



The Byword



6th March 2026

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Key Dates

- Friday 13th March 2026: Year 4 Sleepover & Maths: Building fluency and supporting maths at home Parent Workshop at 9:00am - 9:30am
- Wednesday 18th March 2026: Spanish Parent Workshop at 9:00am - 9:30am
- Monday 16th – Friday 20th March 2026: Thinking of Others Week
- **Thursday 19th March 2026 : Eid - School Closed TBC**
- **Friday 20th March 2026: Eid - School closed**
- Monday 23th March 2026: Class Eid parties
- Friday 27th March 2026: Last day of term - **1:30pm finish**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week we have had! Our corridors have been buzzing with excitement in the lead up to our World Book Day celebrations on Thursday. It was wonderful to see the school transformed into a living library of characters.

I want to extend a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our special assembly and costume catwalk. Thank you, also, to every parent who supported the day by helping with costumes and encouraging that love of reading at home.

At Bygrove, reading is at the heart of everything we do. It is the key that unlocks the rest of the curriculum, providing children with the tools they need for the future and, most importantly, a lifelong source of joy.

Beyond the wonderful outfits, the children stayed busy with a high-energy book scavenger hunt across the school, making custom bookmarks and listening to special guest storytellers. A special mention goes to Isha who organised a brilliant day!

We always value your feedback, and following an excellent suggestion from the annual Have Your Say Conference, we are launching a Bygrove Costume Bank. If you have any unwanted costumes (book characters, superheroes or period dress) that your child has outgrown, please consider donating them to the school. We want to ensure that every child has access to a fantastic outfit for future celebrations while promoting sustainability. Please drop any donations off at the main office.

As we look forward to the upcoming festivities, please take note of the arrangements for the Eid-al-Fitr school closure:

- **School Closure:** Bygrove will be closed on Friday 20th March.
- **The Moon Sighting:** If Eid is officially announced for Thursday 19th March, the school will be closed on both Thursday and Friday.
- **Confirmation:** We will send a confirmation message to all parents on the evening of Wednesday 18th March once the date is official.

To keep the celebrations going, we will hold Eid parties on Monday 23rd March. Children are invited to come to school in their festive clothes or party wear to celebrate with their friends and teachers.

Warm regards,

Fiona





Spotlight on Inclusion



Spotlight on Inclusion:

Meet Radeya!

In this edition of our *Spotlight on Inclusion*, we are delighted to introduce Radeya, a vital member of our Early Years team. Based in the Reception class, Radeya's dedication and specialised skills ensure our youngest learners have the best possible start to their educational journey.

Radeya plays a key role in delivering high-quality speech and language provision. She understands that communication is the foundation of all learning, and she uses creative, evidence-based methods to help children find their voice. Her work includes:

Sensory Stories: Bringing narratives to life through touch, smell and sound to engage all types of learners.

Core Vocabulary Boards: Utilising visual aids to help children express their needs and build their functional language skills.

Beyond academics, Radeya is a qualified **Early Years Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA)**. Having received bespoke training, she is uniquely equipped to support the social and emotional wellbeing of our pupils.

Through tailored social-emotional sessions, Radeya helps children navigate the complex world of emotional regulation and social skills. Whether a child needs help managing big feelings or learning how to play collaboratively with peers, Radeya provides the tools they need to flourish.

What truly sets Radeya apart is the nurturing, trusting relationships she builds with every child. She is known for going above and beyond, consistently delivering exceptional provision with a warmth that makes every child feel safe and valued.

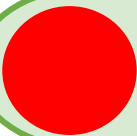
Attendance

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 23rd February 2026 - Friday 27th February 2026 (Rec-Y6):
94.20%

Year	Attendance
Nursery	96.00%
Reception	78.30%
Year 1	99.20%
Year 2	98.70%
Year 3	94.60%
Year 4	99.20%
Year 5	98.20%
Year 6	92.00%

Last week's attendance

Y1 & Y4: 99.20%

Well done Y1 & Y4!

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:

"gente"– which means **"people"**

Try using it at home and in school!

Children and Phone Safety - NSPCC

Our School Position and Helpful Guidance

As a school, we continue to strongly advise against primary school children having a smartphone, in line with DfE guidance.

To support you in navigating online safety and managing the risks associated with mobile phones, we would like to share a valuable resource from the **NSPCC**.

Their comprehensive guide addresses common questions, such as when a child is truly ready for a phone, and offers balanced, practical advice on:

- **Readiness:** Signs your child is prepared for the responsibility of a phone.
- **Boundary-Setting:** Establishing clear rules for use at home.
- **Parental Controls:** Tools to help manage access and screen time.
- **Safe and Responsible Use:** Ongoing conversations about online behaviour.

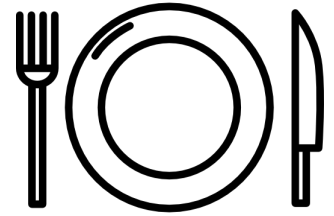
Including this resource in our newsletter helps to reinforce consistent messages between home and school, reduce anxiety and support a shared approach to keeping all our children safe online.

You can find the full guide here: [NSPCC Children, Mobile Phones and Online Safety](#)

Dishwater Update

We are pleased to share an update regarding our lunchtime arrangements.

Hasib, our Trust COO, has been working hard negotiating with Contract Services to have a new dishwasher installed. It was installed today so we will be returning to using our usual plastic plates as a school.



Thank you for your patience and continued support.

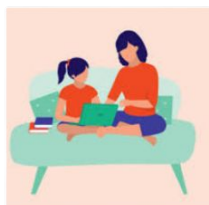
Online Safety

We have a new page live on our website under our Parents tab with information about Online Safety!

<https://bygrove.org.uk/online-safety/>

Click on the link above to read more about:

- The importance of Online Safety
- Keeping personal information safe
- Being kind and respectful online
- How school keeps children safe online
- Minimum age restrictions for social media platforms
- How can you support your child at home?
- Online resources



SCREEN TIME RULES	
WHEN:	WHERE:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weekends ONLY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Downstairs ONLY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AFTER house contributions are done	<input type="checkbox"/> No screens in bathroom
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AFTER a nutritious meal	<input type="checkbox"/> No screens when eating
TIME LIMITS	
<input type="checkbox"/> No screens for 1 hour after waking up	<input type="checkbox"/> No screens 2 hours before bed
<input type="checkbox"/> No more than 1 hour of screen time at a time	



Stars Of The Week

Year 1

Abdurrahman

Year 2

Whole class

Year 3

Musa A

Year 4

Yamin

Year 5

Yaqub

HANDWRITING HEROES

YEAR 1: SAKARIYA

YEAR 2: BISMA

YEAR 3: TAQWA

YEAR 4: ZAKARIYA R

YEAR 5: HANA





Mathletics

MATHLETICS WINNERS

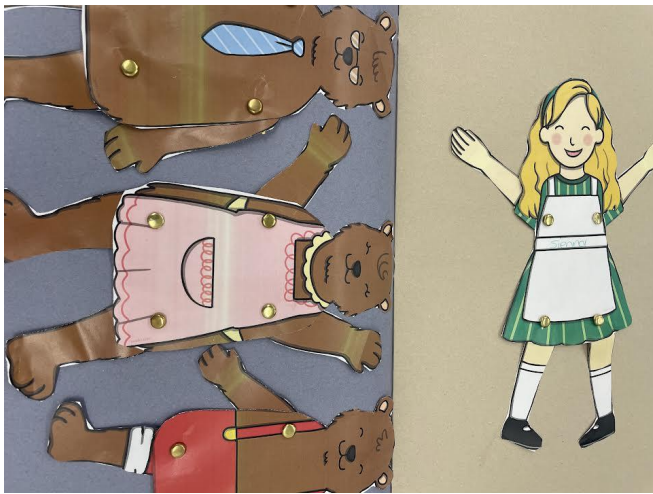
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2ND: Y4 - 16,843 POINTS

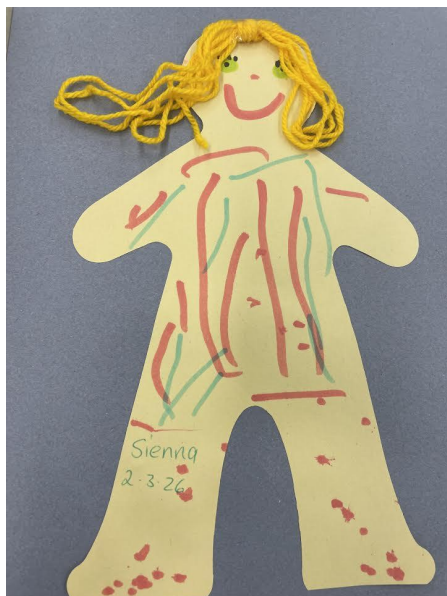
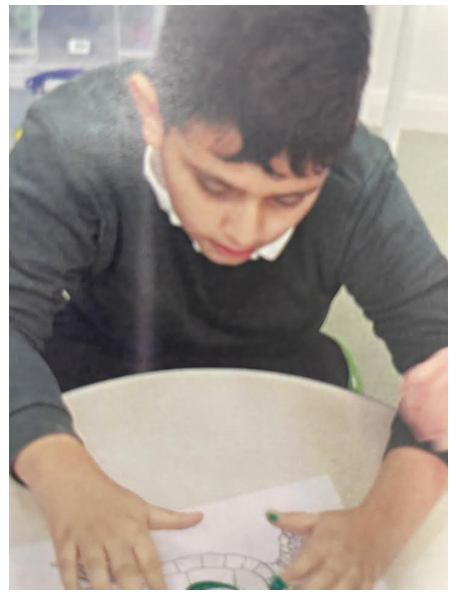
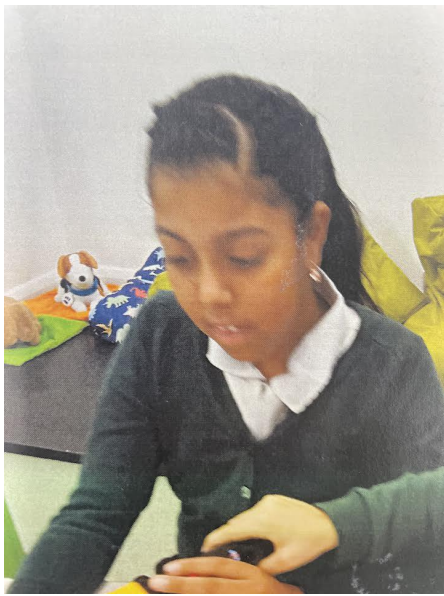
3RD: Y1 - 16,826 POINTS

**TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE
THIS WEEK:**

**RAFAN - Y3
6,749 POINTS**

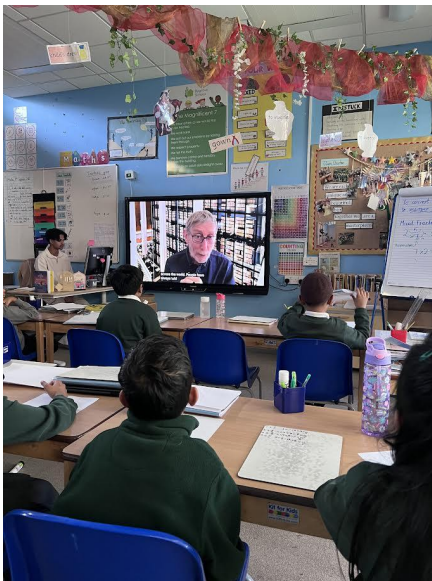


The SLS have been celebrating World Book Day this week. We used different media to make puppets to represent the characters in the story: Goldilocks and The Three Bears. We used collage, then split pins so that the puppets could move. Why not try making your own puppet's for another story?



Year 3 & Year 4

This week Year 3 and 4 enjoyed taking part in a special World Book Day livestream with world famous author, Michael Rosen as part of celebrating the National Year of Reading. The children explored food-themed stories from around the world, discovering how different cultures use food to spark imagination and bring stories to life. They loved the animated storytelling, creative prompts and draw-along activities, which inspired them to begin creating their own food-themed tales and mini storybooks. Children can also have a go at home by watching the recorded livestream here: <https://www.youtube.com/live/ABH9WBrFxl?feature=shared>



World Book Day

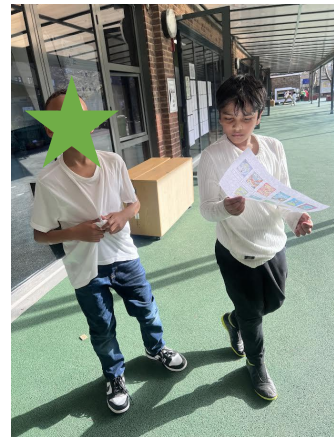
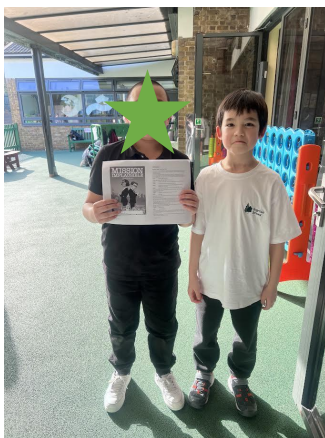


Here are some costumes from World Book Day on Thursday!

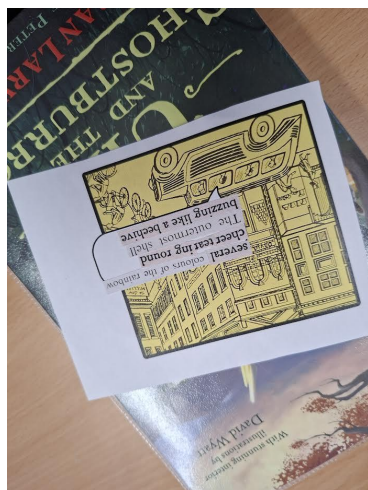
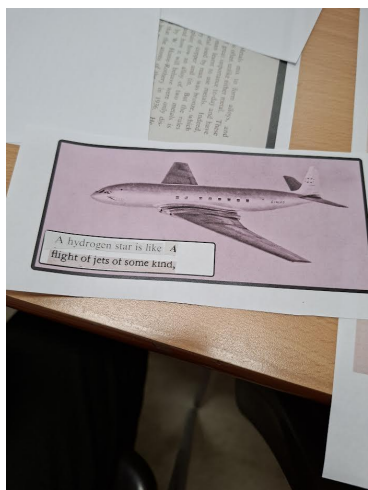
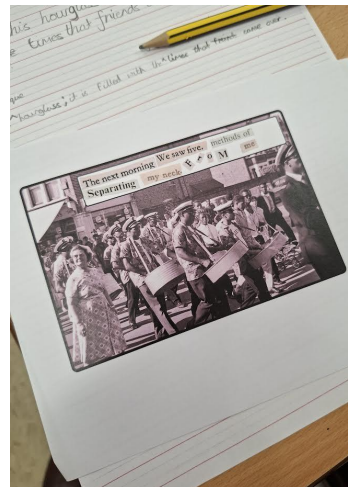
We loved seeing all the different characters across the school from both pupils and staff during our assembly.



Year 4 had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day! The children enjoyed a range of exciting activities, including a book hunt around the playground where they searched for clues and discovered different stories along the way. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for reading, especially as we have recently restocked our class library. The children are now enjoying exploring lots of new books and discovering new authors and stories.



Year 6



On Monday, a poet called James came in to run an all-day poetry workshop with Year 6. They played games and created poetry that will soon be printed on the buildings of the South Bank Centre in London!

This is what the children at Bygrove have said makes a great mathematician and we agree!

Please support your children by talking through how they can follow these steps in their own maths learning!



WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A GREAT MATHEMATICIAN?

1

Embrace mistakes & learn from them.



2

Be able to use different strategies.



3

Be able to do maths fluently, using things you have learnt to help and get the answer right.



4

Don't give up!



5

Check your answers - Use the inverse to help.



6

Be able to answer reasoning questions to explain **WHY** and **HOW** you know something.



7

Have confidence!





Parent
Workshop

MATHS: BUILDING FLUENCY & SUPPORTING MATHS AT HOME

Friday 13th March 2026

Time: 9:00am - 9:30am

Location: Staffroom

Led by: Akosua

Children will become confident mathematicians when they are fluent in number and able to recall what they have already learnt to help them solve new problems. This workshop will show you how best to support your children to build fluency at home and help you understand some of the strategies we use in school.





SPANISH PARENT WORKSHOP

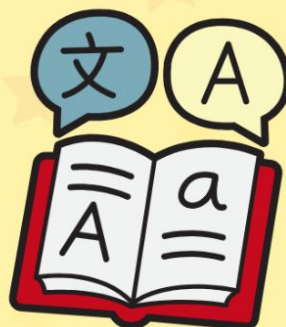
Wednesday 18th March 2026

Time: 9:00am - 9:30am

Location: Staffroom

Led by: Mafia

Focus: Benefits of learning a language and how we do this at Bygrove (Language Angels)



Fussy Eating Webinar for School Staff & Parents

Date: Wednesday 25th March 2026

Time slots: 1:00pm - 2:00pm or 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Location: ONLINE

Fear of new foods affects up to 1 in 5 children.

This webinar is for parents of fussy eaters and for staff members who support children in school lunchtimes. Join our webinar for strategies, understanding and support.

Please email Claire Wallek in The Healthy Lives Team to book your place, claire.wallek@towerhamlets.gov.uk



PASG - Parent Autism Support Group

For all parents

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	2 spaces available! Apply via the Parent Portal
Current Year 3 admissions For children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018	2 spaces 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](#)