

Autumn Term 1: Edition 1

Friday 12th September 2025

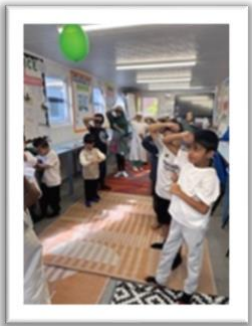
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Dear Parents, Guardians and Darul Madinah Family,



Alhamdulillah, we are pleased to share that the children have had a wonderful first week back after the summer holidays. It has been heartwarming to see their smiling faces, their enthusiasm for learning, and the way they have reconnected with their classmates and teachers.

They especially enjoyed their Creative Friday activities, where they had the chance to express themselves through fun, hands-on projects that encouraged teamwork, imagination, and problem-solving. It was a joyful way to end the week and ease back into the school routine.



As we begin this new academic year, we ask Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** to make it a year of barakah and tarbiyah for all our students. May He guide them on the path of righteousness and continue to nurture within them good manners, sincerity, and a love for learning. Please see some important reminders below:

• **School Timings:**

- Monday to Thursday: 08:30 – 15:10 (Reception finishes at 15:05)
- Fridays: 08:30 – 12:30

• **Morning Arrival:**

All children should arrive at school with an adult and must remain with that adult until 08:30, when they are welcomed into class by staff. This ensures the safety and wellbeing of all pupils and supports a calm, structured start to the day.





- **Hot Lunch Orders:**

If you are ordering hot lunches for your child, please ensure you select the correct class. We've noticed that some children are still being listed under their previous class, which can cause delays and confusion during lunchtime. Your attention to this helps us provide meals smoothly and accurately.

- **Information Meeting for Parents:**

- Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception):

Tuesday 16th September 2025,
2:15pm – 3:00pm
Reception Classroom

- **Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2):**

- Wednesday 17th September 2025,
2:15pm – 3:00pm
Year 1 Classroom

- **Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6):**

Thursday 18th September 2025, 2:15pm –
3:00pm
Year 4 Classroom



We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year, insha'Allah, to support your child's academic, spiritual, and personal growth. Your continued du'as and encouragement mean so much to us. Jazakum Allahu Khayran for your trust and support.

Warm Regards,
Sofia Nasir
Headteacher

What have we been doing this week?



Our **Reception** children have been settling beautifully into their new classrooms and are gradually getting used to the daily routines. It's been lovely to see them becoming more confident and comfortable with each passing day, as they explore their learning environment, build friendships, and start to engage in lessons like phonics, maths, and creative play. Transitions like this can be challenging, but the children are adapting well and showing great resilience. I'm genuinely excited to see how they continue to grow, learn, and flourish over the year. In sha Allah, it's going to be a wonderful journey for all of us!

This week in **Year 1**, we have been working on recalling the alphabet, with a particular focus on identifying the position of each letter. At first, the children found it easy to say which letters were 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in order. But when asked about random letters further down the line, it proved to be more tricky. We were lucky to have some sunshine this week, so we took our learning outside. Working in partners, the children wrote out the whole alphabet in the playground.



This week in **Year 2** Computing, we explored the different parts of a computer and compared computers and laptops, discussing their similarities and differences. The children then used Sketchpad to design and create their own laptops, making sure to include all the essential parts of a laptop in their drawings.

This week in **Year 3**, we have been exploring the fascinating world of skeletons! The children have been busy learning about the human skeleton, including naming and identifying key bones such as the skull, spine, ribs, and femur. They've enjoyed discovering how our skeleton helps us move, protects our organs, and gives our bodies shape. It's been a fun and engaging week full of curiosity and great questions!



This half term, **Year 4** have begun reading *The Great Kapok Tree*. This week, the children familiarised themselves with the story before stepping into the shoes of its characters. Through role play, they brought the rainforest to life, using persuasive voices, expression, and body language to convince the woodcutter to change his mind. It was wonderful to see their creativity and confidence shine!

This week in Art **Year 5** have been looking at the work of Wassily Kandinsky. The children have been inspired by his work of Abstract Art and have been looking at his various paintings. They have tried to recreate their own pictures of Abstract Art using pencils and ruler.



This week **Year 6**, put on their scientific hats and went exploring. After learning about living and non-living things and the characteristics considered when determining if something is a living organism, we went out to find examples of each. We had to carefully consider the items we found before determining if they were classified as 'living' or 'non-living'. Allhamdulillah we are surrounded by so many forms of life, carefully created by Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى**.

Islamic Studies

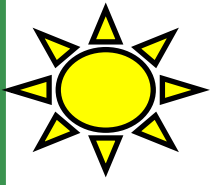
This week, in Islamic studies lessons, our students have been learning about the Six Articles of Faith in Islam. Through stories, discussions, and activities, they deepened their understanding of belief in Allah, the Angels, the Holy Books, the Prophets, the Day of Judgment, and divine decree. The children showed thoughtful reflection and curiosity, making strong connections between their learning and the values we uphold every day.



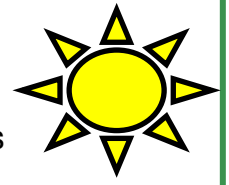
Furthermore, our students have been practicing the beautiful manners (Adaab) that Islam encourages in daily life. Together, we explored how showing respect to teachers and classmates, listening carefully, and speaking kindly create a positive learning environment. The children enjoyed role-playing different situations and reflecting on how good manners help everyone feel valued and respected.

The Six Articles of Faith

Belief in Allah (Tawhid)	Belief in Angels (Malaika)	Belief in Divine Books (Kutub)	Belief in Messengers (Rasul)	Belief in the Last Day (Yawm al-Aakhir)	Belief in Divine Decree (Qadar)
The belief in the oneness of Allah, the sole Creator and Sustainer.	The belief in the unseen angels who carry out Allah's commands.	The belief in the holy scriptures revealed by Allah, including the Quran.	The belief in all the messengers sent by Allah, including Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم).	The belief in the Last Day and the hereafter, and Heaven and Hell.	The belief that everything, good or bad, is predestined by Allah's will.
الإيمان بالله	الإيمان بالملائكة	الإيمان بالكتب	الإيمان بالرسول	الإيمان باليوم الآخر	الإيمان بالقدر



Hadith of the week



“ Do not separate from one another! The lamb that abandons its herd will be eaten by the wolf ” (Hadith)

We should always be kind and stay together with all your friends and take care of each other

Reception: Zakariya Shayan: for trying his best to recall the Hadith with help from his peers

Year 1: Abdul Rahman Ahmadzai: for being kind and looking out for his friends

Year 2: Fatimah Ismail: for being a positive role model in the classroom

Year 3: Noor Munib: for settling in well

Year 4: Iqra Khan: for being kind to her peers

Year 5: Aaminah Choudhery: for showing kindness to others in the classroom

Year 6: Fatima Munawwar: for following the hadith of the week and taking extra care of new members of the class



Stars of the week



Reception: Aania Imram: for helping her peers adjust into their new class and always coming in with a big smile

Year 1: Aleeza Baksh: for her kind manners and always opening the door for others

Year 2: Zaid Ahmed: for being a positive role model in the classroom

Year 3: Fatima Gul Khan: for setting an example for others to follow

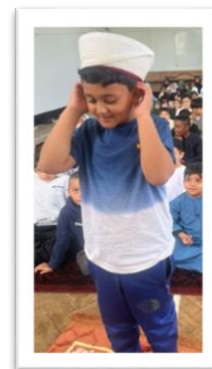
Year 4: Yahya Ali: for settling into Year 4 brilliantly

Year 5: Usaid Ali: for trying hard and putting great effort in his work

Year 6: Omar Elnashar: for making a great start to the year, showing resilience and determination.

IMAN OF THE WEEK

Jazak Allah Khair to **Yusuf Hanif** and **Ibraheem Ahmed** for their outstanding contributions during today's Jummah prayer. Name 1 beautifully recited the Adhaan, and Name 2 led the congregation with sincerity and grace. Their efforts exemplify true dedication and serve as wonderful role models for their peers. May Allah (SWT) reward them abundantly.



Upcoming Events



Term 1 (37 days)	
Inset Day 1	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Start of Term for Children	Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Rabi al Awal Holiday	Friday 5 th September 2025
End of term for Children	Wednesday 22nd October 2025
Inset Day 2	Thursday 23rd October 2025
October Half Term Holiday	Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025

