



The Byword



19th December 2025

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Key Dates

- **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
- Monday 12th January 2026: Y5 start weekly swimming
- Friday 16th January 2026: Fluoride varnish programme for YN/R/1
- Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd January: Y5 & Y6 residential trip to Fairplay House
- Tuesday 10th February 2026: Y4 sleepover parents meeting
- Wednesday 11th February 2026: Y2/3 show for parents at 2pm
- Friday 13th February 2026: Last day of term - 3:30pm finish

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy and productive autumn term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the fantastic start to the academic year we have shared. It has been a joy to see our classrooms filled with energy, curiosity and a genuine commitment to learning from all of the children.

The highlight of our final weeks was undoubtedly our Christmas production of *The Mouse In Santa's House*. I am sure you will agree that the Year 1 children performed with incredible confidence and charm. They were brilliantly supported by the rest of the school whose singing brought a wonderful atmosphere to the performance. Do *The Mousicle* is now a Bygrove favourite!

Beyond the festive celebrations, this term has been defined by the hard work and dedication of our pupils. Across all year groups, we have seen children tackling new challenges with resilience. Whether it is mastering a new concept in maths or showing creativity in writing, their progress is a testament to their efforts and the support they receive both at school and at home.

We are already looking forward to an exciting spring term. A particular highlight will be the Year 5 and Year 6 residential trip to Fairplay House. This experience is an integral part of our curriculum; it pushes children out of their comfort zones, builds independence and fosters teamwork. These are essential life skills that prepare our pupils for the future world of work and long-term success.

Our goal is to ensure that every child at our school achieves the best possible outcomes in their education and leads a happy, fulfilled life. This journey begins with excellent school attendance and a shared mission to instill a lifelong love for learning.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership. We value the close relationship we have with our families and look forward to working together in the coming year to help our children thrive.

I wish you all a restful, safe, and very happy Christmas break. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school, refreshed and ready for the spring term!

Warm regards,

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 8th December 2025 - Friday 12th December 2025 (Rec-Y6):
91.72%

Year	Attendance
Nursery	83.26%
Reception	95.00%
Year 1	80.33%
Year 2	90.34%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	95.33%
Year 5	92.41%
Year 6	88.38%

Last week's attendance

Y3: 100%

Well done Y3!

Paper copies of the Byword are available from the office.

After School Clubs

We are excited to launch our club provision for the spring term, which will begin on Tuesday 6th January 2026. Ad-Hoc Clubhouse sessions and Breakfast Club will also be starting from Tuesday 6th January 2026.

The clubs will be live on ParentPay by 3pm on Friday 19th December 2025! To sign up, please log on to your [ParentPay](#) accounts.

The clubs available will be:

After School Clubs - Spring 2026

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	20 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	20 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	16 spaces remaining
Fridays			
Clubhouse	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome

LANGUAGE ANGELS



This week's word is:

"Coche" – which means **"Car"**

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>

Upcoming Parent Workshops

THEWS Parent Workshop (Emotional Regulation)
Friday 9th January 2026 at 9:00am – 10:00am
Staffroom

Parent Coffee and Chat
Friday 30th January 2026 at 9:20am
Staffroom



Money raised

Thank you to everyone who donated. We collected money to enhance the resources for our children in school.
School generated income total =
£736.16

Christmas Show Tickets
£330.00



Programmes & Popcorn
£55.60



Jumper day
£78.29
(will be donated to Save the Children UK)



Raffle
£295.40

School Council Fundraiser on 15/12/25
£55.16



Programme page winners!

Front cover: Leo Year 4

Nursery: Whole class

Reception: Kaira

Year 1: Zara

Year 2: Manha

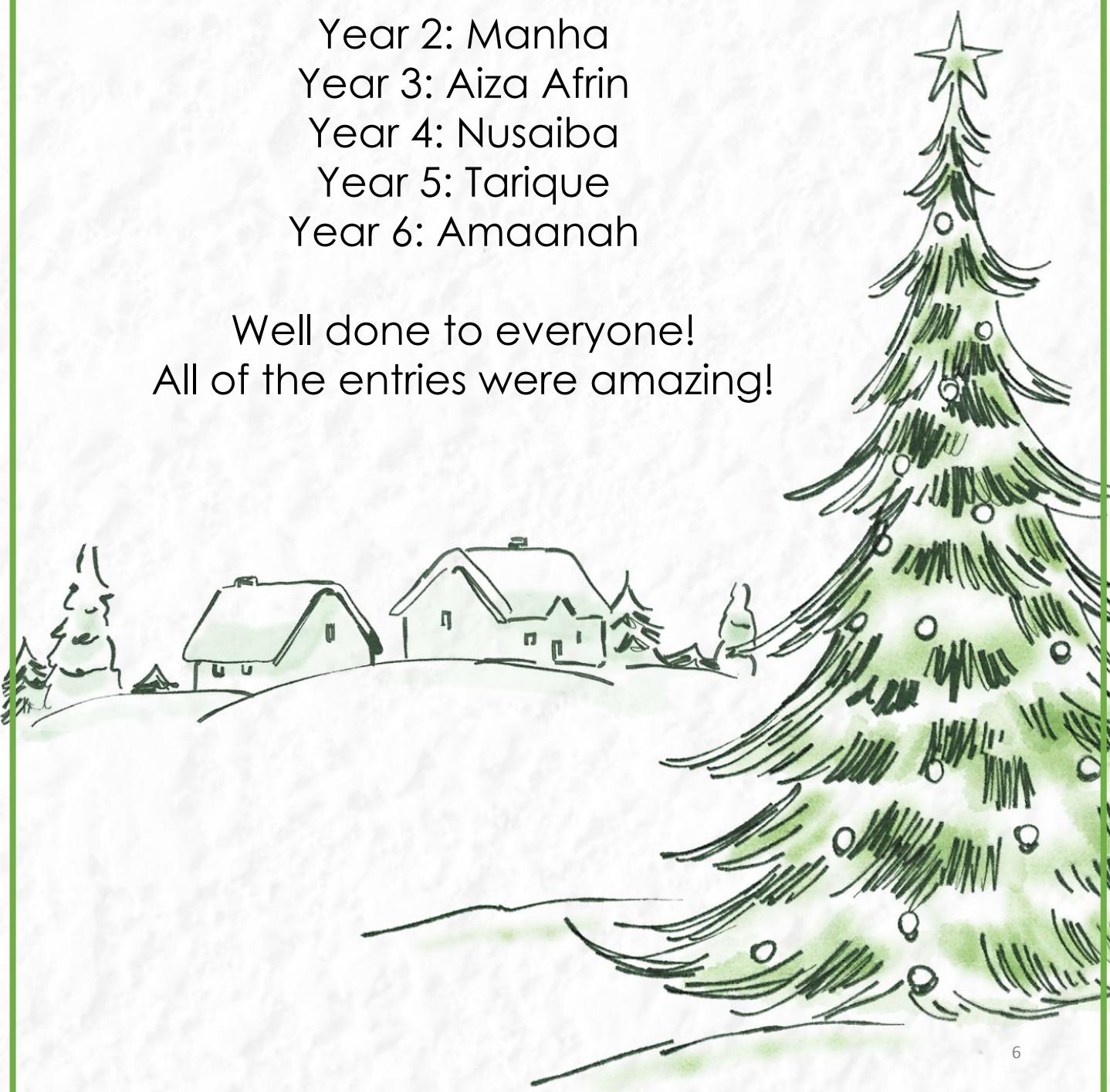
Year 3: Aiza Afrin

Year 4: Nusaiba

Year 5: Tarique

Year 6: Amaanah

Well done to everyone!
All of the entries were amazing!



Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle tickets!

Naila - Y3 (1st)

Mayameen - Y3

Nabil - YR

Eliza - Y3 (x2)

Eesah - Y1

Whan - Y5

Muaaz - YR

Olexandr - Y1

Sienna - SLS (x2)

Ibrahim - Y2 (x2)

Arhaan - Y3

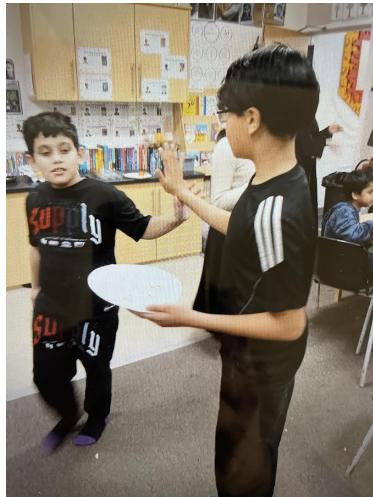


School Council

Today the School Council received their badges. They are very happy and excited to take on their roles as school councillors and are looking forward to representing their school.



SLS



The SLS children joined their year groups this week for their exciting Christmas parties. They had great fun!



Christmas lunch!



The children enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch this week.

Thank you to all the staff who helped with preparations.

Merry Christmas!

Christmas Show

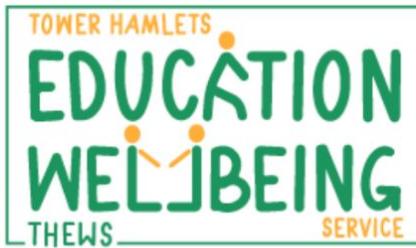


Thank you to everyone who came to see the Christmas performance of 'The Mouse in Santa's House'. It was lovely to see the children perform with such confidence & to celebrate the end of term together.

Christmas!

The classes enjoyed the festivities this week and were lucky to be paid a special visit by Santa's helpers!





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!

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	1 space 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](#)