



The Byword



27th February 2026

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Key Dates

- Thursday 5th March 2026: World Book Day
- Friday 13th March 2026: Year 4 Sleepover
- Monday 16th – Friday 20th March 2026: Thinking of Others Week
- **Friday 20th March 2026: Eid - School closed**
- Monday 23rd March 2026: Class Eid parties
- Friday 27th March 2026: Last day of term - 1:30pm finish

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great first week of the half-term at Bygrove. Thank you to everyone who has attended our parent consultations so far. Our teaching teams have thoroughly enjoyed meeting with you to celebrate your children's progress and discuss their next steps. We are looking forward to seeing the rest of you at next week's consultations. These conversations are vital in ensuring we are all on the same page for your child's journey.

As we look toward the future, I want to share a brief reminder on the importance of Early Years attendance. Research consistently shows that consistent attendance in the early years is a strong predictor of a child's long-term success.

Every day in school provides a vital building block for social skills, language development and confidence. When children attend regularly from the start, they are significantly more likely to reach their full potential in later primary years and beyond. If you have concerns about your child's attendance, please come and speak to Sharon. We are here to support you and find solutions together.

Next Thursday, 5th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. It is always a highlight of the year and we can't wait to see the creative characters roaming our corridors. Parents are warmly invited to attend the assembly to cheer on the children at 9.20am.

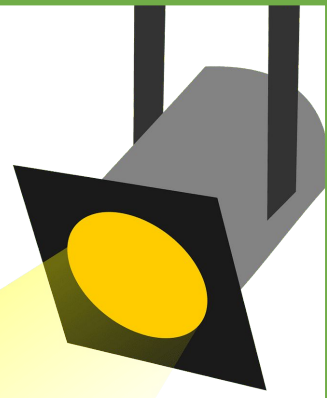
Wishing you all a wonderful, restful weekend.

Warm regards,

Fiona



Spotlight on Inclusion



Spotlight on Inclusion:

Meet Our Specialist Learning Space Team!



Following on from last week, when we shone a light on **Christina**, our Specialist Learning Space Leader, we would now like to shine that same light on the rest of the fantastic team.

We are incredibly fortunate to have a dedicated team in our Specialist Learning Space who work tirelessly to create a nurturing, stimulating and inclusive environment for our pupils. Each member brings a unique set of superpowers to the table, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to shine.

Here is a little more about the wonderful staff supporting our learners:

Kate is passionate about helping children build essential early reading skills and fostering the positive behaviours that lead to a lifelong love of books.

In our outdoor spaces, **Sumaiya** leads the way by creating dynamic opportunities for physical development, mark-making and collaborative play, ensuring that learning happens in every environment.

Meanwhile, **Jane** and **Karen** serve as our 'Tuff Tray' specialists; together they curate rich, sensory-driven experiences that enhance role-play and seamlessly weave maths and literacy skills into hands-on activities.

Our team facilitates discovery by combining engaging sensory play with targeted academic support and dynamic outdoor exploration. They ensure that learning feels like a natural adventure where every child is empowered to succeed.

Communication and partnership with our families are at the heart of everything we do. Our team ensures that parents are always part of the journey by providing regular, meaningful updates on key milestones and celebrating every "lightbulb moment" a child experiences.

Safeguarding

How Safe is WhatsApp for Children - NSPCC

WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It allows you to send and receive messages, as well as make voice and video calls. You can connect with people individually or join group chats where lots of people can contribute. All you need to set up a WhatsApp account is a phone number. However, children and young people can easily subvert the restrictions placed on its access. Although **rated at 16+**, all that is required is a phone number. All it takes is one child in a class to be on whatsapp, and all the others will wish to join. This can lead to **increased vulnerabilities** for child users. The NSPCC has released its own analysis about the **dangers of the app**. If interested, please follow the link below:

Click here: [The dangers of Whatsapp](#)



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 9th February 2026 - Friday 13th February 2026 (Rec-Y6):

94.00%

Year	Attendance
Nursery	89.60%
Reception	85.30%
Year 1	98.30%
Year 2	97.10%
Year 3	93.10%
Year 4	94.70%
Year 5	97.50%
Year 6	92.10%

Last week's attendance

Y1: 98.30%

Well done Y1!

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	3 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	14 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:

"bebé" – which means "baby"

Try using it at home and in school!

Healthy Birthday Celebrations & Treats in School

As part of our Healthy School status and to support our families who have food allergies or intolerances, we can have healthy birthday treats when celebrating in school.

Fruits, fruit platters or fruit kebabs will be accepted.



Nut Free School

Please note that Bygrove is a nut free school as we have children with nut allergies.

Please do not send nuts into school in any form.





Mathematics

MATHLETICS WINNERS

1ST: Y1 - 3,972 POINTS

2ND: Y2 - 1,256 POINTS

3RD: Y3 - 670 POINTS

**TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE
THIS WEEK:**

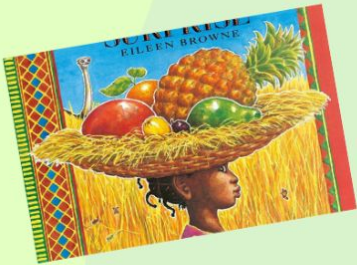
**ZAID - Y1
3,103 POINTS**



WORLD BOOK DAY!

THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

Come to school
dressed as your
favourite book
character!

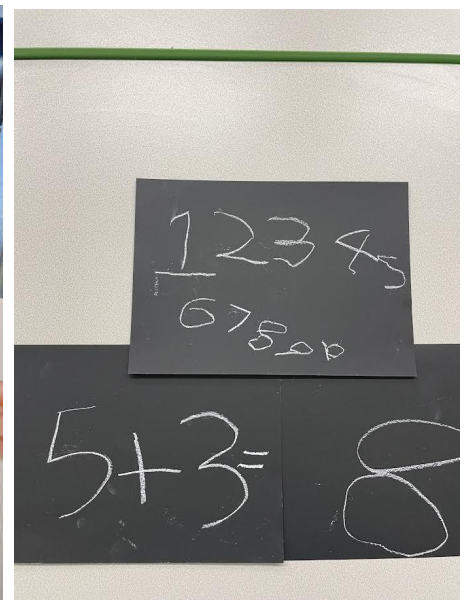
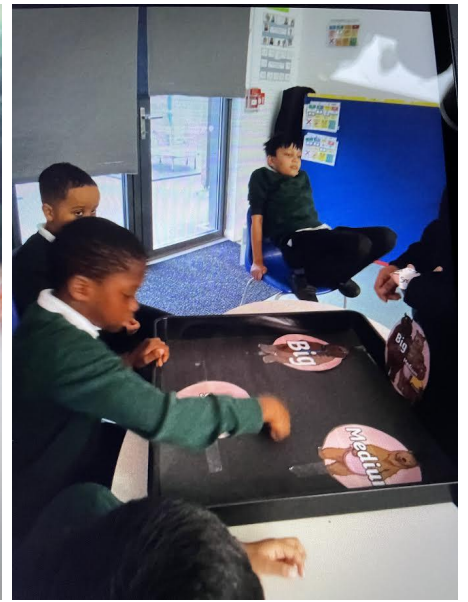


Activities on the day:

- Costume parade assembly
- Bookmark making
- Book scavenger hunt
- Teacher-swap story time



The children in the SLS have been focusing on the Story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. For this we had to use our maths skills while playing maths games, counting the number of bears that knocked on the door. The children also learned about turn taking while playing the game. Maybe find a board game that you can play this weekend with your friends or family.



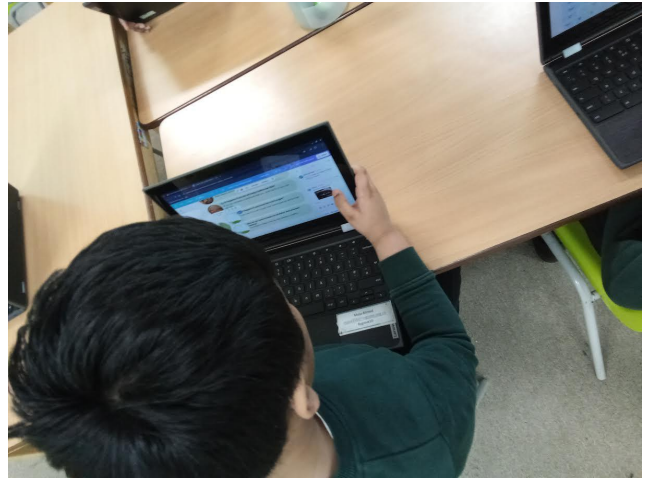
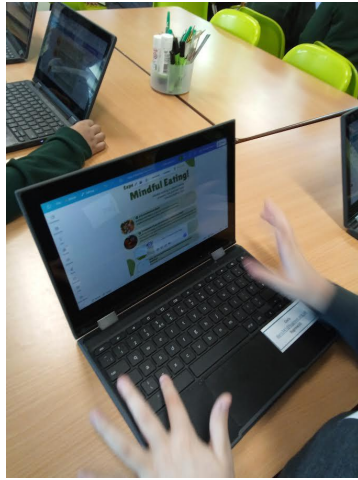
Reception

In Reception class, we are reading The Little Red Hen.

The children have been exploring kneading playdough and being creative by adding feathers.

Year 3

Year 3 have been looking at the importance of having a balanced diet in science this week. They used the knowledge they have gained to create their very own posters to encourage children in the rest of the school to have a balanced diet. The children used Canva to publish their posters and were able to use the AI features to select appropriate images for their posters. They looked at the importance of not eating too much sugar and suggesting the impact this could have. They also noted how eating a healthy and balanced diet can support your bones and muscles.



Experience the Joy of
Mindful Eating!

Mindful eating is about being present, not just the food.
Mindful Eating Tips:

What is a balanced diet?
A balanced diet is when you eat a little bit of everything – fruit and veg, carbohydrates, protein, dairy and last fats, spreads and oil.

What happens if you do not keep a balanced diet?
if you do not keep a balanced diet you will become unfit and then you won't be strong or healthy, also you can get sick more easily.

What happens if you have too much sugar?
If you eat too much sugar you can have something called diabetes. you can also get tooth decay.

Why do we need to keep our skeleton and muscles healthy?
You need to keep muscles and skeleton healthy so your vital organs work properly so we can breathe properly and do lots of other things.

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Mindful Eating!

Mindful eating is about being present, not just the food.
Mindful Eating Tips:

What is a balanced diet?
A balanced diet is a bunch of foods including vegetables,protein,dairy and carbohydrates!

What happens if you do not keep a balanced diet?
if you do not keep a balanced diet your bones will not develop as strong,you can get sick more easily and you could get high blood pressure/diabetes.

What happens if you have too much sugar?
If you eat too much sugar you will get tooth decay or your teeth might fall out and you would feel sick.

Why do we need to keep our skeleton and muscles healthy?
You keep muscles and skeleton healthy so you can stay strong,we can be active and your organs could work properly.

In English this week Year 3 have started a new unit on instructions. They have been looking at the importance of the order of the instructions and clarity within the instruction. To help them do this they had to look at the order of making a jam sandwich and notice that the instructions need to be clear and simple to understand. They then ordered the instructions before making their very own jam sandwich.



Year 1

Year 1 have started a new unit in English, learning about non-chronological reports. We have been learning about information about pigs and created actions to help us remember them!



SPLASH 's Second

WOMEN'S HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & WELLBEING DAY

Doors open & registration: 9:50 AM
Arrive anytime from 9:50 to get settled, grab tea, and browse early stalls.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Free!

Workshops :

- 10:10 - 10:40
- Heatwaves & Poor Housing Workshop
- Sustainable Period Products Workshop
- 10:45 - 11:15
- TBC
- Cervical Cancer Workshop
- 11:20 - 12:10
- Domestic Violence Awareness Workshop
- Somatic Movement, Grief & Anxiety Session
- 12:30
- Chair based Yoga
- 13:05 - 13:35
- Lunch

All day Stalls

Browse stalls offering:

- Sexual health & self-testing
- Mental health & climate wellbeing
- Domestic violence support
- Menopause & women's wellbeing
- SEND family support
- Housing, heatwave & energy advice
- Indoor air quality & mould prevention
- Sustainable period products
- Creative arts for wellbeing
- Recycling & sustainability games
- Community health research
- ...and more

Delicious Food

Enjoy a free hot lunch.

Register here or just turn up on the day :



10 AM TO 2 PM
24TH
MARCH

ST MATHIAS COMMUNITY CENTER
113 POPLAR HIGH STREET,
E14 0AE





PASG - Parent Autism Support Group

For all parents

Session Name	Date	Time	Room
DCOS session	Wednesday 15 th October 2025	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 2
Social Care	Thursday 13 th November 2025	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 2
Behaviour - Dysregulation and Crisis Behaviour	Wednesday 10 th December 2025	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 2
OT session	Thursday 8 th January 2026	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 2
Behaviour - Regular Occuring Behaviour	Thursday 12 th February 2026	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 2
Puberty - Boys	Thursday 23 rd April 2026	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 2
Puberty - Girls	Wednesday 13 th May 2026	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 1
Toileting	Wednesday 3 rd June 2026	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 2
Leisure and Play	Wednesday 1 st July 2026	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 1

Co-ordinator: Salina/Khadra/Junayel

To Book, Email: parents@phoenix.towerhamlets.sch.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	2 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	2 spaces available! Apply via the Parent Portal
Current Year 6 admissions For children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015	2 spaces 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](#)