



# The Byword



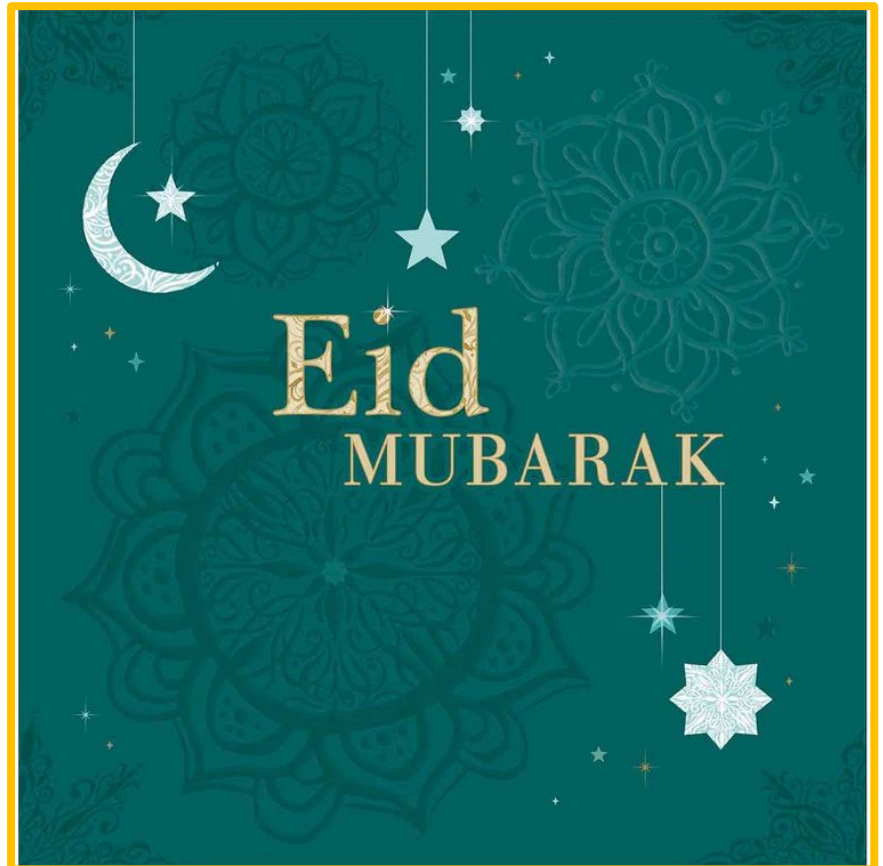
19th March 2026

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## Key Dates

- Monday 23 March 2026: Class Eid parties
- Tuesday 24 March 2026: Lunch menu change to celebrate Eid Al-Fitr
- 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
- Monday 20 April 2026: Y4 start weekly swimming
- Thursday 23 April 2026: Dental fluoride varnish programme - YN, YR & Y1
- Friday 24 April 2026: Spanish day & Y3 Science Museum trip
- Monday 4 May 2026: Bank holiday - School closed**
- Thursday 7 May 2026: Polling day - School closed**



Eid Mubarak to all of our families! We hope you have a wonderful celebration full of happiness & delicious food.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Best wishes,

Fiona

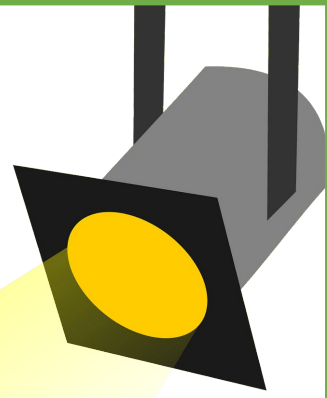


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# Spotlight on Inclusion



## Spotlight on Inclusion:

### Meet Nazifa J!

This week, we are thrilled to shine our spotlight on Nazifa, a vital member of our Year 5 team whose dedication to accessibility and communication makes our school a warmer, more inclusive place for every child.

Nazifa plays a crucial role in ensuring no child is left behind in their reading journey. Working within our Year 5 team, she leads systematic phonics sessions designed to help pupils secure essential fundamental reading skills.

Nazifa's expertise shines particularly bright when leading Speech and Language interventions, where she creates a safe and structured space for pupils to develop their communication confidence.

Nazifa is an invaluable asset to the entire Year 5 classroom, providing seamless support to pupils across the broad spectrum of the curriculum. Her presence creates an environment where all children feel supported to take risks in their learning, knowing she is there to guide them with her signature patience and expertise.

Beyond the classroom, Nazifa is a constant, calm and reassuring presence in the playground. She specialises in high-quality interactions, ensuring that play times are not just a break, but an opportunity for social growth and connection.

What makes Nazifa even more of an inspiration is her commitment to her own professional growth. She is currently balancing her impactful work here with a Foundation Degree. This dedication to her studies allows her to bring the latest educational insights directly back to our pupils, proving that learning is a lifelong adventure.

# 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.



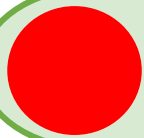
**Exceptional!**  
**100%**



**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 March 2026 - Friday 13th March 2026 (Rec-Y6):

**97.10%**

Year	Attendance
Nursery	96.80%
Reception	95.90%
Year 1	98.30%
Year 2	95.40%
Year 3	98.60%
Year 4	99.00%
Year 5	98.20%
Year 6	93.90%

## Last week's attendance

Y4: 99%

Well done  
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 ( <b>£22 per term</b> )	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:

"Iluvia"– which means "rain"

Try using it at home and in school!

## 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

## Eid parties!



There will be Eid parties in each class on **Monday 23rd March.**

Children can come to school in their party clothes. There will be a food sign up list on the classroom door for you to choose what you would like to bring.

[www.letta.org.uk](http://www.letta.org.uk)



# Stars Of The Week

Year 1

Sophia

Year 2

Whole Class

Year 3

Idris

Year 4

Farha

Year 5

Mariam

# HANDWRITING HEROES

YEAR 1: OLEXANDR

YEAR 2: MARYAM R

YEAR 3: AIZA ALAM

YEAR 4: MAYMUNA

YEAR 5: HANA





Mathletics

# MATHLETICS WINNERS

**1ST: Y4 - 22,393 POINTS**

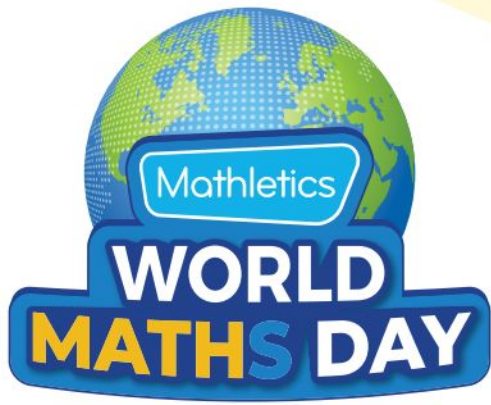
**2ND: Y3 - 19,715 POINTS**

**3RD: Y1 - 19,502 POINTS**

**TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE  
THIS WEEK:**

**AAHIL - Y4  
6,169 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!

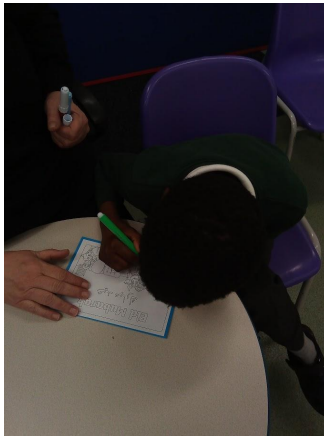
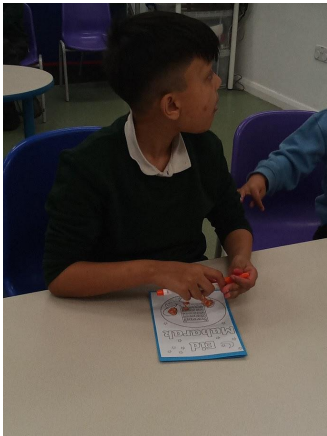
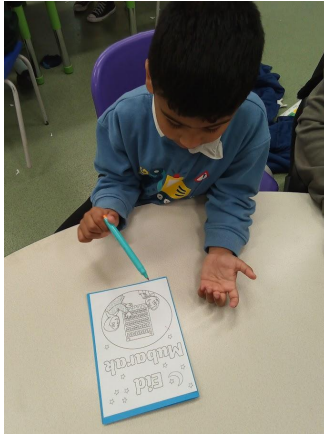
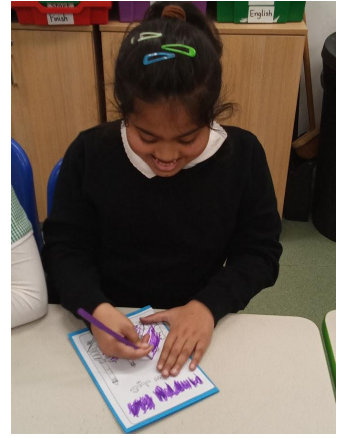
Please ensure you give your children some time to practise before the day.

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....



At SLS, we spent time celebrating by creating beautiful Eid cards and colorful Eid lanterns.

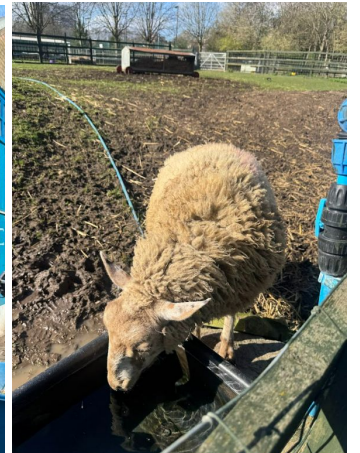
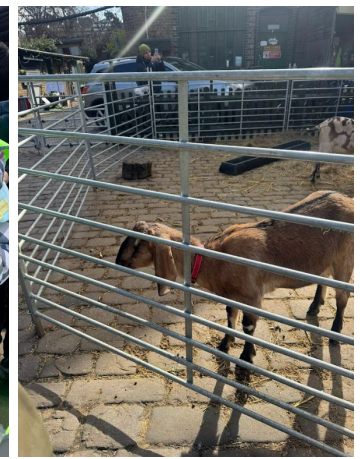
We used a variety of materials such as glitter card and string to make our designs unique and eye-catching.

It was a fun and creative activity, and we even had a go at making our own Eid cards at home, as well as trying to create our own lanterns.

# Year 1



Year 1 had a fantastic afternoon at Hackney City Farm. They did a brilliant job identifying different animals and learning about how they are taken care of in a farm. It was wonderful to see their curiosity in bloom as they connected their classroom learning of the sights, sounds and smells of the farm!



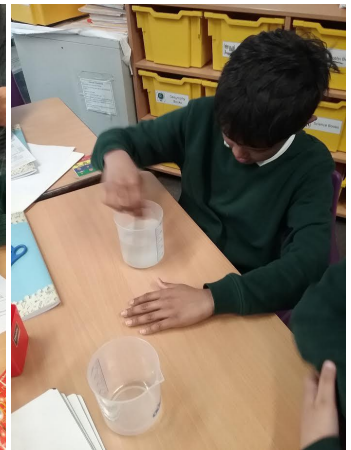
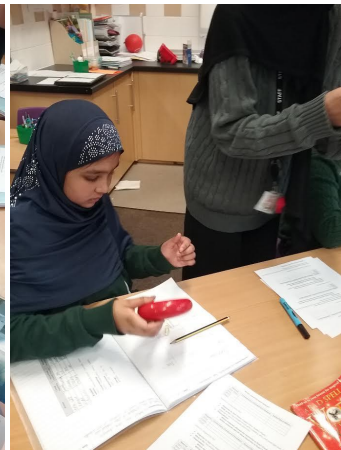
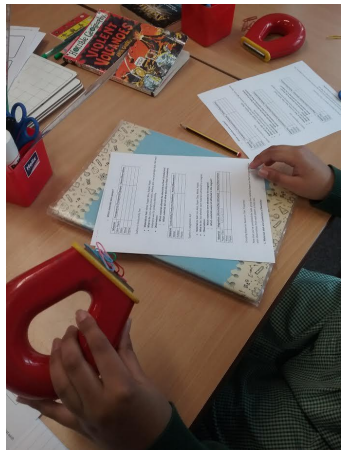
# Year 2



Year 2 were fortunate to visit the cinema at the O2 to watch Paddington in Peru this week! It was a fantastic experience and the children thoroughly enjoyed watching their favourite book character come to life in the movie. It definitely reminded them of their time in Year 1 where they wrote some fantastic set of instructions on 'How to make marmalade sandwiches'.



# Year 5



On Monday, Year 5 explored the properties of different, everyday materials by testing it out with items such as a magnet, hot water or by sight. Once we obtained our results, we recorded it on a suitable table.

NEW

# BYGROVE PUPILS

## DEVELOPING ORACY



**Some new faces** will now be at the gates greeting families!

They will be working on their **oracy** & looking to improve their communication!

- Making eye contact
- Showing positive body language
- Projecting their voices &
- Speaking clearly

Please support them and say hello back!



**What a great way to start & end the day!**





*Eid Al-Fitr*

*Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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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healthy, honest, good food

NEW DATE!

# SSSF

CURRENT YEAR 4'S SAVE  
THE DATE!

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NEW VENUE!  
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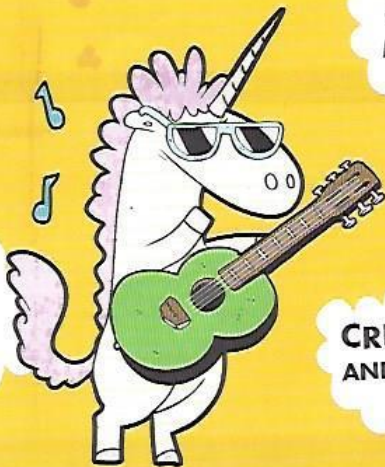
# RIDICULOUS WRITERS



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CREATIVE WRITING  
COMPETITION FOR  
7-12 YEAR-OLDS

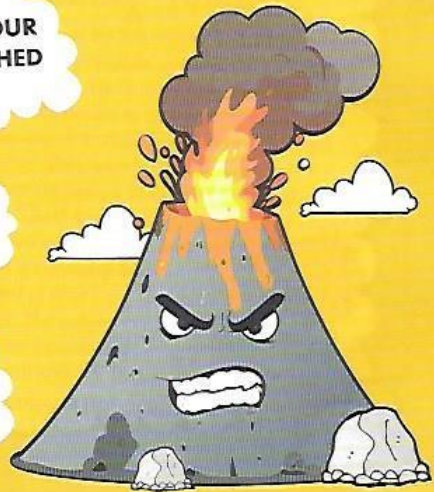
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OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR  
MINI SAGA TO BE PUBLISHED  
IN A REAL BOOK

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](http://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](http://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/enter)
- ✦ OR email them to us at [competitions@youngwriters.co.uk](mailto: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](http://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' is '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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# RIDICULOUS WRITERS



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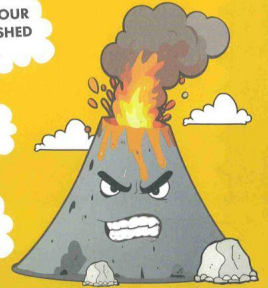
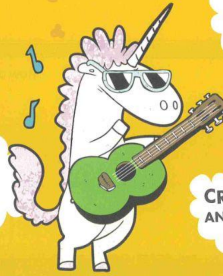
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CREATE A CRAZY COMBO AND HAVE FUN WRITING A MINI SAGA



### 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!

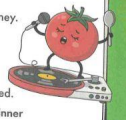
Plus, you'll receive a bookmark and sticker for taking part. Pupils whose work we'd love to publish also receive a certificate!

### 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





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## **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**

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### **Are you a parent or carer with questions about admissions?**

You may find the answers online:

Visit us at [towerhamlets.gov.uk/schooladmissions](https://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

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### **Let's make admissions easier — together!**

For more information, email [school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@towerhamlets.gov.uk)

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# 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](mailto:claire.wallek@towerhamlets.gov.uk)



## **PASG - Parent Autism Support Group**

### **For all parents**

Puberty - Boys	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 2
Puberty - Girls	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 1
Toileting	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2026	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 2
Leisure and Play	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	10am-11:30am	Training Suite 1

**Co-ordinator: Salina/Khadra/Junayel**

**To Book, Email: [parents@phoenix.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:parents@phoenix.towerhamlets.sch.uk)**

# BE WELL

HEALTH | WELLNESS | PLAY

# Easter swimming crash courses

Accelerate the kids' swimming progress with our Easter holiday intensive swimming courses at Mile End, Tiller and York Hall leisure centres. Perfect for:

New SEND courses available

- ✓ Beginners needing extra support
- ✓ Building confidence during the Easter break
- ✓ Trying out our fantastic swimming lessons
- 📅 Courses available between 30 March – 9 April
- 🕒 Daily 30 minute lessons
- 👤 For ages 4+
- 👥 Small class sizes for focused learning

This course is open to everyone, and our friendly teachers are in the pool with beginners to provide support and make learning fun! Secure your child's spot today!

**Book your place today!**



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**BE WELL**

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](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/HAF)

For more information, visit [be-well.org.uk](http://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!

<b>Nursery admissions 2026</b> For children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023	52 spaces available for 2026/27 apply online via the <a href="#">eadmissions portal</a>
<b>Reception admissions 2026</b> For children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022	30 spaces available for 2026/27 apply online via the <a href="#">eadmissions portal</a>
<b>Nursery admissions 2025</b> For children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022	2 spaces available for 2025/26 apply online via the <a href="#">Parent Portal</a>
<b>Current Year 2 admissions</b> For children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019	2 spaces available! Apply via the <a href="#">Parent Portal</a>
<b>Current Year 3 admissions</b> For children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018	2 spaces available! Apply via the <a href="#">Parent Portal</a>
<b>Current Year 5 admissions</b> For children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016	2 spaces available! Apply via the <a href="#">Parent Portal</a>
<b>Current Year 6 admissions</b> For children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015	2 spaces available! Apply via the <a href="#">Parent Portal</a>

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](#)