



The Byword



1st May 2026

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Key Dates

- **Monday 4 May 2026:** Bank holiday - School closed
- **Thursday 7 May 2026:** Polling day - School closed
- Monday 11 - Thursday 14 May 2026: KS2 SATs
- Tuesday 12 May 2026: YR hearing & vision test
- **Friday 22 May 2026:** Last day of term - 3:30pm finish
- Monday 25 - Friday 29 May 2026: Half term holidays

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an absolute whirlwind of a week it has been! The halls are still buzzing with the energy of the Year 4 show and I couldn't be prouder of our Bygrove community.

This week, our Year 4 pupils blew us all away with their performance of Mission Implausible: The Musical. From the superb delivery of their lines to the high-energy dance routines and pitch-perfect comedic timing, it was a joy to watch. Beyond the entertainment, the children brilliantly conveyed the show's core message: the vital importance of keeping our planet healthy. If this is what they can achieve now, I can only imagine the heights they will reach in November when they perform Macbeth at The Albany Theatre!

Please take note of the following changes to our schedule next week:

- **Monday 4th May:** School CLOSED (Bank Holiday)
- **Thursday 7th May:** School CLOSED (Polling Day)

While the school is closed for these two days, it is vital that children attend for the remainder of the week. Every single day of learning matters for your child's future, and we want to ensure no momentum is lost.

Next Friday promises to be an exciting day for our younger learners as they take their curriculum outside the classroom, starting with Reception heading off for a hands-on experience at Mudchute Farm. Meanwhile, Year 1 will be embarking on a grand adventure around London as part of their summer curriculum learning, ensuring a day full of discovery and exploration for both year groups.

As we look ahead to the Year 6 SATs beginning on Monday 11th May, I want to send a huge Good Luck to our wonderful pupils. They have been working incredibly hard and we are so impressed by their focus.

While these tests are a checkpoint, the revision skills they are developing now are essential preparation for secondary school. You can best support your child over the coming days by ensuring they get plenty of sleep and arrive at school feeling refreshed and ready to go.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful long weekend!

Warm regards,

Fiona




Attendance

Our aim is to promote high attendance so that our pupils achieve well at school. Regular attendance and punctuality is also crucial for making friends and developing good relationships.

 **Exceptional!**
100%

 **Very Good**
97% - 99%

 **Potential to improve**
91% - 96%

 **Needs to improve**
90% & below

Our whole school attendance target for this year:
97.00%

Attendance for the week beginning Monday 13th April 2026 - Friday 17th April 2026 (Rec-Y6):
97.5%

Year	Attendance
Nursery	94.2%
Reception	95.9%
Year 1	98.6%
Year 2	99.2%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	95.9%
Year 6	95.9%

Last week's attendance

Y4:100%

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 summer term, which will begin on Tuesday 14th April 2026. Ad-Hoc Clubhouse sessions and Breakfast Club will also be starting from Tuesday 14th April 2026.

The clubs will be live on ParentPay by 3pm on Friday 27th March 2026!
To sign up, please log on to your [ParentPay](#) accounts.

The clubs available will be:

After School Clubs - Summer 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	5 spaces remaining
Wednesdays			
Clubhouse	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome
Gardening Club (£22 per term)	Years 1 - Year 6	3:45 - 5:00	15 spaces remaining
Phase 2 3v3 Basketball	Years 3 - Year 6	3:45 - 4:45	12 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	2 spaces remaining
Fridays			
Clubhouse	Nursery - Year 6	3:45 - 5:30	All welcome

LANGUAGE ANGELS



This week's word is:

"Por favor"– which means "Thank you"

Try using it at home and in school!

Talking Points

Develop Oracy with your child by having a discussion using these talking points

Three simple rules:

- Ask good questions (stay curious),
- Commit to listening &
- Enjoy the discussion!



Start by asking your child the question, and listen to the answer, remembering to reflect back what they are saying so they know you understand.

Express your opinions; children are often curious what parents think.

Just be sure that you listen first, and that you listen more than you talk.

What is the best thing about being the age you are right now?



What do you like best about school?



If you could have any super power, what would it be and why?



If you had a time machine for a day, what would you do with it?





Stars Of The Week

Year 1

Madeeha

Year 2

Aleema

Year 3

Daris + Amany

Year 4

Yamin

Year 5

Elias + Iyaaz

Year 6

Arwin

HANDWRITING HEROES

YEAR 1: IBRAHIM

YEAR 2: AIDEN

YEAR 3: MUSA A

YEAR 4: RIYAD

YEAR 5: TARIQ

YEAR 6: ANIS



The logo for Mathletics, featuring the word "Mathletics" in white text on a blue, stylized banner.

MATHLETICS WINNERS

1ST: Y5 - 16,368 POINTS

2ND: Y3 - 15,075 POINTS

3RD: Y1 - 132,087 POINTS

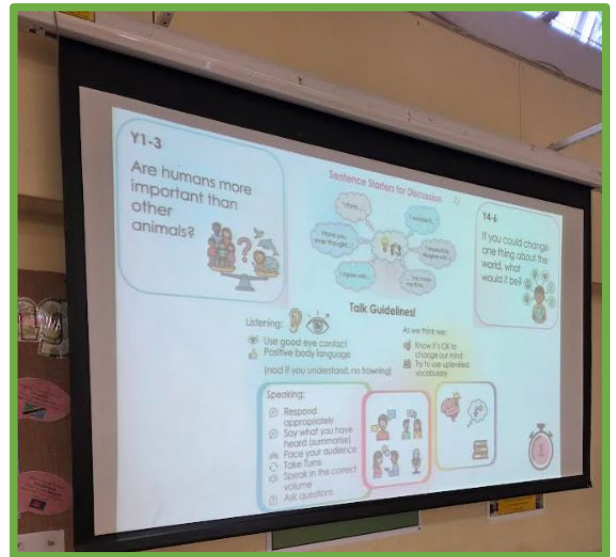
**TOP STUDENT AT BYGROVE
THIS WEEK:**

**UMME AYMAN - Y3
3,260 POINTS**

Talk Assembly

Last week, we had our first 'Talk Assembly' linking to our focus on Oracy. The children all took part and shared some great insights! Our Year 6 children took on the job of helping to support the younger years and were very insightful. We have more assemblies to come in the summer term. There are also new 'Talking Points' for the children at lunchtimes and a few new questions will be added to The Byword each week for you to have a chat with your children.

Have fun talking!



Spanish Day Sparkles at Bygrove!



Last Friday, Bygrove was transformed into a sea of vibrant yellow and red as our pupils dressed up to celebrate Spanish Day. Even the sun decided to make a guest appearance, beaming down on us as the school buzzed with rhythm and energy! We were thrilled to welcome the Don Rae Academy for a series of exciting Spanish dance workshops. From the very first beat, the children threw themselves into the experience, building confidence and embracing Spanish culture through every step and turn.

The highlight of the day was our showstopping whole-school sharing assembly. The atmosphere was absolutely electric as each year group took to the stage to perform their own routines. It was a wonderful display of teamwork, creativity and pure joy. We loved seeing everyone join in; singing along and cheering each other on in true Bygrove spirit!

Beyond the dancing, children spent the week diving into interactive Spanish language activities, making their learning truly come to life. It was an unforgettable celebration of culture, language and our fantastic school community! We can't wait to do it all over again next year!



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: YEAR 4 WOWS AUDIENCE WITH 'MISSION IMPLAUSIBLE'



The tension was high and the stakes were higher last week as Year 4 took to the stage for their highly anticipated production of *Mission Implausible*. In what can only be described as a theatrical triumph, our young performers proved that no mission is truly impossible when you have this much talent.

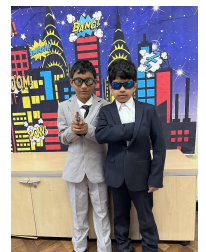
The atmosphere in the hall was palpable as the mystery unfolded. The cast delivered a masterclass in timing, effortlessly balancing high-stakes suspense with comedic genius. One moment the audience was gripped, sitting on the edge of their seats and the next, the room was filled with roars of laughter thanks to the children's brilliant character work.

However, the magic wasn't just happening under the spotlights. This production showcased a wealth of behind-the-scenes expertise developed by non other than the children themselves over weeks of rigorous rehearsal. From the sharp instincts of the student directors to the flawless execution of sound cues, every element of the show was handled with professional polish.

"I was blown away by their dedication," noted Andy . "To see children this young managing complex soundscapes and stage directions while maintaining such great stage presence is truly impressive."

The hard work clearly paid off. Not only did Year 4 deliver an unforgettable show, but they also demonstrated incredible growth in teamwork and confidence.

A huge congratulations to all the agents involved in the mission; you certainly left your mark on the Bygrove stage!



School Council



The School Council proudly led their very first assembly this week, all about the “Magnificent Seven” and what a fantastic job they did! The audience thoroughly enjoyed getting involved, especially joining in with the fun actions throughout. One of the highlights was hearing everyone enthusiastically chanting “Magnificent Seven” as they left the assembly hall. The School Council Representatives were incredibly proud of their performance and shared how happy and excited they felt to lead their first ever assembly. It was clear to see their hard work and teamwork shining through.

Well done, School Council! A brilliant achievement!



Parasports

This week, 5 children from Year 5 proudly represented Bygrove in a sports competition. They demonstrated great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event.



Reception

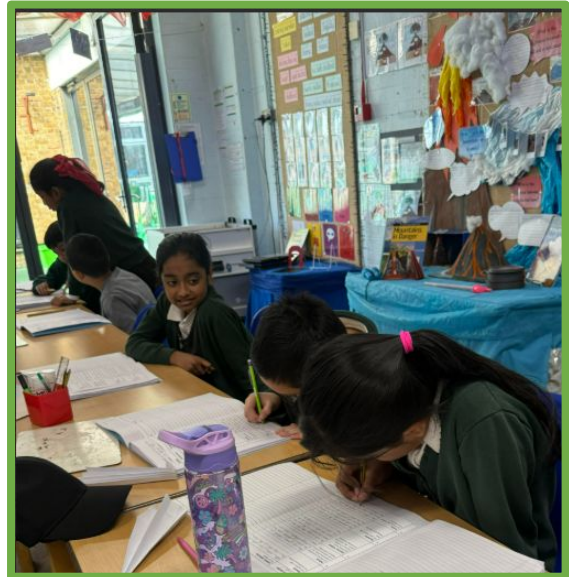
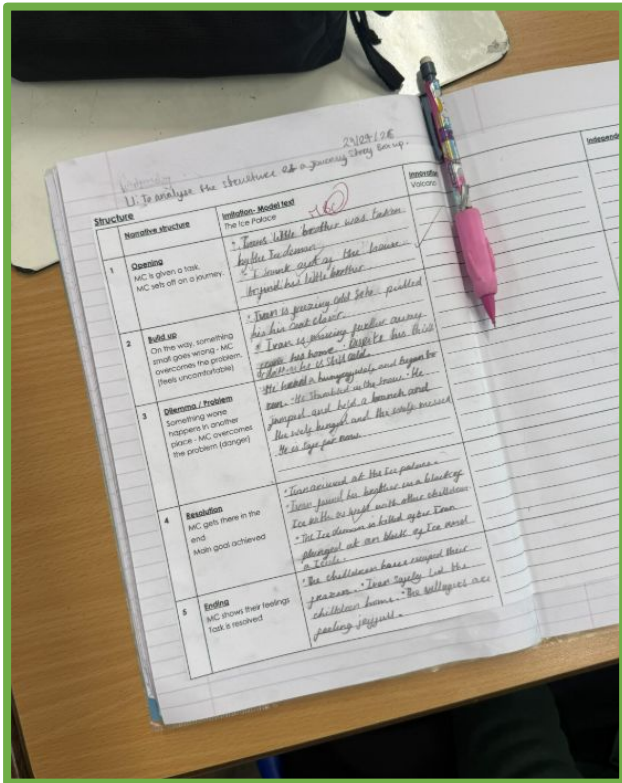
Children enjoyed a creative outdoor activity painting on bubble wrap. The textured surface encouraged sensory exploration, mark making and creativity while helping develop fine motor skills.

Children got creative designing and making a trap for the Evil Pea, using their imagination, problem-solving skills, and fine motor control.

Year 4



Having explored the frozen landscapes of The Ice Palace, Year 4 are preparing to innovate and author their own journey stories. Inspired by Ivan's courage and the atmospheric setting, the children will map out unique quests, weaving themes of resilience and discovery into their own narrative paths.





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JOIN THE BYGROVE GARDENING CLUB

£22 per
term-
Limited
Spaces!

Our gardening club teaches children valuable life skills, including responsibility through plant care, patience while waiting for growth, and nutrition awareness. It boosts physical development and promotes science and math skills, such as measuring, counting, and observing life cycles.

Every
Wednesday
3:45pm-5:00pm

For Years 1-6

Log into ParentPay to sign up!

Contact the school
office for any
questions

0207 538 4925





MEASLES CASES ARE RISING

Measles is a very serious illness and can spread very easily between children who are not vaccinated.

Measles starts with cold like symptoms, with a cough, fever and red eyes. Days later, a red or purple bumpy rash appears.

If you think you or your child has measles do not go out. Stay at home. Call your GP surgery or NHS 111. Rest, drink plenty of fluids and take paracetamol or ibuprofen.

The free MMR /MMRV vaccine gives the best, most effective protection against measles - it's quick, it's free, and it could save their life.

If you think you or your child have missed a vaccine dose, check their Red Book or ask your GP surgery.

More information
www.nhs.uk/measles





Measles Workshop Coming to Your School!

MMR vaccine is available for those who have not received both doses of the MMR as an infant

Join us for an informal and informative session about the MMR vaccine.

**Learn the facts, ask questions, and take part in an open Q&A discussion in a relaxed setting.
All parents and carers are welcome.**

**Kobi Nazrul Primary School
Wednesday 6th May 2026, 9.00am - 10am**

We are able to vaccinate for MMR at our catch-ups and while visiting the schools or at a community clinic.

**For more information, visit our website
www.schoolvaccination.uk**

Girls Football Sessions

Empowering the next generation of players



We are pleased to offer a fantastic opportunity for girls across the borough to take part in a **free 1-hour football session** at Mile End Leisure Centre on the 3G Astro pitches.

 **Day/Time: Friday, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

 *Delivered by qualified coach Rayhan Noor, Tower Hamlets Girls Football Coach.*

Register Today!

Click the link below to secure your spot:

[Register Here](#)





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
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 2022 and 31 August 2023?

Apply now via the [Parent Portal](#)

They can start with us in **September 2026**



 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 2026](#)