



# The Byword



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## Key Dates

- Monday 8th December 2025: Deadline to bring in show costumes
- Tuesday 11th December 2025: Christmas Jumper Day
- Monday 15th December 2025: Christmas Show (Day 1) - 2pm
- Tuesday 16th December 2025: Christmas Show (Day 2) - 2pm
- Wednesday 17th December 2025: Christmas lunch
- Thursday 18th December 2025: Christmas class parties
- 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,

What a wonderful and busy week it has been at Bygrove! I hope this message finds you well as we head into the weekend.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who have already joined our new Bygrove WhatsApp Channel. We value clear, efficient communication with all our families and genuinely hope you have found the channel useful for receiving important updates so far. If you have not yet joined but would like to, please scroll down in the newsletter to the dedicated section and scan the QR code to connect!

It has been a week filled with enriching learning experiences linked to our curriculum. Year 1 set off on an exciting adventure! On Wednesday, they took a trip to The Tower of London. This fantastic visit linked directly to their history curriculum learning and their current theme, 'Once Upon A Time', bringing the past to life.

Also connected to our history curriculum, Year 6 took part in a poignant and educational workshop this week focusing on the life and legacy of Anne Frank. This was an important opportunity for thoughtful discussion and historical understanding.

The school ended the week on a truly festive high! This afternoon, the children enjoyed the annual Christmas pantomime. This year's performance was a fantastic rendition of 'The Polar Express', which was enjoyed by everyone and certainly brought some early Christmas cheer!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Warm regards,

Fiona  
Headteacher





# 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

## 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!**





# Book Amnesty

*Return Bygrove Books*

WE ARE ASKING FAMILIES TO SEARCH FOR UNRETURNED BYGROVE LIBRARY BOOKS OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Our librarians will track returns and the class with the most returned books will receive **extra playtime on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January!**



# TOP TIPS FOR ENJOYING BOOKS WITH YOUR CHILD

## READ WORDLESS BOOKS

'QUEST' BY AARON BECKER IS A PICTURE BOOK SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN IN KEY STAGE 2



COMMENT ON THE BOOK

I CAN SEE...  
I WONDER...

## VISIT THE IDEA STORE

28 NOVEMBER - 4 JANUARY

WINTER READING Challenge



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28 NOVEMBER - 4 JANUARY

# WINTER READING

## Challenge



IF YOU READ 4 BOOKS  
IN BETWEEN

28 NOVEMBER AND 4 JANUARY  
THE IDEA STORE WILL REWARD YOU  
WITH A CERTIFICATE  
AND A SMALL GIFT!

# 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 24th November 2025 - Friday 28th November 2025 (Rec-Y6):  
**93.91%**

Year	Attendance
Nursery	<b>91.16%</b>
Reception	<b>90.00%</b>
Year 1	<b>94.00%</b>
Year 2	<b>94.48%</b>
Year 3	<b>94.67%</b>
Year 4	<b>96.67%</b>
Year 5	<b>99.31%</b>
Year 6	<b>88.28%</b>

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

Whole class

Year 2

Sayan

Year 3

Rafan

Year 4

Maymuna

Year 5

Arfin

Year 6

Eva

# **HANDWRITING HEROES**

**YEAR 1: ZARA**

**YEAR 2: MARYAM R**

**YEAR 3: AISHA**

**YEAR 4: ZAYNA**

**YEAR 5: MARIAM**

**YEAR 6: AYAT**





# MATHLETICS WINNERS

- 1ST: Y1 - 34,317 POINTS
- 2ND: Y2 - 19,365 POINTS
- 3RD: Y3 - 18,240 POINTS

TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE  
THIS WEEK:

Y1 - ISHAQ  
6,304 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**.

<b>Mondays</b>			
Clubhouse	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
<b>Tuesdays</b>			
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
<b>Wednesdays</b>			
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
<b>Thursdays</b>			
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
<b>Fridays</b>			
Clubhouse	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome

# LANGUAGE ANGELS



This week's word is:

**"Puerta"** – which means **"Door"**

Try using it at home and in school!

## Bygrove WhatsApp Channel



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

To join the channel, simply click on the link below or scan the QR code:  
<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbC1wNm2phHULqkpU33p>

## Raffle tickets!

Raffle tickets for Christmas Hamper 2025 are being sold at the gates.

The tickets are **£1 per strip**. Please bring **CASH** only.

We are collecting money to enhance the resources for our children in school. All funds raised will be kept in the school budget.

The winner will be announced at the Christmas show on Tuesday 16th December 2025.



# Leah Chowdhry



We had a very incredible visitor come in to see us this week.

On July 4th, 2018, Leah Chowdhry became the first, recorded, young British Asian woman to swim the English Channel at 26 years old.

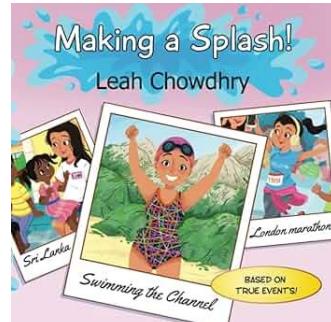
With help from family, friends and generous donations she raised over £175,000 for the British Asian Trust & many other charities. Leah completed the 30-mile swim in just 14 hours and 44 minutes despite obstacles like jellyfish, ship tankers and seasickness.

She has done many amazing things & even had a chance to meet the King.

Her key words of advice to our children were:  
Understand your why & Believe in yourself

This fits in with our school value of ambition & we hope our children are inspired and DREAM BIG!

Leah also donated a book she has written about her expeditions to our school library!



# Nursery

This week in Forest School, Nursery was introduced to pond dipping. First, we were reminded of the rules and went through key equipment such as the net for fishing and shovels for digging. Then, we explored the pond area. Some of us even went on a minibeast hunt to find some creatures. We found worms, baby millipedes and slugs. Finally, we finished with a biscuit and hot chocolate.



Nursery have been getting into the Christmas spirit this week. We have been looking at the story 'Is it Christmas yet?'. First, we decorated our Christmas tree, adding baubles and tinsel. Then, we practiced wrapping presents. We used scissors to cut and tape to stick.

Next week, we will be making and decorating Christmas Cookies!



# Year 2

Year 2 have been doing some fantastic gymnastics movements as part of their PE learning. We have been linking a range of our movements such as rolls, balances and jumps - trying to move around silently like champion gymnasts!



# Year 3

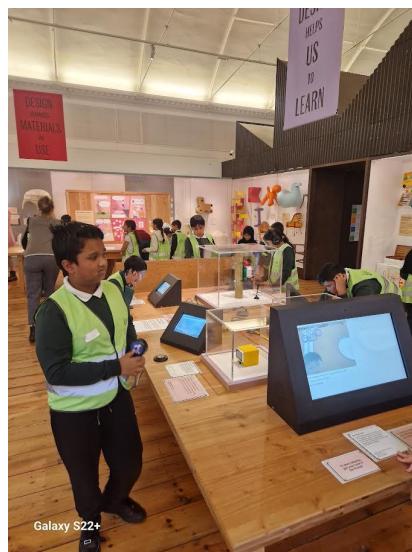


This week Year 3 dressed up for 'Invaders & Settlers Day'. They came in dressed as Romans, Vikings, Anglo-Saxons and Britons. They took part in a range of activities including baking, weaving, making mosaics and learning Roman numerals. They will be using the events of the day to write a recount letter so stay tuned!





The children in the SLS over the last two weeks have been working hard at their workstations. They have also learned more about friendship and turn taking. Added to all this, we loved dressing up as superheroes for our interactive storytelling.



## Year 5

Last week, Year 5 had a wonderful time on their visits to the British Museum and the Young V&A. During the British Museum trip, the children joined a tablet-guided tour that allowed them to discover a range of historical artefacts. At the Young V&A, they took part in a design project and had the chance to explore various areas of the museum.



# CHRISTMAS SHOW COSTUMES

NURSERY:



YEAR 2:



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

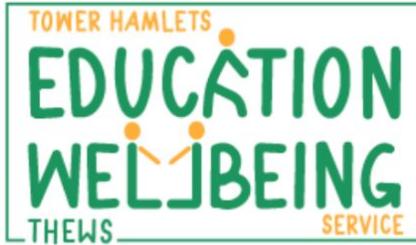
*Roast Turkey  
with Cocktail Chicken Sausage,  
Sage & Onion Stuffing and Gravy  
Or*

*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 9th January 2026 : 9:00am – 10:00am  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:Thsendforum@gmail.com) or [parentalengagement@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto: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!

<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>9 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>2 spaces 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>1 space 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](#).

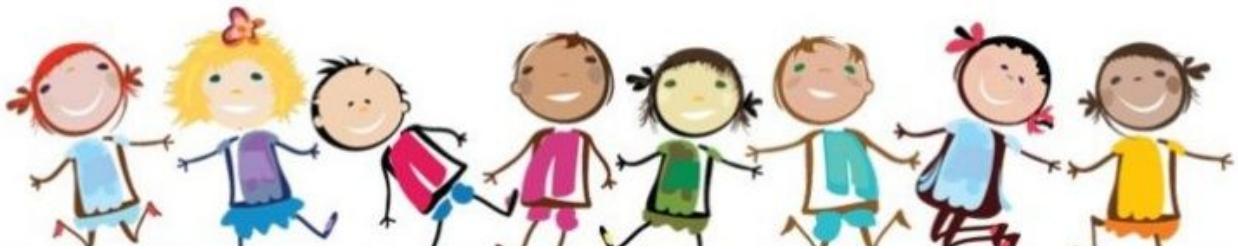
**Contact the admissions service directly for more information**

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](#)