit, eggs and more!



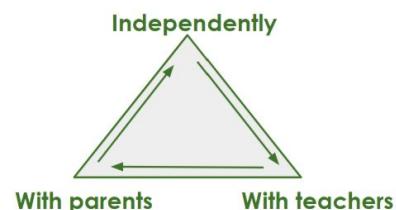
Times Tables



Times tables are extremely important in your child's learning.

They help create links to all kinds of learning!

They are also fun to learn!



There are some great top tips and resources now on the website.

Go and take a look!

<https://bygrove.org.uk/curriculum/times-table/>

WHY ARE TIMES TABLES IMPORTANT?

SUPPORT LEARNING

Times tables serve as a building block for higher-level maths concepts.

With a strong understanding of multiplication, children will succeed with topics such as division, fractions, algebraic equations, and more!

STRENGTHEN LIFE SKILLS

Times tables have practical applications in our daily lives.

From calculating prices and discounts while shopping, to managing budgets, multiplication is an essential skill for financial literacy and general problem-solving.

BUILD CONFIDENCE

Children feel more confident in their mathematical abilities when they have a solid grasp of times tables.

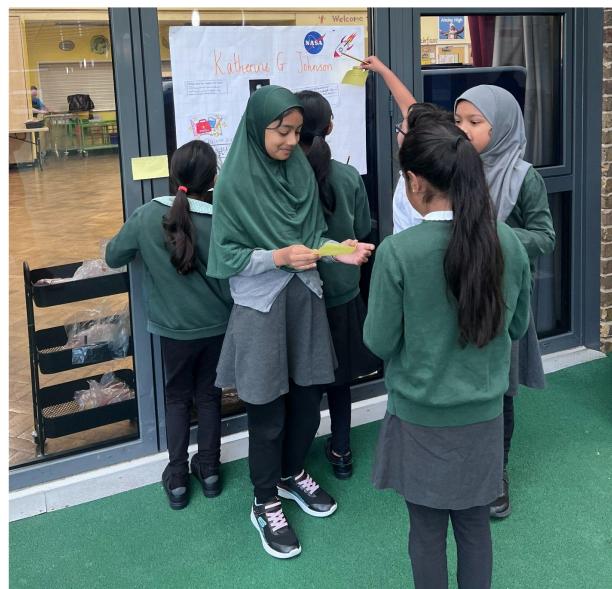
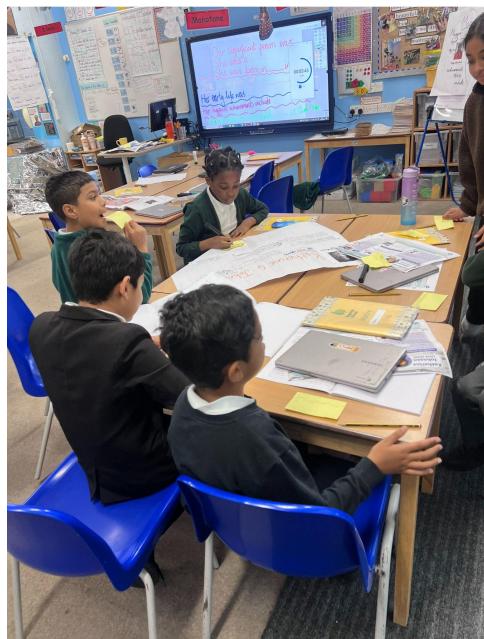
They'll be up for tackling more challenging mathematical tasks and increase their success and enjoyment of Maths!

Year 4

This week in History, Year 4 have been learning about significant individuals throughout the history of computing.

The children explored what makes someone significant and researched key facts about pioneers who have shaped the development of technology, such as Xia Peisu and

Katherine G. Johnson. They then presented their research to the class, sharing fascinating facts and explaining how these individuals' ideas and inventions have influenced the world we live in today.



This week, Year 5 tie dyed their t-shirts in preparation for the Disney show next week Wednesday.

Year 5



Year 3

The Celts (Year 3) were invaded by the Romans (Stebon) last week. They prepared for battle by creating some magnificent shields of armour, elected a leader (Boudicca) and practised their marching and chanting. Despite putting on an incredible show and battling to the last, unfortunately the Romans were able to conquer and sadly for the Celts they were defeated in battle. The children were amazing throughout the battle, showing bravery, confidence and courage to chant and march with pride.



The experience also helped the children to deepen their understanding of their history unit all about the Romans. They will soon be moving onto to learning all about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. Stay tuned to see if there are any more battles in the near future.



Year 1



This week we have started a new English unit in Year 1. We are learning instructions on how to make banana porridge! For our hook, we followed instructions using time starters and imperative verbs to make banana porridge.

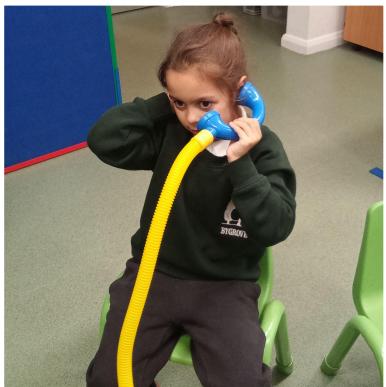
Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been talking about our families. First, we learned that a family is filled with people who love you, take care of you and who you see often or live with them. Then, we had to sort out pictures of our family members and pictures of adults at school. We had to make sure we put them in the right place! Finally, we counted and named who was in our family.

Family



The children in the SLS were practicing their communication language skills this week. During bucket time they role played using the telephone with each other. This included using phonics, environmental sounds, mark making in the sands and body gestures.



HOW TO VIEW AND ORDER PORTRAITPHOTOS

Child's Name

Year

at Bygrove Primary School



Scan this QR or visit www.schoolphotographs.co.uk and click on "Order Photos" then enter the Photo ID and Key.

Photo ID:

Photo Key:



The
School
Photography
Company
www.schoolphotographs.co.uk



www.netto.org.uk

Ordering your child's photo

To view the portraits or to place your online order please visit www.schoolphotographs.co.uk and use the details from the photo leaflet as shown here.

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

Please place an order by Sunday 26th October 2025 for a free delivery to the school office if you select 'School Delivery'.



JOIN US FOR UPCOMING PARENT WORKSHOPS

**The Tower Hamlets Education
Wellbeing Service (THEWS) are
hosting workshops at Bygrove
Primary School:**

Friday 24th October 2025 : 9:00am – 10:00am
THEWS Parent Workshop (Sleep)

Friday 21st November 2025 : 9:00am – 10:30am
THEWS Parent Wellbeing Workshop

Friday 12th December 2025 : 9:00am – 10:30am
THEWS Parent Workshop (Emotional Regulation)

YOUNG CHILDREN & SCREEN TIME

– a good start



Use digital devices together with your child



Create clear family rules for media and technology use



Learn more about services, content, technology and age ratings



Be a positive role model!

YOUNG CHILDREN & SCREEN TIME

– tips for parents & carers



Give your child the best start to digital life by getting involved in their online activities



There are options and settings to adapt technology for your child's use



Consider the quality of time spent online, not only the amount of screen time



You are your child's most important role model - online and offline



UK Safer Internet Centre
saferinternet.org.uk



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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	10 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	2 spaces 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	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](#).

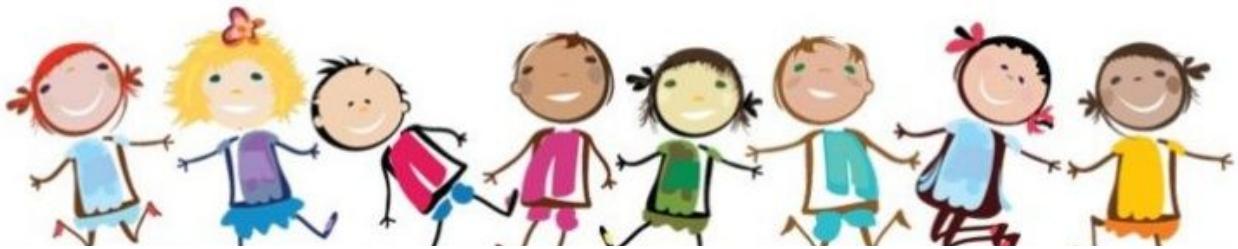
Contact the admissions service directly for more information

Email: school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Telephone: 020 7364 5006

Late applications 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](#)

Half term swimming crash courses

Get a head start with swimming this October half term with our short, intensive swim crash courses at Mile End, Tiller and York Hall leisure centres. Perfect for:

- Beginners needing extra support
- Building confidence during half term
- Trying out our fantastic swimming lessons

-  27-31 October
-  Daily 30-minute lessons
-  For ages 4+
-  Small class sizes for focused learning

This course is open to everyone, and our friendly teachers are in the pool with beginners to provide support and make learning fun! Secure your child's spot today!

Book your
place today!



Do you have a child in Nursery, Reception or Year 1?
Come and join the online drop-in Parents Oral Health Session

Monday 20th October 2025

Time: 9.15am to 9.45am

Did you know that almost **40%** of 5-year old in Tower Hamlets have holes in their teeth?



Please come and speak to us to find out how to keep teeth healthy and how our dental fluoride varnish programme works in your school.

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 353 739 537 266 4

Passcode: rV9KE9XF



Learn English with the Stepney Community Trust in partnership with the WEA

Where: The Whitechapel Centre, Myrdle Street, London E1 1HL

When: Enrolment session on 21st October 2025, 10am. Course starts 4th November 2025 to 17th July 2026

Time: Tuesdays 1pm-2.30pm & Fridays 9.30am-12pm

Cost: Free to learners who are on benefits or low wage or looking for work. Bring your evidence to the enrolment session

This course is open to women who live in Tower Hamlets. It is an Entry 2 ESOL course. You must come to the enrolment session on Tuesday 21st October 2025 at 10am to get a place on the course.

Contact

Shamili Hoque on 020 7377 5482 or email shamili.hoque@stepney.org.uk to book your place at the enrolment session.



Find out more:

Simply visit thewea.info/findmycourse or call 01132 002194



If you receive certain benefits you may be entitled to a free course.

**Adult Learning
Within Reach**



Scan this QR code to book online, using a smartphone or tablet.

The WEA is a charity registered in England and Wales (no. 1112775) and in Scotland (no. SC039929).

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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