



The Byword



24th October 2025

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Key Dates

- **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 7th November 2025: Explorers Launch/
- NCMP Screening: Height and weight measurements for Reception & Y6 pupils
- 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,

As we reach the end of this first half of the autumn term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful achievements and buzz for learning that has filled our school.

It has been a brilliant start to the academic year at Bygrove. It's been a delight to see our very youngest children in Nursery settle in so happily and begin their learning journey with such curiosity. This enthusiasm for learning is echoed right across the school and it's a pleasure to walk through the classrooms and see your children so engaged in their lessons.

A big congratulations also to our newly appointed pupil leaders - they have stepped into their roles with responsibility and excitement and we are already seeing the positive impact of their work. Our commitment to a rich and varied curriculum has also meant that our trips and special experiences are in full swing, providing invaluable learning opportunities beyond the classroom walls.

This term has also marked the exciting launch of the LETTA Trust-wide Oracy Education Development Plan.

Our vision is clear: **At LETTA, every learner is empowered to find their unique voice for success in education and life.**

Over the next two academic years, we will be intentionally focusing on developing your children's speaking, listening, and communication skills in two key phases:

- **2025/2026: 'Learning to Talk'** - We will focus on developing pupils' foundational speaking, listening and communication skills.
- **2026/2027: 'Learning Through Talk'** - We will use talk as a powerful tool to deepen pupils' subject knowledge and understanding across all disciplines.

We believe that developing confident, articulate communicators is one of the most important gifts we can give our children and we look forward to sharing more about this vital work with you.

Finally, a huge well done to Year 5 for their brilliant performance of Moana on Wednesday! The audience was completely wowed by the beautiful singing, expert choreography and excellent acting skills on display. What a wonderful show!

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half-term break. Thank you for your continued support.

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 13th October 2025 - Friday 17th October 2025 (Rec-Y6):

97.52%

Year	Attendance
Nursery	99.05%
Reception	96.33%
Year 1	97.00%
Year 2	96.43%
Year 3	98.00%
Year 4	98.67%
Year 5	99.66%
Year 6	96.55%

Last week's attendance

Y5: 99.66%

Well done Y5!

Paper copies of the Byword are available from the office.



Stars Of The Week

Year 1

Amaan

Year 2

Zayyd

Year 3

Aleena & Amany

Year 4

Maymuna

Year 5

Whole Class

Year 6

Taqi

HANDWRITING HEROES

YEAR 1: MUADH

YEAR 2: PAULA

YEAR 3: TANHA

YEAR 4: YAQUB

YEAR 5: TAYEBA

YEAR 6: AJWAAD



MATHLETICS WINNERS

- 1ST: Y3 - 28,444 POINTS
- 2ND: Y2 - 26,217 POINTS
- 3RD: Y5 - 10,596 POINTS

TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE THIS WEEK:

Y3 - AIZA AFRIN
2,280 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:

"Rápido" – which means **"Fast"**

Try using it at home and in school!

Student Contact Update Form

We are currently updating our school records to ensure we have the most up to date information held for you and your child.

Please return the completed forms directly to the school office by Friday 7th November 2025 and indicate if changes are required or not required to be made.

If making changes to names or addresses, we may require original proof of your child's date of birth (birth certificate or passport) or original documents showing proof of your current address (either a recent council tax bill, child benefit letter, mortgage/rent agreement and a recent utility bill dated in the last three months).

You can contact a member of the school office team for any further information.

Please remember to **CIRCLE** in the Parental Consent Section

Consent Type	Permission		
	Denied	Granted	Withdrawn
Off-site school trips/activities - participation			
Off-site school trips/activities - receive first aid or urgent medical treatment			
Off-site school trips/activities - visit places of worship			
Photographs/Videos - for use within school premises			
Photographs/Videos - for use in school publications			
Photographs/Videos - for use on school website			

Year 2



Year 2 have been working very hard to consolidate their history learning on the Great Fire of London. This week, they built their own Tudor houses with wooden beams, thatched roofs with wattle and daub!

Year 4

In science this week, Year 4 explored the power of magnets! We tested different classroom objects to find out which were magnetic and which were non-magnetic, recording our results in a class table. We discovered that metals like iron and steel are magnetic, while wood and plastic are not. We even experimented with how magnets attract and repel each other. It was amazing to see how they worked!



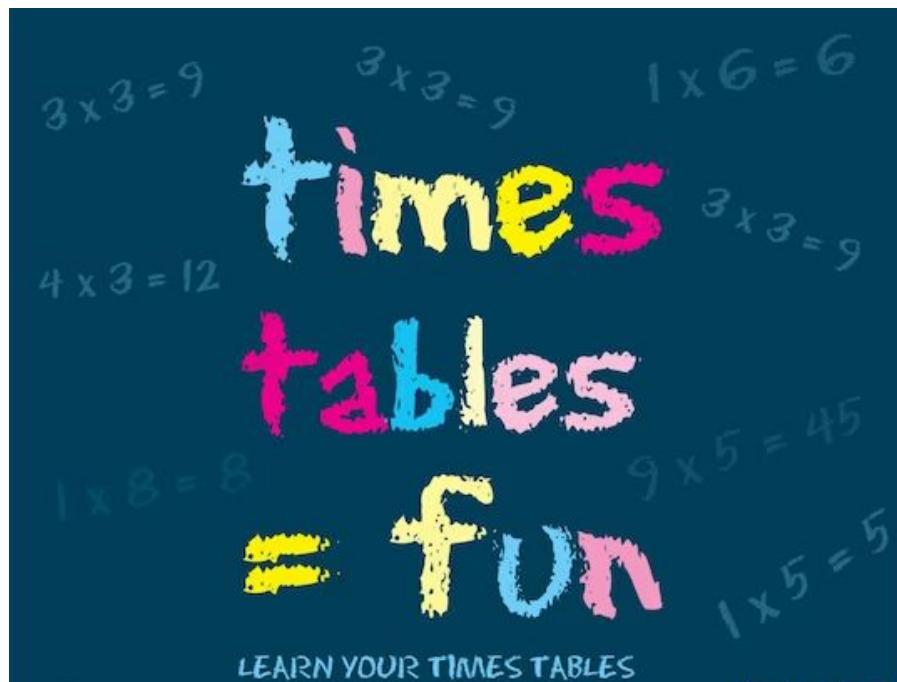


The children in the SLS became ecologists this week. They investigated the changes we see around us as we enter the season of autumn. They observed colours, textures, sounds and smells associated with autumn.

Parent Consultations

Date	Year Group	Location
Monday 3rd November	Year 1	Therapy Room
Tuesday 4th November	Nursery	Leadership Room
Thursday 6th November	Year 4	Leadership Room
Monday 10th November	SLS	Therapy Room
Tuesday 11th November	Year 5	Therapy Room
Wednesday 12th November	Year 6	Leadership Room
Wednesday 12th November	Year 2	Therapy Room
Thursday 13th November	Year 3	Leadership Room
Friday 14th November	Reception (SD, IJ & AA)	Leadership Room

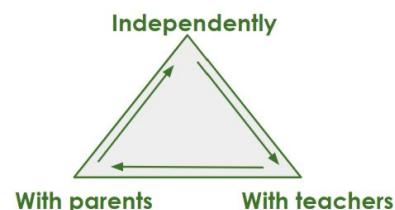
Times Tables



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!



Remember to place your multipose portrait photograph order by
Sunday 26/10/2025
for FREE delivery to
Bygrove Primary School

Every order generates funds for your school too

www.schoolphotographs.co.uk



Discover our FREE rail safety videos and keep your children safe by visiting railsafefriendly.com

THE RAIL SAFE FRIENDLY PROGRAMME

The Rail Safe Friendly programme has educated over **3 million young people** on the dangers of the railways.

[Click here](#)



DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN BECOME THE NEXT STATISTIC



"I implore you to listen to Harrison's story"

Simon Frazer, Principal, Gulsborough Academy

According to the **ORR Report**, April 23 - March 24 on UK railways:

12

people died in accidents while trespassing

58%

were struck by a train or tram

42%

were electrocuted

According to **Rail Safe Friendly**, July 25:

120+

companies support the programme

11,000+

schools in the UK have engaged

20,000+

UK schools still need to be reached

Stop the flu!
Vaccinate your child!
Protect your community!

 Vaccination UK
Immunisation Provider for
NHS



**Has your child missed their
FLU VACCINE at school?**



Scan here to book an
appointment at one of
our catch up clinics.



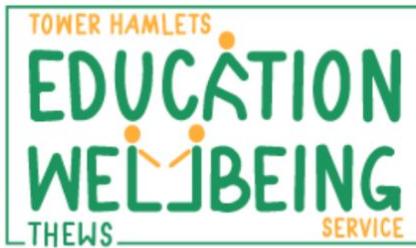
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[Click here](#)

Want more information?
Watch our flu webinar on YouTube here





JOIN US FOR UPCOMING PARENT WORKSHOPS

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

**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)**



CONTRACT CATERING SERVICES

LUNCH MENU

Nov 2025 - Apr 2026



Week 1	Monday 'Planet Earth Day'	Tuesday 'Street Food Day'	FREE FROM Main Allergens		Thursday Hungary	Friday 'Favourites'
Dates	03 Nov 2025 • 17 Nov • 01 Dec • 15 Dec • 29 Dec • 12 Jan 2026 • 26 Jan • 09 Feb • 23 Feb • 09 Mar • 23 Mar • 06 Apr					
Option 1	Tomato, Basil & Mozzarella Potato Gnocchi	BBQ Veggie Chicken Tenders with Spicy Diced Potatoes	Veggie Bangers and Mash	Chickpea, Cauliflower & Spinach Curry with Rice	Vegetable Nuggets with Sweet and Sour Sauce & Rice	
Option 2	Thai Red Vegetable Meatballs Curry with Noodles	Keralan Style Chicken Curry with Savoury Rice	Minced Beef Cottage Pie	Hungarian Beef Goulash (Pörkölt) with Mashed Potato	Cod Fish Fingers with Chips	
On the side	Sweetcorn and Green Beans	Broccoli & Carrots	Braised Red Cabbage & Peas	Green Vegetable Medley	Garden Peas and Baked Beans	
Salads	Mixed Bean Salad	Crunchy Red Coleslaw	Chef's House Salad	Hungarian Cucumber Salad	Asian Noodle Salad	
Dessert	Fruity Yoghurt Bar with Toppings	Cheese with Breadstick	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad	Apple & Cinnamon Greek Style Yoghurt	Dates & Banana Yoghurt	

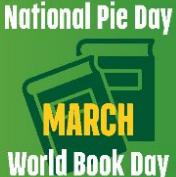
DAILY OPTIONS: DAILY SALAD & SEASONAL FRESH FRUIT PLATTER FRESH BREAD & YOGHURTS

Week 2	Monday 'Planet Earth Day'	Tuesday 'Street Food Day'	FREE FROM Main Allergens		Thursday Brazilian	Friday 'Favourites'
Dates	10 Nov 2025 • 24 Nov • 08 Dec • 22 Dec • 05 Jan 2026 • 19 Jan • 02 Feb • 16 Feb • 2 Mar • 16 Mar • 30 Mar					
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese & Sweetcorn	Margherita Pizza with Cajun Potato Wedges	Vegetable Hotpot	Butternut & Vegetable Curry with Rice	Mediterranean Puff Pastry Tart with Chips	
Option 2	Lentils, Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Chicken Shawarma with Rice	Lemon & Herb Roast Chicken Thigh with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese	Battered Pollock Fillet with Chips or Jacket Potato with Tuna, Salmon & Sweetcorn Mayonnaise	
On the side	Carrots and Broccoli	Vegetable Medley	Roasted Cauliflower and Green Beans	Baby Corn & Carrots	Garden Peas and Baked Beans	
Salads	Beetroot & Spring Onion Salad	Carrot & Sultana Salad	Chef's House Salad	Brazilian Slaw (Salpicão Salad)	Crunchy Coleslaw	
Dessert	Fruity Yoghurt Bar with Toppings	Cheese with Breadstick	Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad	Banana & Mango Fruit Fool with Toasted Coconut	Mandarin Yoghurt Crunch	

DAILY OPTIONS: DAILY SALAD & SEASONAL FRESH FRUIT PLATTER FRESH BREAD & YOGHURTS

Please Note that some dishes maybe subject to local changes to suit individual school needs

LOOK OUT FOR OUR POPULAR THEME DAYS.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Every effort is made to minimise risk of cross-contamination. However, it should be noted that our food is prepared in a kitchen where known allergens may be present and therefore the risk of cross-contamination remains a risk. Please ask staff for further details regarding specific dietary requirements and/or allergens.



Fantastic FOOD IN SCHOOLS

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!

