

Summer Term 1: Edition 8

Friday 22nd May 2026

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته
Dear Parents, Guardians and Darul Madinah Family,

As we come to the end of another long but very productive term, Alhamdulillah, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our pupils, staff and families for their continued hard work, support and dedication throughout the year.



This term has been filled with many valuable learning experiences, enjoyable activities and special moments for our children. It has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence, developing their knowledge and demonstrating kindness, respect and good character towards one another. We are very proud of all that they have achieved, both academically and personally, and we thank Allah سبحانه وتعالى for the many successes and blessings He has granted our school community.

Our children have worked extremely hard while also having lots of fun and creating happy memories with their friends and teachers. We are especially grateful to our staff for their commitment and care, and to our parents and carers for their continued partnership and support. May Allah سبحانه وتعالى reward you all abundantly for your efforts.



As we approach the blessed days of Eid, I would like to wish all of our families a joyful and peaceful Eid celebration. Eid Mubarak to you all. May Allah سبحانه وتعالى accept our عبادات, fill our homes with barakah, and grant happiness, health and success to all of our families and children.

We pray that everyone enjoys a safe, restful and beneficial break, spending quality time with loved ones and returning refreshed and ready for the new term ahead, insha'Allah.



When we return after the holidays, the weather is expected to be very warm, insha'Allah, so please ensure children come to school with water bottles, hats and suitable clothing for the hot weather.

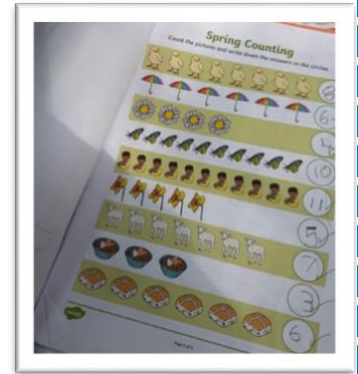
Jazakum Allahu Khayran for your continued support throughout the term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another successful and blessed term ahead.

Warm Regards,
Sofia Nasir
Headteacher



What have we been doing this week?

As we come to the end of another busy term, we would like to congratulate all the **Reception** children for their hard work and effort in completing their assessments. They have shown resilience, determination, and excellent progress throughout the term, and we are very proud of their achievements. We wish all our families a joyful Eid celebration and a restful, enjoyable holiday break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term refreshed and ready for more learning.



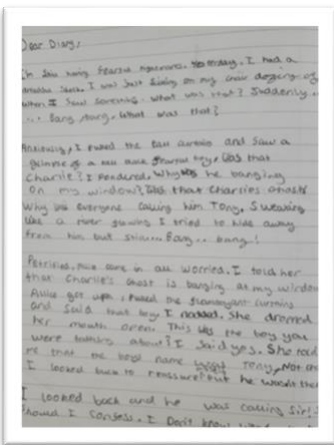
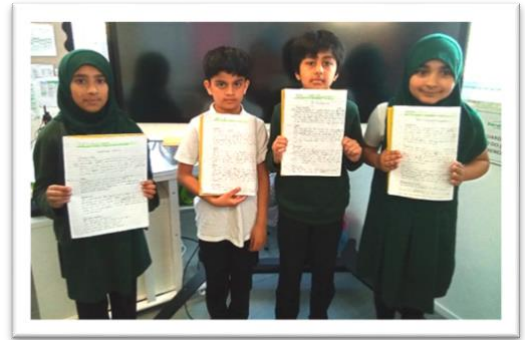
This week in Computing, **Year 1** showed great confidence when using the laptops for typing. They worked very hard to type up the poems they had written in English and demonstrated excellent resilience throughout the lesson. The children practised important typing and editing skills, including using capital letters, adding finger spaces between words, and even changing the colour of their text.

This week in **Year 2**, the children have been investigating the question, Do plants grow better in warm or colder places? The children worked together to discuss their ideas and make predictions before planning their investigation. They decided to place one plant outside in the sunlight where it would stay warm, and another plant inside the classroom where it would be cooler. The children talked about what plants need to grow and thought carefully about how they could make the test fair by giving both plants the same amount of water.



Year 3 have been learning about the work of William Morris and exploring how repeating patterns can be used in art and design. The children designed and created their own printing stamps before experimenting with colour, shape, and pattern to produce their final pieces. They carefully repeated their prints to create eye-catching decorative artwork. Throughout the project, the children showed fantastic creativity, perseverance, and attention to detail, and they were very proud of the beautiful patterns they produced.

In English this week, **Year 4** completed their non-chronological report genre by writing detailed reports about their chosen animals, inspired by *The Twits*. The children thoroughly enjoyed researching and writing facts about their animals, using all the key features of a non-chronological report. Their reports included information about the animals' appearance, diet, habitat, behaviour, and interesting facts. It was a pleasure to read their work, and the children especially enjoyed listening to each other's reports and sharing their learning with the class.



This week, **Year 5** explored *White Feather Diaries* through diary writing activities. The children analysed the thoughts and feelings of the character Lieutenant Fortine, discussing his experiences and emotions throughout the story. Using evidence from the text, they wrote thoughtful diary entries from his perspective, expressing his inner thoughts and reflections with empathy and detail. The pupils worked hard to use emotive language and descriptive vocabulary.

This week **Year 6** visited Slough Museum to kick start their learning in Geography. We met our presenter and were amazed by the wealth of knowledge he had about Slough. We saw old maps, showing how Slough has evolved over time; the Trading Estate has been pivotal in this growth. We were lucky enough to see a 2 tonne cannon, old photographs, kitchen utensils, as well as a 'mangle' (an olden times clothes drier). We discovered what the Thunderbirds are and even saw a racing car made in Slough. We then enjoyed lunch and some Golden Time in the park. Allhumdulillah for the blessings that surround us!



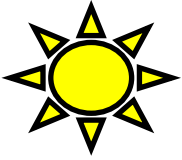
Islamic Studies

During this week's Islamic Studies lessons, the children explored the important topics of Hajj and Eid ul Adha and learned about their significance in Islam. They discovered the story of Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام, his obedience to Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى, and how Eid ul Adha reminds Muslims of faith, sacrifice, and compassion. The children also learned about the five pillars of Islam and understood why Hajj is such a special journey for Muslims around the world.

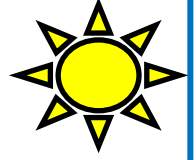


To make the learning engaging and memorable, the children participated in role-playing activities where they acted out different stages of Hajj using models and classroom props. They also created colourful and creative posters showing key symbols and practices related to Hajj and Eid ul Adha. These activities helped deepen their understanding while encouraging teamwork, creativity, and reflection on the values of unity, gratitude, and devotion in Islam.





Hadith of the Week



“Allah has forbidden you to be undutiful to your mothers.” (Hadith)

We should always be kind and look after our mother. We should kiss the hands of our parents.

Reception: Malik Hashem: for trying his best to recall the Hadith

Year 1: Sumayah Ahmed: for helping her mother at home

Year 2: Hoda Khalil: for following the hadith of the week

Year 3: Abdul-Rahman Aslam: for always helping his mum at home

Year 4: Safwaan Sohail: for following the hadith and helping his mum

Year 5: Uswa Awan: for always speaking kindly to her mum in the morning

Year 6: Nusayba Hussain: for always showing care and respect towards her mother



Stars of the Week



Reception: Maymunah Bint Kamran: for excellent progress in Phonics

Year 1: Ayesha Ali Syed: for working very hard in phonics

Year 2: Samme Warsame: for making excellent contributions during class discussions

Year 3: Aadam Qadri: for always helping his peers

Year 4: Ruqayya Nasir: for showing an improvement in completing her work on time and to a good standard

Year 5: Ayaan Yasin-Din: for an excellent effort in his writing this week

Year 6: Abdullah Farooq: for applying himself to his learning this week and not giving up

IMAM OF THE WEEK

Jazak Allah Khair to **Rayyan Mahmood** and **Uwais Hamid** for their outstanding contributions during today's Jummah prayer. **Rayyan** beautifully recited the Adhaan, and **Uwais** 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 6 (38 Days)	
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
9 th June 2026	School Photo Day
25 th June 2026	End of Year Trip
3 rd July 2026	Year 6 PGL Trip
7 th July 2026	School Transition Day
14 th July 2026	Year 6 Graduation
16 th July 2026	Prize Giving Day
22 nd July 2026	End of Term for Children
23 rd July 2026	Summer Holidays

