



# The Byword



12th December 2025

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## Key Dates

- 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,

It is hard to believe we are in the penultimate week of the autumn term already! There is a buzz of excitement around Bygrove as we head towards the final week.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 1 children who have been rehearsing diligently for their Christmas performance of *The Mouse in Santa's House*. Their dedication, energy and commitment to learning their lines and songs have been wonderful to see. We know their performance will be truly magical!

It's not just Year 1 who have been embracing the festive spirit - the rest of the school has been working hard to learn their Christmas songs too. Performance is an integral part of the Bygrove curriculum. Preparing for these events helps build essential skills such as confidence and oracy. These skills are crucial for preparing our children for the future world of work, successful relationships and leadership opportunities. It's also tremendous fun! We aim high for all our children so that they can have successful and fulfilling lives and these opportunities are a key part of that journey.

We can't wait to welcome you all next week to celebrate the end of term and come together as a community:

- **Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th:** Our wonderful Christmas performances will take place. Please check your time slots!
- **Wednesday 18th:** The children will enjoy a delicious Christmas Lunch.
- **Thursday 19th:** Class Christmas parties will bring a special visitor...

While the festive activities are exciting, please remember that key learning will still be taking place right up until the last day - it never stops here at Bygrove! Your child's daily attendance is vital to ensure they do not miss out on important lessons and consolidation. Please make sure your child is in school every day.

We look forward to seeing you all next week!

Best wishes,

Flona





# 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 1st December 2025 - Friday 5th December 2025 (Rec-Y6):

**93.14%**

Year	Attendance
Nursery	<b>96.28%</b>
Reception	<b>87.33%</b>
Year 1	<b>94.67%</b>
Year 2	<b>91.38%</b>
Year 3	<b>91.67%</b>
Year 4	<b>96.33%</b>
Year 5	<b>98.62%</b>
Year 6	<b>92.07%</b>

Last week's attendance

**Y5: 98.62%**

**Well done Y5**

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



# Stars Of The Week

Year 1

Ayub

Year 2

Ibrahim & Kaziomar

Year 3

Aiza & Musa A

Year 4

Yamin

Year 5

Jaleel

Year 6

Reyan

# **HANDWRITING HEROES**

**YEAR 1: SULAYMAAN**

**YEAR 2: INAYAH A**

**YEAR 3: ADAM A**

**YEAR 4: ARC-EN-CIEL**

**YEAR 5: SALMA**

**YEAR 6: OWAIS**





# MATHLETICS WINNERS

- 1ST: Y3 - 38,164 POINTS
- 2ND: Y2 - 36,077 POINTS
- 3RD: Y1 - 24,179 POINTS

TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE  
THIS WEEK:

RAFAN - Y3  
5,013 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:

**"Ventana"** – which means **"Window"**

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.



# Nursery



This week, Nursery has continued to get into the holiday spirit. Together with an adult, we made Christmas cookies. First, we added sugar, flour, butter and water into a bowl. Then, we mixed the ingredients together. Finally, we used a cookie cutter to cut out shapes and used fondant to add decorations. They were delicious!



Here are some photos from Christmas Jumper Day which was on Thursday!



# Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic day exploring the Tower of London! The children were excited to see the famous Crown Jewels glittering in their display and loved learning about the ancient castle's history. They enjoyed walking along the old stone walls and imagining what life was like long ago. It was a day full of curiosity, discovery and unforgettable memories.



# Year 2

This week in maths, Year 2 have started learning all about money! We have been observing the properties of different coins as well as identifying the value of each coin. This has helped us add coins together to find total amounts.



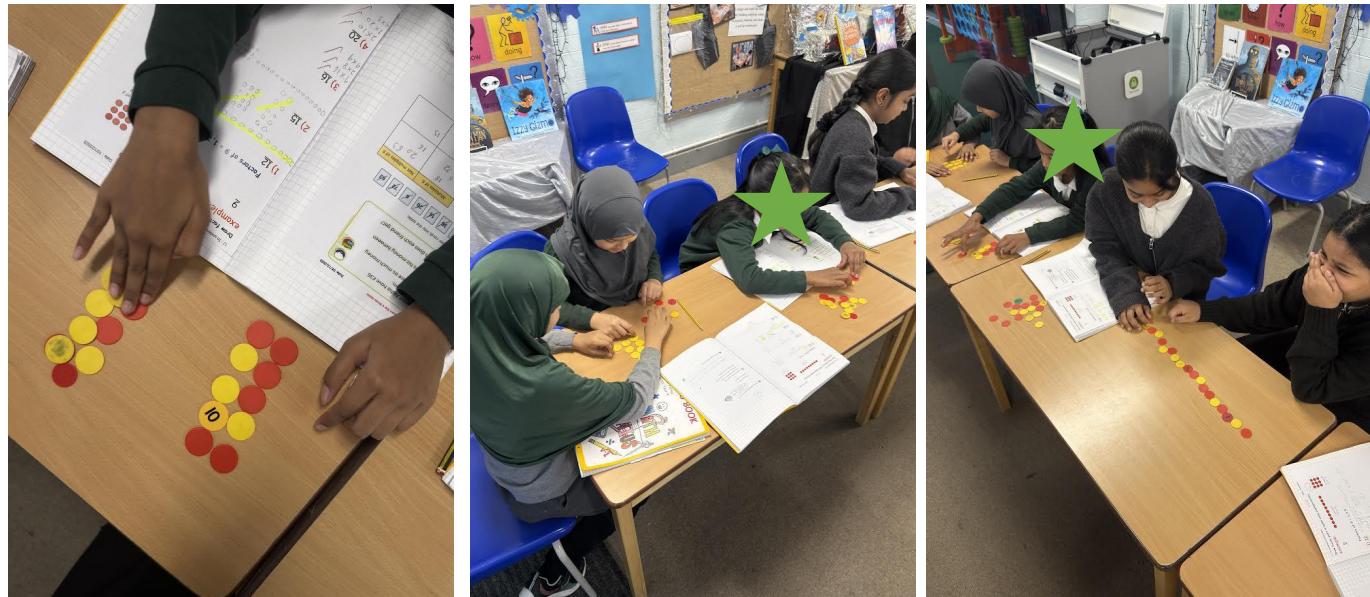
## SLS

The children in the SLS worked on their maths skills this week. Using pasta shells we decided whether the container was FULL or EMPTY.



# Year 4

Year 4 turned maths into a fun puzzle as they explored factors and discovered how many different factor pairs hide inside familiar numbers. Teamwork made the learning even more exciting.



## Gardeners

Bygrove won lots of awards at Tower Hamlets in Bloom including **OVERALL WINNER!** A big well done to Sherin for all of her hard work! Also thank you to the premises team, the Bygrove Gardeners and everyone who helps to keep our school looking so green!



**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

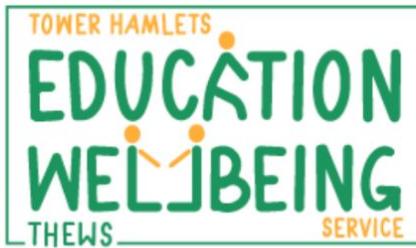
*Roast Turkey  
with Cocktail Chicken Sausage,  
Sage & Onion Stuffing and Gravy  
Or*

*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)

# 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>1 space 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](#).

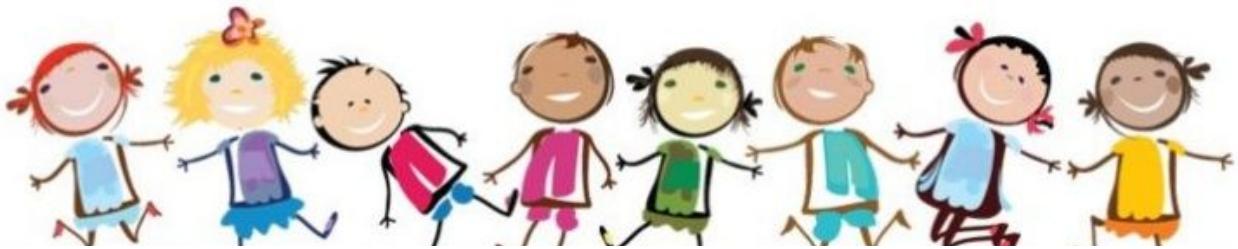
**Contact the admissions service directly for more information**

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](#)