



The Byword



21st November 2025

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Key Dates

- Wednesday 24th November 2025: National Dental Programme for Reception & Y1 pupils
- Tuesday 25th November 2025: Y5 trip to British Museum
- Thursday 27th November 2025: Parent Workshop: KS2 Reading - 9am
- Friday 28th November 2025: Parent Coffee & Chat - 9:20am
- Friday 12th December 2025: THEWS Parent Workshop (Emotional Regulation) - 9am
- 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 Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy week, I want to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful learning and rich experiences that have taken place across the school. Our commitment at Bygrove is to provide a curriculum that is both broad and deep, ensuring every child has opportunities to access learning that is irresistible.

Our Year 4 children had a highly engaging trip to the Science Museum where they explored electricity through exciting hands-on activities. In the Wonderlab, the children experimented with circuits, investigated conductors and insulators and explored how electricity flows through different materials, finishing with the captivating WonderShow demonstration. Meanwhile, our Reception class visited All Saints Church on Wednesday, which was a key part of our 'Understanding the World' topic, helping our youngest learners to know some similarities and differences between religious communities in Britain. These trips exemplify how we connect classroom learning to the world around us.

Over the next two years, we will be placing a significant strategic focus on developing Oracy across the school and we need your help to get started!

What is Oracy? Oracy is defined as the ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language, listening and communication (Oracy Education Commission, 2024). It is about giving children the confidence and skills to express themselves clearly and listen effectively.

Why are we focusing on Oracy? We believe Oracy is a foundational building block alongside reading, writing and maths.

- It is crucial for academic success**, supporting deeper subject knowledge and understanding across all subjects.
- It is essential for future success**, as early language experiences are important for future education and employment.
- It equips learners for life beyond school**, providing skills highly valued by employers and supporting wellbeing, self-confidence and the ability to build and sustain relationships.

To help us shape this exciting new development, please take a few minutes to complete our short Oracy survey. Your perspective as a parent is invaluable in understanding how we can best support your child's speaking and listening skills.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Fiona



SCHOOL COUNCIL

DEVELOPING ORACY

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**Our school
councillors will now
be at the gates
greeting families!**

They will be working on their **oracy** & looking to improve their communication!

- Making eye contact
- Showing positive body language
- Projecting their voices &
- Speaking clearly

Please support them
and say hello back!



**What a great way to
start & end the day!**





Parent Workshop:

ORACY: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

Thursday 11th December 2025



Time: 9:00am - 9:30am

Location: Staffroom

Led by: Akosua



We will be looking at the key milestones in children's communication & language and how best to support your children in developing these skills.



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 10th November 2025 - Friday 14th November 2025 (Rec-Y6):

95.74%

Year	Attendance
Nursery	93.02%
Reception	90.33%
Year 1	96.00%
Year 2	97.90%
Year 3	97.33%
Year 4	98.67%
Year 5	99.31%
Year 6	90.69%

Last week's attendance

Y5: 99.31%

Well done Y5!

Paper copies of the Byword are available from the office.



Stars Of The Week

Year 1

Samah

Year 2

Abdullah

Year 3

Musa HK & Aiza Al

Year 4

Saihan

Year 5

Khadeeja

Year 6

Arwin

HANDWRITING HEROES

YEAR 1: MUADH

YEAR 2: ADYAN

YEAR 3: MAYAMEEN

YEAR 4: NAIRAH

YEAR 5: AHYIYAN

YEAR 6: EVA





MATHLETICS WINNERS

- 1ST: Y1 - 31,931 POINTS
- 2ND: Y3 - 27,833 POINTS
- 3RD: Y2 - 27,149 POINTS

TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE
THIS WEEK:

Y3 - UMME
4,331 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	12 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:

"**Pequeño**" – which means "**Small**"

Try using it at home and in school!

Oracy - Parent Questionnaire

For the next two years we will be working to develop oracy in our school.

What is oracy?

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Why are we focusing on oracy?

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Please click the link to complete the questionnaire (it'll only take about 5 minutes) so that we can best support all learners:

<https://forms.gle/zHQDQmYwyeuLkks39>

Thank you for taking the time to fill this out.





Our Explorer Behaviours



Determination



Creativity



Confidence



Leadership



Kindness



Curiosity



Citizenship



Fairness



Teamwork

Which Destination are you completing this half term?

Star Spotter - Focus Behaviours: Teamwork & Curiosity

Good Neighbour - Focus Behaviours: Kindness, Citizenship & Teamwork

Crafter - Focus Behaviours: Creativity & Determination

Night Navigator - Focus Behaviours: Curiosity, Creativity & Confidence

Local Hero - Focus Behaviours: Citizenship & Teamwork

Legacy Makers - Focus Behaviours: Citizenship & Creativity

Explorers

Explorers is back! The children have had a chance to get to know their new families and will start their Autumn term destinations.

Here is a reminder of the

Bygrove Families:

Pacific Explorers

Mount Everest Explorers

Milky Way Explorers

Volcanic Explorers

Inca Explorers &

Antarctica Explorers

Ask your child which Family they belong to!

Each **Family** will begin a new **Destination** which they will complete over the next four weeks.

Each Destination has a focus on chosen **Behaviours**.

Please ask your children which Destination they are completing and how they can get better at these Behaviours this half term.



We cannot wait to get started!



Nursery

This week in Nursery's Forest School, we began planting. First, we reminded ourselves of our rules and also looked at 'bulbs' and 'seeds'. Then, we used shovels and rakes to do some digging. Some of us even climbed some trees. Finally, we had some hot chocolate and biscuits to warm us up. It was very cold but we had lots of fun!



This week, Nursery has been amazing mathematicians. First, we counted our fingers to make sure we understood that we always say the same numbers when we count. Next, we counted actions like three claps, jumps and taps. We had to remember to count slowly, one by one. Finally, we remembered our counting rules to count three objects!



Reception

On Wednesday, Reception class visited All Saint Church. This was part of our Understanding the World topic: To know some similarities and differences between religious communities in Britain.



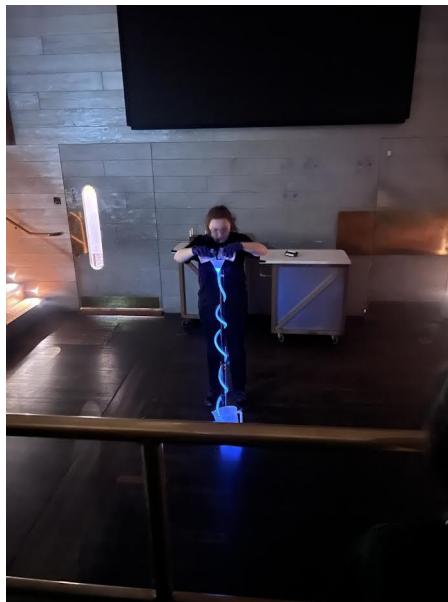
SLS



The children in the SLS listened to a Superhero story then reenacted the story through using their senses. This was our sensory story this week. We also applied counting skills using patterns.



Year 4



Year 4 explored electricity through exciting hands on activities at the Science Museum. In Wonderlab, the children experimented with circuits, investigated conductors and insulators and explored how electricity flows through different materials. They were especially captivated by the WonderShow electricity demonstration, where they watched real electrical currents in action and learned how energy is generated and transferred. It was a brilliant day that deepened their understanding of how electricity powers our everyday lives.



Christmas Menu

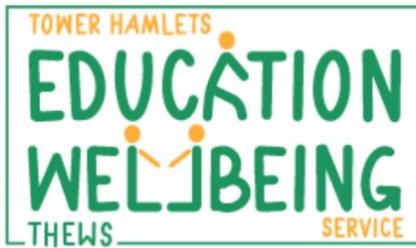
*Roast Turkey
with Cocktail Chicken Sausage,
Sage & Onion Stuffing and Gravy
Or*

Rustic Mediterranean Roulade

*Served with
Roast Potatoes,
Roast Parsnips,
Honey Glazed Carrots
& Peas*

*Chocolate Ice Cream
Sponge Roll*

Served On. 17/12/2025



JOIN US FOR UPCOMING PARENT WORKSHOPS

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

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



Let's Talk SEND

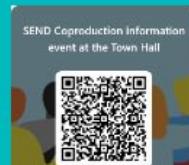
You're invited!

Join us for an opportunity to learn and help develop a Tower Hamlets SEND Co-production Charter — a shared commitment to working together with children, young people, families, and professionals to shape better services. Be part of the change and help make co-production real in Tower Hamlets.

On
Tuesday 2nd December
At the
Tower Hamlets Town Hall
10am-2pm

- Introduction from Director of Children's services
- Presentations about Coproduction from SENDIASS, Education, Health and Social Care
- Information stalls
- Tea/Coffee and lunch provided

[Sign up here](#)



For further Information from previous Let's Talk SEND meetings please look on the [Tower Hamlets Local Offer](#).



The Tower Hamlets Independent SEND Parent Forum in partnership with Young V&A (formerly the V&A Museum of Childhood), Tower Hamlets Parent & Carer Council and The Sendias team would like to invite parents and carers to

Let's Talk SEND Information Marketplace

An information event for parents, carers and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

Date: Thursday, 27th November 2025

Time: 10:30am – 1:00pm

Venue: Young V&A (formerly the V&A Museum of Childhood),
Cambridge Heath Rd, Bethnal Green, London E2 9PA

The Museum opens at 10 am please do not arrive before, but you can view its galleries between 10 and 10.30

There will be an information marketplace with stalls and updates from education, health and community services that support children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) or an Education, Health and Care Plan.

Speakers at 11am

Parents will be able to book 'bitesize' 10 minute surgeries on the day with services that support families who have children with SEND

The event will be focused on providing information to families who have children with SEND

but all Tower Hamlets families are welcome to attend to gain information and join in with activities on the day.



CONTACT US

For more information
contact: THSEND Parent Forum
Tel: 07498573872

Email: Thsendforum@gmail.com or parentalengagement@towerhamlets.gov.uk

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	9 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](#)