



The Byword



13th March 2026

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Key Dates

- Wednesday 18 March 2026: Spanish Parent Workshop at 9:00am - 9:30am
- Monday 16 – Friday 20 March 2026: Thinking of Others Week
- **Thursday 19 March 2026 : Eid - School Closed TBC**
- **Friday 20 March 2026: Eid - School closed**
- Monday 23 March 2026: Class Eid parties
- Friday 27 March 2026: Last day of term - **1:30pm finish**
- Monday 30 March - Friday 10 April: Easter holidays
- **Monday 13 April 2026: INSET day - School closed**
- Tuesday 14 April 2026 - All children return back to school

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been another brilliant week here at Bygrove!

A huge well done goes to our Year 6 pupils who have been incredibly focused during their mock SATs this week. We have been so impressed by their maturity and the calm way they approached each paper. We are immensely proud of their hard work and we know they will continue to persevere and grow in confidence as we head toward the official tests in May. Keep going, Year 6 - you've got this!

Our Year 1 class had a fantastic time on their trip to Hackney City Farm this week! They were delighted to meet a variety of animals, with the goats and the adorable baby goats being the clear highlights of the day.

Meanwhile, our youngest learners have been embracing the warmer weather. It has been a joy to see them exploring and playing in the outdoor classroom and during their Forest School sessions. There is nothing quite like nature to spark a child's curiosity!

To finish off the week in style, Year 4 are buzzing with excitement as they prepare for their school sleepover tonight! They are looking forward to an evening filled with games, laughter and lasting memories with their friends. A huge thank you to the Year 4 team and Akosua for making this possible! Events like this simply wouldn't be possible without staff going the extra mile to create such special experiences for our children.

Just a reminder for all families that the school will be closed next Friday for Eid.

Regarding Thursday, we are currently awaiting confirmation of the official date for Eid. Once this is confirmed, we will share further communication with you immediately. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

I hope you all have a restful and happy weekend!

Warm regards,

Fiona



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Spotlight on Inclusion



Spotlight on Inclusion:

Meet Vicki!

This week, we are thrilled to shine our spotlight on a vital member of our Year 5 team who helps make our school a truly inclusive place to grow: Vicki.

As a trained **Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA)**, Vicki plays a key role in ensuring that every child's wellbeing is prioritised alongside their academic learning.

To become an ELSA, staff members must undergo rigorous, bespoke training designed by educational psychologists. This training equips them with a deep understanding of child development and the psychological theories behind emotional wellbeing. By investing in this high level of training, we ensure that the support our pupils receive is professional, evidence-based and deeply impactful.

In her specialised emotional literacy sessions, Vicki provides something our pupils truly value: a completely non-judgmental space. Whether a student is feeling overwhelmed, anxious or just needs to process a tricky situation, they know they have a dedicated listener.

Through these sessions, pupils learn to:

- **Identify and name complex emotions.**
- **Develop healthy coping strategies.**
- **Build the self-confidence needed to navigate social challenges.**

While Vicki is a core part of the Year 5 teaching team, her impact is felt across the school day. You will often find her providing essential support during lunchtimes, ensuring that the playground remains a positive and inclusive environment where everyone feels they belong.



Bygrove Term Dates 2026-2027

2 INSET days - school closed:	Tuesday 1 September and Wednesday 2 September 2026
School open:	Thursday 3 September – Friday 23 October 2026
Autumn half term break:	Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2026
School open:	Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December 2026
Christmas holiday:	Monday 21 December – Friday 1 January 2027
INSET day - school closed:	Monday 4 January 2027
School open:	Tuesday 5 January – Friday 12 February 2027
Spring half term break:	Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2027
INSET day - school closed:	Monday 22 February 2027 (TBC)
School open:	Tuesday 23 February – Thursday 25 March 2027
Easter holiday:	Monday 29 March – Friday 9 April 2027
INSET day - school closed:	Monday 12 April 2027 (TBC)
School open:	Tuesday 13 April – Friday 28 May 2027
May bank holiday:	Monday 3 May 2027
Summer half term break:	Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2027
School open:	Monday 7 June – Friday 23 July 2027

Other holidays

Good Friday:	Friday 26 March 2027
Easter Monday:	Monday 29 March 2027
Spring Bank Holiday:	Monday 31 May 2027

*Includes 2 days for Eid (Dates to be determined)

FYI

KS2 (Y6) SATs week:	10 May - 13 May 2027
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Please note

These dates align with term dates set by the London Boroughs of Tower Hamlets

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.



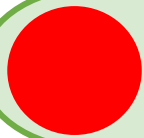
Exceptional!
100%



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 2nd March 2026 - Friday 6th March 2026 (Rec-Y6):

97.60%

Year	Attendance
Nursery	92.80%
Reception	96.30%
Year 1	99.00%
Year 2	96.80%
Year 3	99.60%
Year 4	99.30%
Year 5	98.20%
Year 6	93.90%

Last week's attendance

Y3: 99.60%

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	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:

"sol"– which means **"sun"**

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.

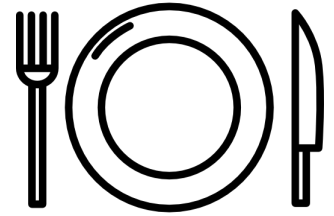
Including this resource in our newsletter helps to reinforce consistent messages between home and school, reduce anxiety and support a shared approach to keeping all our children safe online.

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 last week so we have returned to using our usual plastic plates as a school.



Thank you for your patience and continued support.

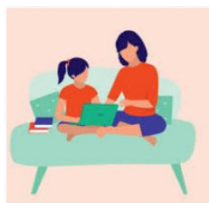
Online Safety

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

Idris

Year 2

Inayah M

Year 3

Umme

Year 4

Hamja

Year 5

Aryan

HANDWRITING HEROES

YEAR 1: AKEMY

YEAR 2: SAWDAH

YEAR 3: RAFAN

YEAR 4: NUSAIBA

YEAR 5: WHAN





Mathletics

MATHLETICS WINNERS

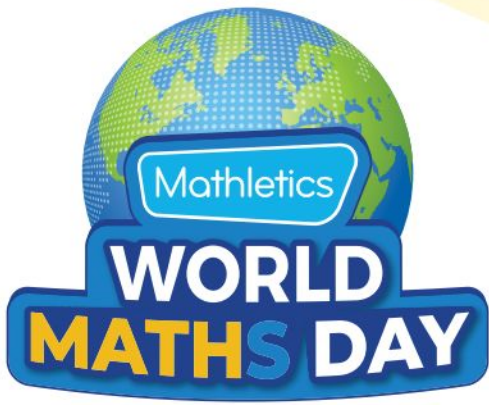
1ST: Y2 - 20,238 POINTS

2ND: Y1 - 19,785 POINTS

3RD: Y3 - 15,628 POINTS

**TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE
THIS WEEK:**

**ZAFIYA - Y5
4,011 POINTS**



March 25th 2026

WORLD MATHS DAY IS FAST APPROACHING!

Date: Wednesday 25th March 2026

We will take part in a whole school live mathletics event against children from all across the world!

Please ensure you give your children some time to practise before the day.

On the day, students head to MATHLETICS, and take part in twenty 1 minute maths races. There are some amazing prizes to be won.

Last year's statistics:

- Bygrove came in at **number 236 in the world!**
- AMAANAH AHMED (currently Y6) came **number 27 out of all Y5 pupils in the country!**

Let's see where we land this year....

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been speaking about Mother's Day.

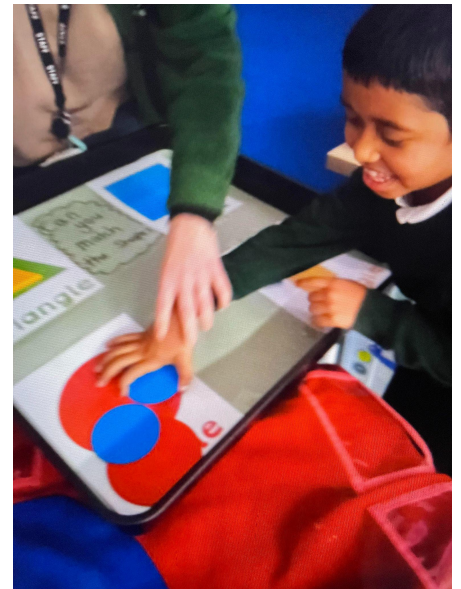
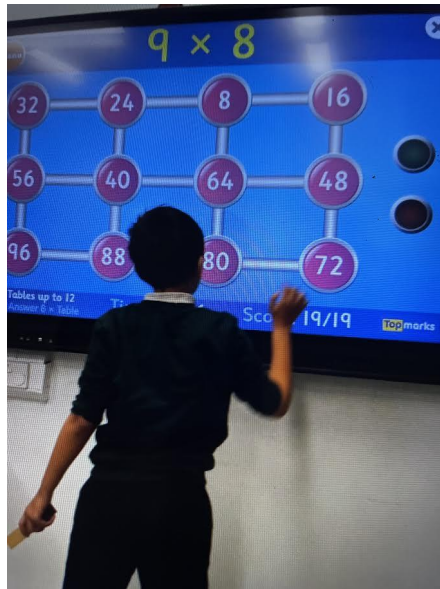
First, we talked about what Mother's Day is - a day to celebrate mummies! Next, we made salt-dough heart decorations to show mummy how much we love her. Finally, we drew a picture to show what our mummy looks like.



In Reception, we often start our day with a creative chat and fine motor practise.

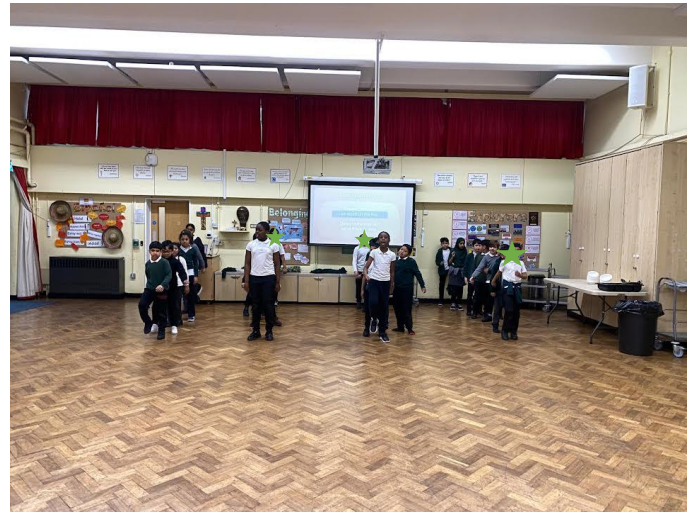
Reception





The children in the SLS have been doing lots of exciting activities this week. It all started with our English story: Pots and Pans. We used the story map to step the story. Then we used the mud kitchen to practise our fine and gross motor skills. We even learned to follow instructions to make a mud pie! As well as this we practised our maths skills by matching 2D shapes to their pictures. Why not have a go and make your own delicious pie at home with your family!

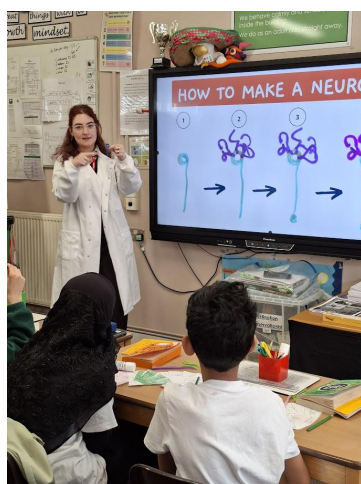
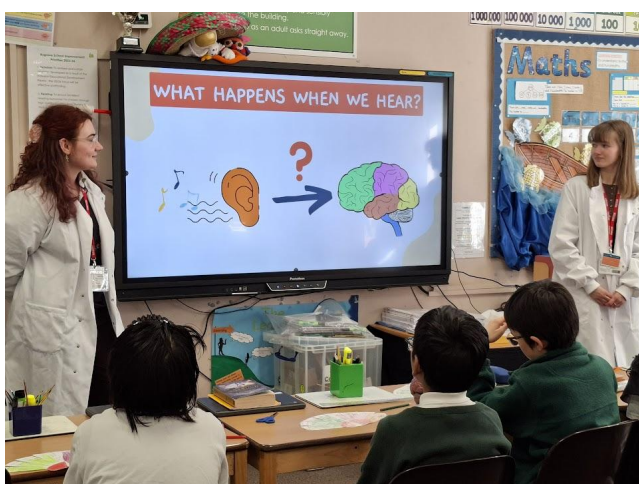
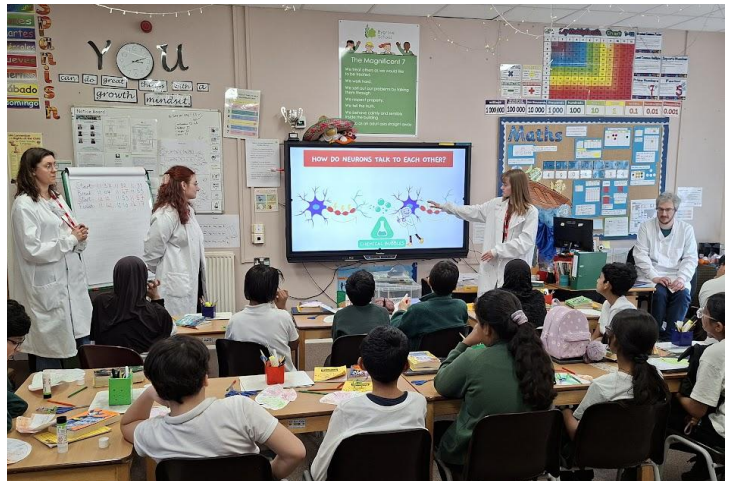
Year 4



Year 4 have begun rehearsals for their exciting performance of Mission Implausible! They have been working hard learning their lines, exploring their characters and bringing scenes to life. It's been fantastic to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and growing confidence on stage. We can't wait to see the show come together!

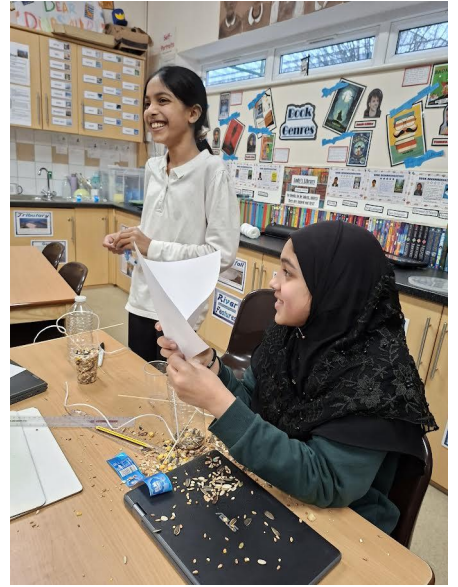
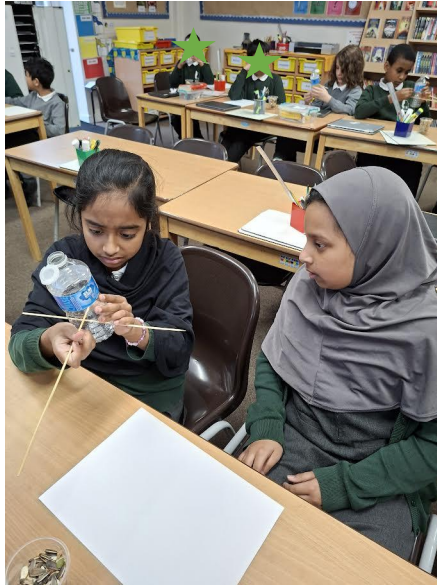
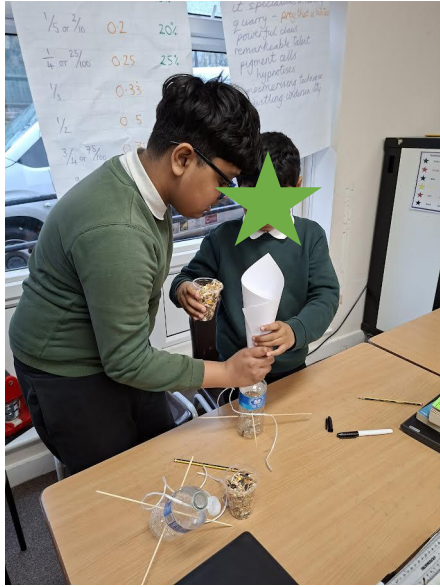
Science Week

This week a team of PhD students from the neuroscience department at King's College London visited Bygrove. They ran workshops in Year 3-6 focussing on how the brain works, where kids created their own coloured brain maps and 3 dimensional neurons!

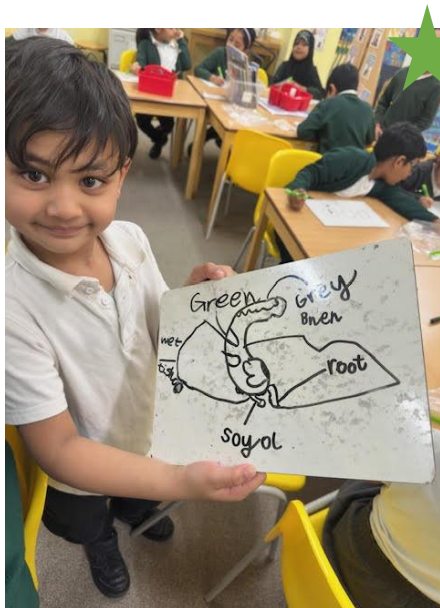


Explorers

This week **Volcanic Explorers** continued their Conservationist Destination by making bird feeders to help feed local birds when food is scarce! We used old water bottles, BBQ skewers, string and bird feed to make simple and effective bird feeders the children took home to hang outside their houses!



Mount Everest Explorers have taken on the role of Nature Lovers for their current destination. They have been putting on their Scientist hats to make predictions before growing their beans and cress as well as carefully observing their findings!



NEW DATE!

SSSF

CURRENT YEAR 4'S SAVE
THE DATE!

2
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2
6



NEW VENUE!
THE ALBANY THEATRE

05
NOV

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!





SPANISH PARENT WORKSHOP

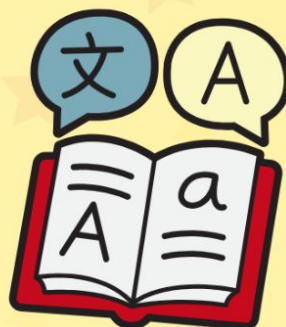
Wednesday 18th March 2026

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)





Eid Al-Fitr

Tuesday, 24th March 2026

Naga Beef Curry

or

Vegetable Samosa & Vegetable
Pakora with Sweet Chilli Sauce

All with

Pilau Rice

Spicy Broccoli Medley

Chef's House Salad & Coleslaw

Followed By

Ice Cream



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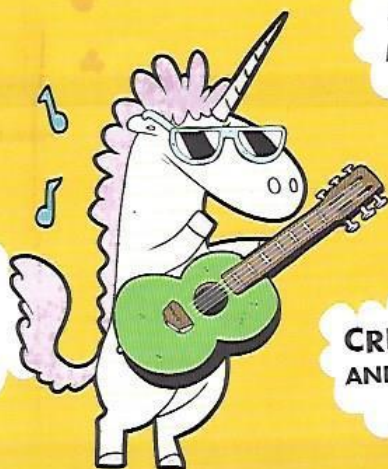
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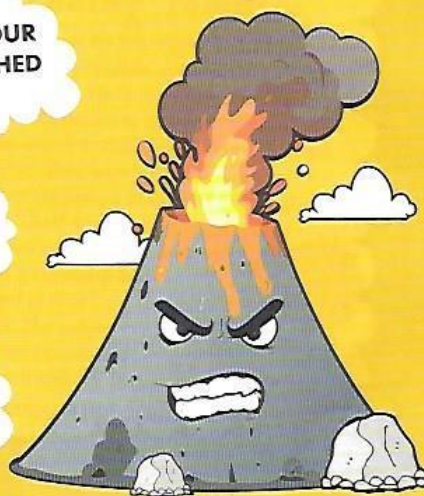
THE
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OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR
MINI SAGA TO BE PUBLISHED
IN A REAL BOOK

YOU COULD WIN A
RIDICULOUS
GOODY BAG

CREATE A CRAZY COMBO
AND HAVE FUN WRITING A
MINI SAGA



If you are interested in taking part in the Ridiculous Writers Creative Writing Competition, please collect a form from Mafia in Year 4.

Have you read the one about the **MAGICAL CAPYBARA**? What about the **ANGRY VOLCANO**, the **STINKY ASTRONAUT** or the **EVIL PHARAOH**? No? Well, today could be your lucky day!

Bring your classroom bursting to life with ideas, laughter and imagination! Ridiculous Writers lets kids be kids, encouraging them to be creative, imaginative and original whilst having fun and enjoying writing. They'll love planning & writing a mini saga, a story told in 100 words, showcasing writing ability as well as creativity.

What is a Mini Saga?

A mini saga is a story told in up to 100 words. It must have a beginning, middle and end.

It's easy to take part

- ✦ Request or download as many worksheets as you need from www.youngwriters.co.uk/comp/ridiculous or use the QR code in your letter. (Forms can be photocopied too!)
- ✦ Your pupils complete their entry form (or an adult can scribe)
- ✦ Post your entries, along with your teacher entry form (one per teacher found on the reverse of your letter & online) using the freepost address:

FREEPOST RSLY-AUJA-RAHY
Young Writers PS
Remus House
Peterborough
PE2 9BF

- ✦ Include your email on your teacher entry form and we'll confirm receipt!

GO GREEN:

- ✦ Upload your entries at www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/enter
- ✦ OR email them to us at competitions@youngwriters.co.uk
- ✦ OR use the Online Writing Portal that your pupils can type directly in to. Log in or create your teacher account at www.youngwriters.co.uk/teachers

CLOSING DATE:
27th March 2026

TUN, FREE RESOURCES

Lesson plan & PowerPoint presentation

Video to introduce Ridiculous Writers

Interactive idea generation activity

Prizes for schools

1st Place

£1000 and Young Writers' Award of Excellence

Plus a free copy of the book your pupils feature in for every participating school. (The more entries you send, the more free books you'll receive. See our website for further details.)

Prizes for pupils

The top 10 writers each win a ridiculous prize that includes a trophy, a game, a teddy and a book!

Plus every entrant receives a bookmark and sticker for taking part. Pupils whose work we'd love to publish also receive a certificate.

(The school & pupil winners will be chosen from the entries received in the Spring Term 2026 and prizes awarded the following terms. Full T&Cs available at our website.)

PUPIL ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Surname: _____ Age: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

School Name: _____ Postcode: _____

Write your mini saga in the 100-word grid below

Story Title: _____

(Title isn't included in the 100-word limit)
One word per box. Punctuation does not need its own box. Tip: Use abbreviations to save words, e.g. 'R' or 'can become '90'.

Start here!

You've reached 100 words!

Details are required for competition purposes only and will not be passed on to any third parties.
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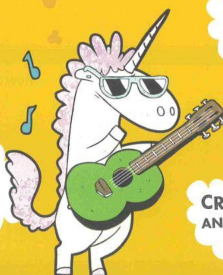
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CRAZY COMBO IDEAS:

- The stinky Viking
- The lazy ghost
- The clumsy chicken nugget
- The naughty copybara
- The brave toilet
- The hairy football
- The grumpy wizard
- The evil pharaoh
- The magical fork

Silly Scenarios

- An object comes to life
- A surprise visitor appears
- A secret is revealed
- A school day turns strange
- A plan goes wrong

Draw your crazy combo here:

Plan your story here:

What is a Mini Saga?

A mini saga is a story told in up to 100 words. It must have a beginning, middle and end.

What is your crazy combo?

Where is your story set?

Beginning: how does your story start?

Middle – what problem do they face? How do they fix that problem?

How does it end?

INFORMATION STATION

Prizes



10 published writers will each win a ridiculous goody bag!

Plus, you'll receive a bookmark and sticker for taking part. Pupils whose work we'd love to publish also receive a certificate!

Example Mini Saga

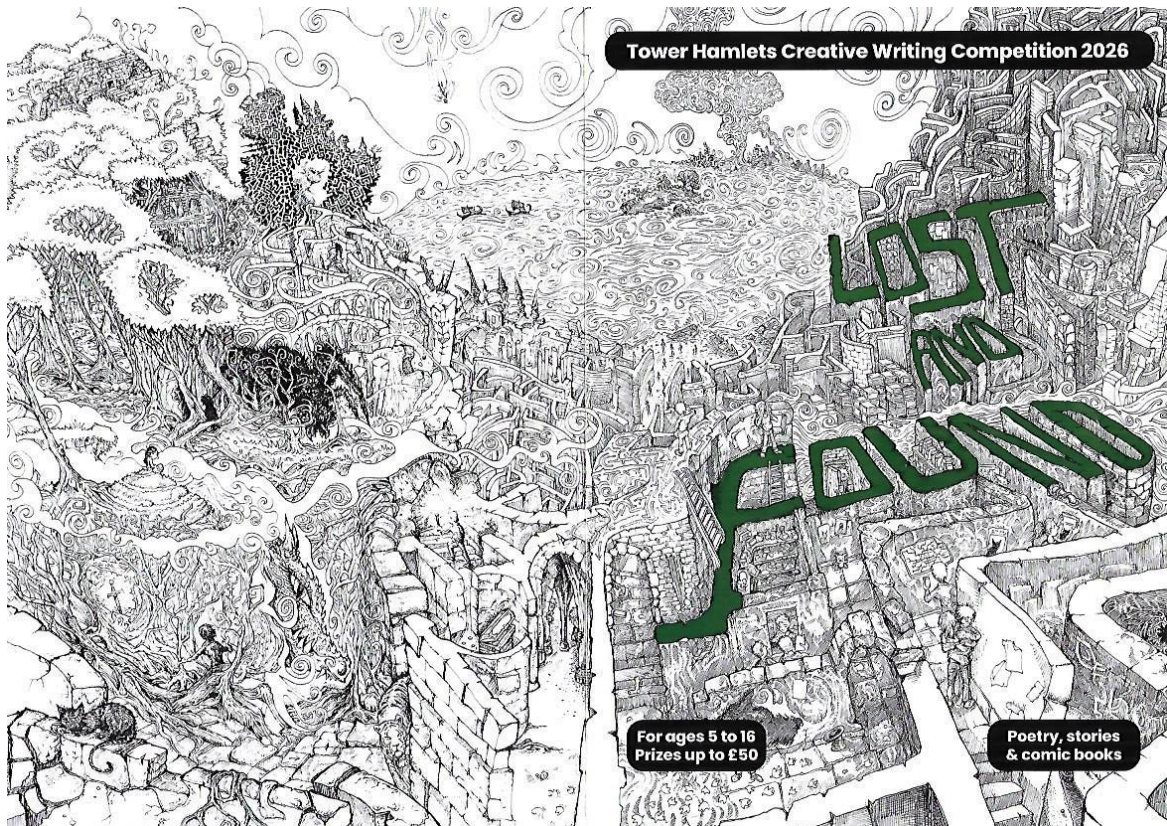
The Dancing Tomato

Tom loved to dance! He fox-trotted in the fruit bowl... he boogied on the breadbin... he did the cha-cha on the chopping board. He was the best dancing tomato in the kitchen. His dream to dance on Veggie Come Dancing was about to come true. Britney Banana was his partner; they were doing the hip hop. Suddenly Tom slipped on Britney's banana skin foot and... splat! "Ow!" cried Tom. "The show must go on!" cried Britney. They carried on dancing and got to the end of their performance. The judges Darcey Brussel Sprout and Bruno Tomatoli loved it! They bowed.

By Callum McDonald (10), 2020 winner



Please note: The deadline is Friday 27th March 2026.



Ideas to start your writing

The theme : Lost and Found

What does 'Lost and Found' mean to you?

Everyday finds

- Finding out a secret – do you share it, keep it, or even act on it?
- Finding a new recipe or trying something new to eat, new spices/flavours
- Recycling – turning found items into new
- Finding a relic or other lost thing from your, or your family's past
- Reuniting with someone
- Finding a new interest
- Finding strength
- Finding and keeping something that doesn't belong to you! What happens when the owner finds out?

Everyday losses

- Cats and other pets that go for a wander and end up miles from home!
- Getting 'lost in a book'
- Losing time
- Losing something – a favourite toy, something important to you, or perhaps something that someone else entrusted

you with to look after!

- Losing your temper
- Losing a fight or an argument
- Losing a friend
- Losing your confidence
- Being lost in a big, busy or strange place
- All the strange things in Lost Property Offices
- Is there anything that you'd be really glad to lose?

Lost places

- Pompeii and Herculaneum – lost cities which were found again and the amazing discoveries there
- Other lost cities in South America, found using satellites
- Tutankhamun's tomb and Howard Carter
- Finding buried treasure – what is the treasure, why was it buried? When was it buried?
- Space exploration – planets found, lost experiments/satellites and rockets
- Finding abandoned places – old theme parks, grand buildings, ruins. Urban

Identity

- Lost languages or endangered languages, or languages reclaimed and preserved e.g. Welsh, Cornish, Native American languages used during WW2 for coded messages
- Losing or finding your own identity
- Losing or finding a place to call home
- Loss of a way of life
- Moving away – what do you leave behind and what do you find at your destination?
- Ambition – finding something that shapes you
- Losing faith... or finding it again?
- Losing your memories

Big losses

- Extinction – lost animals and forms of life on Earth
- War and loss of life
- Bereavement, and losing something that can't be found again
- Lost histories and cultures

Some starting points for your stories

- Finding a strange map that guides you to lost places
- A quest. Is there something you'd really want to find? What would it be and how would you want to find it?

- You found something! But soon you discover you were better off without it!
- You're being chased! Can you lose whoever or whoever's after you?
- You're lost on a desert island, in a desert, jungle, mountains or other hostile place – what would you do, how would you cope? What would you need to survive?
- You find a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, like in the fairy tales. What happens next?

Types of Stories

What kind of story will you write?

Adventure – Stories in which the characters face danger. They can have one or lots of different settings.

Humour/comedy – Stories to make the reader laugh. They can share features of other types of story on this list

Mystery – Stories where there's a puzzle for the characters and the reader to solve

Horror – Stories made to spook or scare the reader!

Fantasy – Stories set in imaginary worlds. They can be based on real places with magic and the supernatural

Science fiction – Vivid and detailed descriptions of near and far futures. Let your imagination run wild!

Historical fiction – set in the past in any country or culture around the world. Can show us history from a new point of view

Clifi – Climate fiction – Stories that explore the natural world
Alternative myth/ fairy tale – An adaptation of a traditional story, often with twists or brought into the modern day or other setting

Types of Poems

There are lots of different types of poem. Some have rules and others don't!

Free verse – A popular modern style of poem. Free verse has no rules and can rhyme

Haiku – Japanese haikus have just three lines; the first and third lines have five syllables, whereas the second has seven. Haikus don't have to rhyme and evoke a particular mood or instance

Sonnets – Made famous by Shakespeare, sonnets have 14 lines and follow a rhyming structure

Acrostic – These can be any length and spell out a word or phrase with the first letter of each line

Ballad – A traditional form of poem intended to tell stories. They use rhymes and were usually set to music. A lot of modern pop music could be considered as ballads

You as a writer

- What is your identity, culture and background? How will you bring your own voice into your poem or story?
- Who are the main characters and what are they doing in the story? Are they based on people you know?
- Write the story or poem that YOU really want to write – not what you think other people want or expect you to write!
- Because we don't have long to get involved in your story – how do you make the reader interested in the characters or their situations?
- Does the story end with a twist, or a shock, or does it leave the reader wondering what happens next?

You as a poet

- Choose a type of poem appropriate to what you want to write
- Is it meant to be read aloud or performed?
- How is the poem meant to make the reader feel?

Illustrations and comic books

- Will the story be illustrated? If so, how will the pictures contribute to the storytelling?
- The winning entries will be published in black and white.
- If you're drawing a comic book, make sure you leave enough space for speech bubbles

Build a story

It's important to plan your story before you start writing. Most stories have a **beginning, middle and end**. Before you start writing, make sure you know what will happen at these three points.

Things to do to help you plan your story

- Quickly write down your ideas before you forget them!
- Draw pictures of what will happen in the story
- Create your characters
- Write down where the story will take place

Writing the story

In the **beginning of the story**, establish your setting and characters.

- Write an amazing opening line!
- Explain when the story is taking place and set the scene.
- Make sure the reader is interested!

In the **middle of the story**, add conflict and a problem to solve. Our character(s) will come across a major problem, obstacle or dilemma.

- Introduce new characters (this could include a villain) and perhaps new settings
- Make things difficult for your hero!

At the **end of the story** your character has to solve or resolve the problem to reach their goal. The ending could be happy or sad.

- Don't just end the story in one or two lines. Make sure you have enough words left to write a proper ending!
- Is there a twist?



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Lost and Found

The Tower Hamlets Creative Writing Competition

Prizes to be won for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and commended in each category
 All winning entries to be published as a book and eBook

Are you aged 5 to 16? Then you are invited to enter the **Tower Hamlets Creative Writing Competition**.

Write your story or poem (or both!) **based on the competition theme, Lost and Found**

Short stories up to 500 words (primary) or 750 words (secondary).
 This can be an illustrated story or comic book

Poems up to 35 lines

This term you can attend FREE author/ poet-led writing workshops at the Idea Stores and public libraries (see staff for details). Attend a workshop to get ideas and inspiration.

Idea Store writing workshop dates

Date	Day	Time	Venue	Author	Age
16th Feb	Mon	3pm	Idea Store Crisp Street	Josh Lacey	7-13
17th Feb	Tue	3pm	Idea Store Watney Market	Josh Lacey	7-13
17th Feb	Tue	3pm	Cubitt Town Library	Adam Baron	7-13
18th Feb	Wed	3pm	Idea Store Bow	Chitra Soundar	7-13
18th Feb	Wed	3pm	Bethnal Green Library	Karen McCombie	7-13
19th Feb	Thu	3pm	Idea Store Whitechapel	Gary Northfield (author-illustrator)	7-13
20th Feb	Fri	3pm	Idea Store Canary Wharf	Adisa (poetry)	7-13

Entries

You can interpret the theme any way you wish. We've collected some ideas in this flyer, and more (including what the judges are looking for!) can be found at: www.towerhamlets-sls.org.uk/getwriting

The following must be written on the first page of all entries

- Your name (including surname)
- Your school (parent / carer's name and email if home-schooled)
- School year group
- Category (Story or Poem)
- The title of your work (must not be 'Lost and Found')

To send in writing

- Use the eForm at: www.towerhamlets-sls.org.uk/entries
- The **Schools Library Service** will contact all winners via their school. If home-schooled, we will contact a parent / carer.

Entries must reach Tower Hamlets Schools Library Services by
Friday 27th March 2026




Full information, rules and privacy statement at:
www.towerhamlets-sls.org.uk/getwriting

Competition rules

- Entries must be entirely your own work. **Copied or AI-generated content (words or art)** will be disqualified.
- Entries must be appropriate to the theme
- Entries should not be adaptations / sequels to other writers' or poets' published work (stories, comic books or films). Alternative versions of fairy tales / myths and legends will be accepted
- Entries **must not** use existing characters, settings or art from published books, TV, film or games (e.g. Wimpy Kid, Minecraft, Harry Potter, Marvel/ DC).
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.



School Admissions Service – Drop-in sessions for parents and carers

 **Every Friday (term-time only)**

 **10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

 **Residents Hub, Tower Hamlets Town Hall, 160 Whitechapel Road, London, E1 1BJ**

Are you a parent or carer with questions about admissions?

You may find the answers online:

Visit us at towerhamlets.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you need more support, we're here to help!

No appointment needed - sign up for a 10-minute slot on the day

Friendly, knowledgeable staff

Quick answers to your questions

Let's make admissions easier — together!

For more information, email school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk

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



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HEALTH | WELLNESS | PLAY

School's out!

30 March-9 April, 9am – 5pm • £23.30 per day

Mile End Park Leisure Centre & Stadium Easter Holiday Club

Our Easter Holiday Club has plenty of activities to help your children make the most of their free time.

5-15 years



TOWER HAMLETS



No plans for the Easter holiday? No problem!

Our Holiday Club will run every Monday-Thursday throughout the Easter holiday, excluding bank holidays. Each day will be packed with fun activities from sports to arts and crafts; helping your child to make the most of their Easter holidays. Activities will include:

- Trampolining
- Football
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Arts & crafts
- Gymnastics
- Bouncy castle sessions
- Athletics
- Basketball

Great news! There are funded spaces for children who attend a Tower Hamlets school, are aged 5-15 years and are in receipt of benefit related free school meals. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis for applications satisfying the eligibility criteria. For more information and to apply for a funded place please visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/HAF

For more information, visit be-well.org.uk
To book, scan the QR code.



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](#)