



The Byword



28th November 2025

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Key Dates

- Friday 12th December 2025: THEWS Parent Workshop (Emotional Regulation) - 9am
- Monday 15th December 2025: Christmas Show (Day 1) - 2pm
- Tuesday 16th December 2025: Christmas Show (Day 2) - 2pm
- 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,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we continue through this wonderfully busy and exciting time of year!

It has been a lovely week in school as our pupils fully embrace the festive season. The classrooms are buzzing with creativity! Children across the school have been busy making beautiful Christmas decorations to brighten up the school hall. We can't wait to show them off!

Equally exciting is the fantastic work going into our annual Christmas Show. The children have been rehearsing hard, singing their hearts out and perfecting their lines. They are working hard to put on a memorable performance for you all and we are incredibly proud of their dedication.

As the weather turns colder and we approach the Christmas break, it is the perfect time for a gentle reminder regarding our school uniform policy.

Our uniform is a fundamental part of school life and helps all our pupils to feel like a unified team. It is compulsory for all children from Nursery to Year 6 and contributes significantly to the positive, focused atmosphere we strive to maintain.

The Christmas holidays provide an ideal opportunity to check your child's uniform and ensure they return to school in January looking smart and ready to learn.

Our School Colours & Expectations are:

- **Colours:** Bottle Green
- **Core Items:** A white shirt and a green jumper, cardigan, or sweatshirt with or without the Bygrove logo. Black or grey trousers or skirts are acceptable.
- **Summer Term:** Green and white check dresses are suitable.
- **Footwear:** Black trainers or flat-heeled black shoes or sandals.
- **PE Kit:**
 - **Indoor:** Shorts and T-shirts in school colours.
 - **Outdoor:** A warm top, jogging bottoms and trainers are required.
- **Headwear:** Headscarves may be worn in school colours (green, grey, black, or white).

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring our uniform standards are met.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas events over the next few weeks!

Warm regards,

Fiona



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Parent Workshop:

ORACY: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

Thursday 11th December 2025



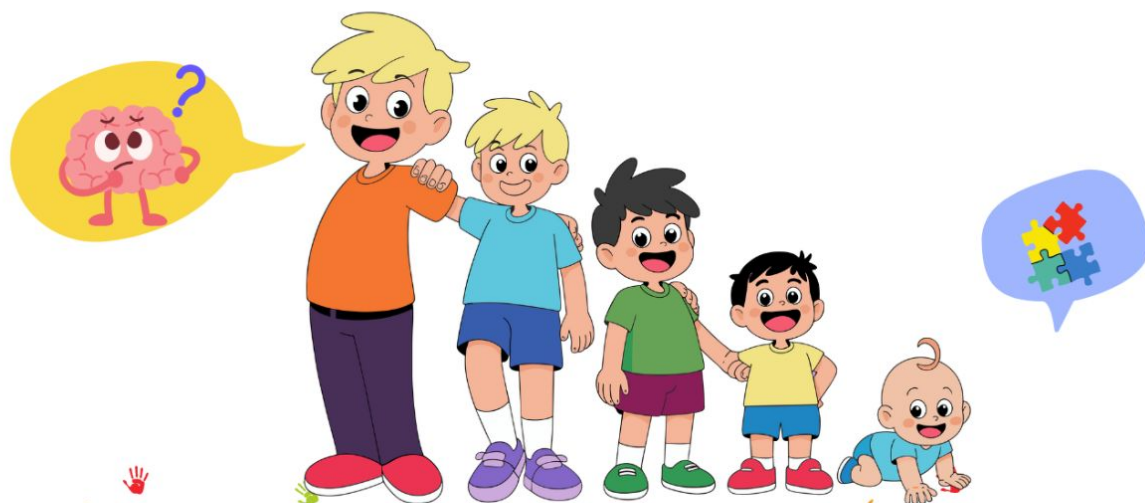
Time: 9:00am - 9:30am

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.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

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DEVELOPING ORACY

**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!**



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.



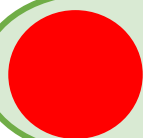
Exceptional!
100%



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 17th
November 2025 - Friday 21st
November 2025 (Rec-Y6):

94.93%

Year	Attendance
Nursery	91.16%
Reception	91.67%
Year 1	93.67%
Year 2	95.86%
Year 3	92.67%
Year 4	99.67%
Year 5	95.17%
Year 6	95.86%

**Last week's
attendance**

Y4: 99.67%

Well done Y4!

**Paper copies of the
Byword are available
from the office.**



Stars Of The Week

Year 1

Zara

Year 2

Tasmiyah

Year 3

Naila & Eliza

Year 4

Riyad

Year 5

Iqra & Madiha

Year 6

Reyan

HANDWRITING HEROES

YEAR 1: OLEXANDR

YEAR 2: MARYAM B

YEAR 3: RAFAN

YEAR 4: HERMES

YEAR 5: ARSHAD

YEAR 6: AYAT





Mathletics

MATHLETICS WINNERS

1ST: Y1 - 31,392 POINTS

2ND: Y2 - 15,078 POINTS

3RD: Y3 - 13,275 POINTS

**TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE
THIS WEEK:**

**Y1 - AKEMY
4,428 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:

"Jugar"– which means **"To Play"**

Try using it at home and in school!

Bygrove WhatsApp Channel

We are delighted to introduce to you our official Bygrove WhatsApp Channel!

The channel is a one-way communication tool from the school to you. This means you will receive messages and updates directly without being added to any group chats or receiving messages from other parents. It is designed to keep you informed while respecting your privacy.

To join the channel, simply click on the link below or scan the QR code:
<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbC1wNm2phHULakpU33p>



The channel will be an additional tool to share quick and easy updates, complementing our continued communication via emails and The Byword.

If you have any questions or require assistance joining the channel, please do not hesitate to contact us.
Our school office is open from 7:45 am to 5 pm.

Thank you for your continued support!

Year 2

Year 2 have been preparing for the festivities of Christmas this week, showcasing their creativity through their sewing skills to create and decorate Christmas stockings.



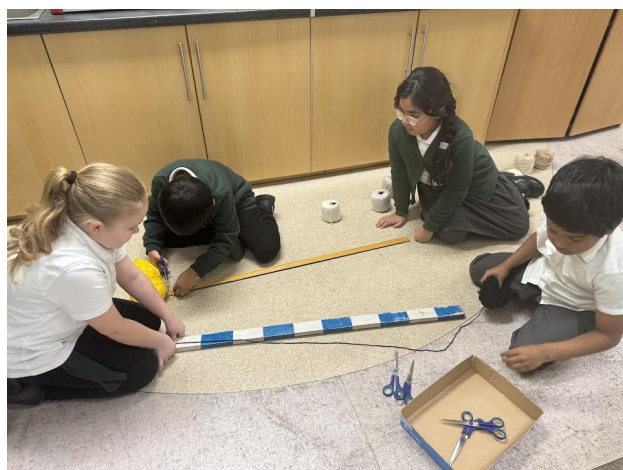
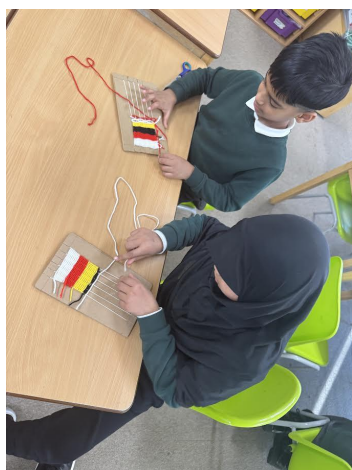
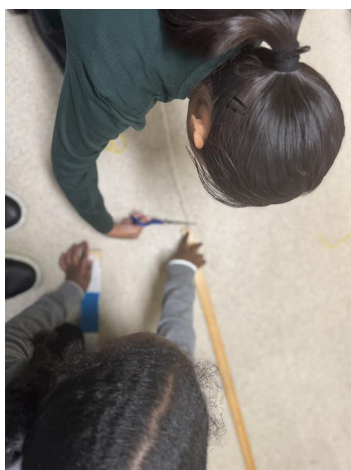
Year 4

This week, Year 4 children were busy making their Christmas wreaths to decorate the hall. They worked hard to design and create beautifully festive wreaths, showing wonderful creativity, focus and enthusiasm. We can't wait for families to see the hall transformed with their colourful decorations!

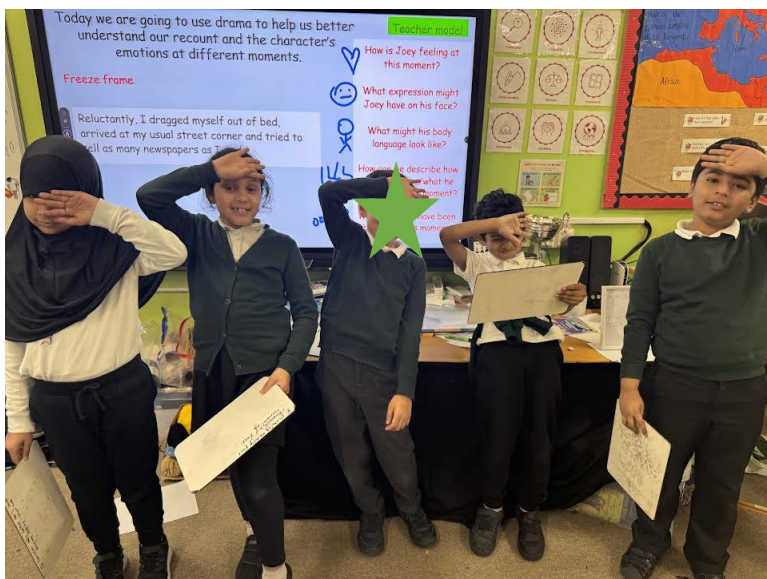
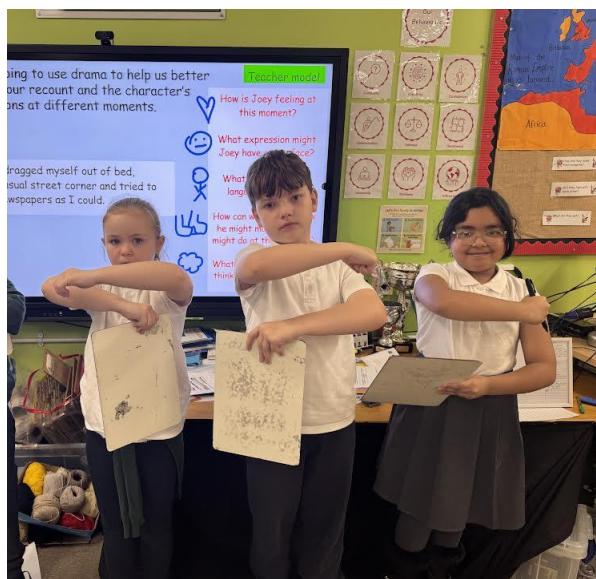


Year 3

This week in D&T the Year 3 children have been working on weaving. They are attempting to make their very own bookmarks for them to use with their reading books. They worked together to cut 1 metre of yarn before using the pattern of under, over, under, over and round. The children had to pay close attention to ensure they did not pull the yarn too tight. Stay tuned to see the results in the next couple of weeks.



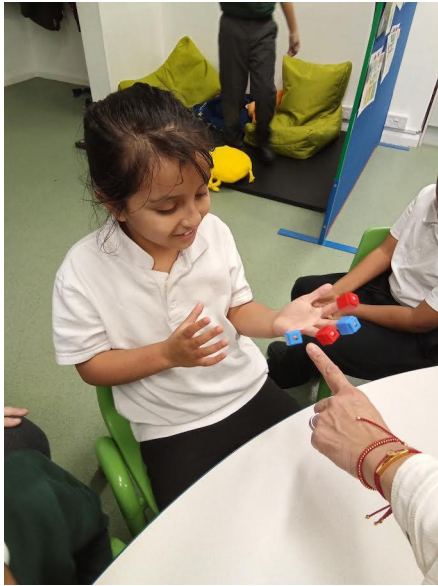
In English, the Year 3 children have been learning the skill of show and not tell through a recount. They were given scenes from their story maps and they had to act out the scene and freeze in one of the actions. They then had to explore the emotions, expressions, body movements and the thoughts the character might have. This helped the children to understand how show not tell gives us clues about the characters emotions.



Year 3 have been working on their stained glass windows for the Christmas decorations. The children carefully selected their colours of tissue paper before placing them onto their designs. They chose lots of vibrant and bright colours to reflect the festive season. Stay tuned next week to see the final results.



SLS



The SLS this week made patterns with fruit: "banana, pear, banana, pear" and different coloured objects: "red, blue, red, blue". We also drew letter sounds in coloured sand.





CHRISTMAS SHOW COSTUMES

NURSERY:



RECEPTION:



YEAR 2:



YEAR 3:

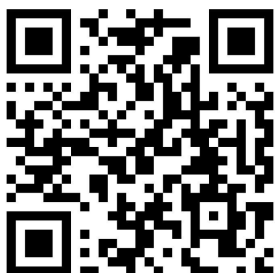


YEAR 4,5, & 6:



NURSERY SCAN HERE

TO PRACTISE YOUR FESTIVE SONG!



REC SCAN HERE

TO PRACTISE YOUR FESTIVE SONG!



Y1 SCAN HERE

TO PRACTISE YOUR FESTIVE SONGS!



Y2 SCAN HERE

TO PRACTISE YOUR FESTIVE SONG!



Y3 SCAN HERE

TO PRACTISE YOUR FESTIVE SONG!



CHOIR SCAN HERE

TO PRACTISE YOUR FESTIVE SONGS!





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

LOCAL OFFER



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 more information, contact us at:

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Email: Mark.Penn@towerhamlets.gov.uk



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

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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](#)
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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](#)