

Summer Term 1: Edition 5

Friday 1st May 2026

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Dear Parents, Guardians and Darul Madinah Family,

Alhamdulillah, we have come to the end of another wonderful and productive week at school. It has been truly pleasing to see our children continue to grow in confidence, enthusiasm and character whilst striving to do their very best in both their Islamic and academic learning. We are incredibly proud of the effort, manners and positive attitudes displayed by our pupils throughout the week.



This week has been filled with exciting learning opportunities, engaging lessons and enjoyable activities across the school. The children especially enjoyed taking part in the football tryouts, where they demonstrated great teamwork, determination, sportsmanship and encouragement towards one another. It was lovely to see so many pupils participating with enthusiasm and confidence, and we look forward to developing these opportunities further, Insha'Allah.

With the weather beginning to improve and temperatures gradually increasing, we kindly ask parents to ensure that children bring a labelled water bottle to school each day so they can remain hydrated throughout the day. Please also ensure children come to school wearing the correct full school uniform, including appropriate footwear, as this helps maintain the high standards and identity of our school community.



We would also like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support, cooperation and duas. A strong partnership between home and school plays such an important role in the success and wellbeing of our children, and we sincerely appreciate all that you do. Jazakum Allahu Khairan.

Warm Regards,
Sofia Nasir
Headteacher



What have we been doing this week?

The **Reception** children went on a mini beast hunt in the local park it was a wonderful way to bring learning to life. Equipped with magnifying glasses and collection pots, the children eagerly explore grassy areas, under logs, and among leaves, searching for tiny creatures like ants, beetles, and worms. The children then got the opportunity to play in the park after they had completed their work.



In **Year 1** this week, the children carried out a Maths investigation focusing on place value, learning how numbers are made using tens and ones. Using six counters, they explored all the possible numbers they could create with a tens and ones model. Some children worked systematically to find every combination, while others experimented by changing the number of counters in each column to see what numbers they could make.

This week in **Year 2** Science, the children have been learning about the life cycles of mammals. They explored the different stages of a mammal's life, including baby, adolescent and adulthood. The children discussed how mammals change as they grow and compared these stages to the human life cycle. They also identified similarities and differences between humans and other mammals.



This week in Art, **Year 3** learnt the importance of quality vs time. They were given the opportunity to colour one image with colouring pencils within 2 minutes and another within 15 minutes. We discussed how the quality of our work can change with the amount of time we choose to dedicate to a task. The children had lots of fun **! سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ !**

Year 4 were set a research project to deepen their understanding of volcanoes. They created a fantastic range of posters, leaflets, and even models to showcase their learning about volcanoes which the children confidently shared with the class. To bring their learning to life, they also took part in an exciting experiment, using Coke and Mentos to simulate a volcanic eruption which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Well done to all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout this topic.



As part of **Year 5's** Science Topic 'Reversible and Irreversible Changes', the children looked at what methods they could use to separate materials. They were given a mixture of different items such as rice and flour, pasta and salt, coffee beans and sugar and children tried to separate the materials using sieving. The children learnt that different items can be separated based on their particle sizes.

This week **Year 6** built in their knowledge of angles in Maths. After revising the basic types of angles, we used protractors to measure angles in triangles, quadrilaterals and circles. We then applied our understanding to reasoning and problem-solving questions!



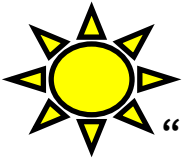
Islamic Studies

This week, in our Islamic Studies lessons, we began to explore the remarkable Seerah of our beloved prophet Mohammad صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم. The students learned that he was born in the Year of the Elephant when Allah protected the Kabah. Orphaned at a young age, he was raised by his grandfather and uncle and became known as *Al-Ameen* for his honesty and noble character.

Furthermore, the children learned that at the age of 40, he began his Dawah after receiving revelation, calling people to worship one God. Although he faced opposition and hardship, his patience led to the growth of a strong and faithful community, teaching us to remain steadfast and uphold good character.

Additionally, to support their learning, the children also created thoughtful and creative posters, beautifully presenting key events from the Seerah and reflecting their understanding.





Hadith of the Week



“Make your voices beautiful when you recite Qur’an.”

(Hadith)

We should read our Surahs and Nasheeds in a beautiful voice

Reception: Malik Hashem: for following the hadith of the week

Year 1: Musa Zaib: for always reciting the Qur’an in a beautiful voice

Year 2: Umar Zaman: for using a beautiful voice when reading surahs

Year 3: Fatima Gul Khan: for reciting the 99 names of Allah **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** beautifully

Year 4: Hussain Ali: for reciting surahs and nasheed in a beautiful voice

Year 5: Aminah Shabir: for reciting Qur’an in a beautiful voice

Year 6: Noor Al Haya Din: for reciting Qur’an beautifully; demonstrating love, respect and understanding



Stars of the Week



Reception: Yahya Kayani: for always coming in with a smile

Year 1: Hajirah Razzaque: for your dedication and hard work and always putting 100% effort into everything you do

Year 2: Ismail Ahzami: for working hard and trying his best

Year 3: Abdul-Rahman Aslam: for improved behaviour and better focus in class this week

Year 4: Zaidullah Shareef: for producing work to a good standard and demonstrating good dedication and effort

Year 5: Zakariyah Mustafa: for excellent effort in Maths learning this week

Year 6: Amina Munawwar: for always showing care and compassion for everyone and everything around her

IMAM OF THE WEEK

Jazak Allah Khair to **Abdul-Rahman Aslam** and **Ibraheem Ahmed** for their outstanding contributions during today's Jummah prayer. **Abdul-Rahman** beautifully recited the Adhaan, and **Ibraheem** led the congregation with sincerity and grace. Their efforts exemplify true dedication and serve as wonderful role models for their peers. May Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى reward them abundantly.



Upcoming Events

Term 5 (42 Days)	
30 th March 2026	Inset Day 6
31 st March 2026	Start of Term for Children
4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday
22 nd May 2026	End of Term for Children
25 th May – 29 th May 2026	Half Term Holiday
1 st June 2026	Inset Day 7
2 nd June 2026	Start of Term for Children

