

Autumn Term 1: Edition 1

Friday 11th September 2026

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Dear Parents, Guardians and Darul Madinah Family,

Alhamdulillah, it was lovely to welcome our children back to school after the holidays. We are very pleased to see how well they have settled into their new classes and adapted to their new routines. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, confidence and positive attitudes as they begin another academic year, **Insha'Allah** filled with learning, growth and success.

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, we would like to remind parents and carers of the following important dates and activities:

- **Curriculum Afternoon Meetings**

- **EYFS and Key Stage 1 (Reception–Year 2):** Wednesday 16th September at 2:00pm
- **Key Stage 2 (Year 3–Year 6):** Thursday 17th September

We look forward to welcoming parents and sharing information about the curriculum, learning and expectations for the year ahead, **Insha'Allah**.

- **11+ Interventions**

Our 11+ intervention sessions will begin next week, **Insha'Allah**. All parents who have signed up and completed payment will be contacted with further information.

- **School Choir Selection**

Choir selections will begin on Monday. Please encourage your children to practise and prepare.

- **Football Try-outs**

Football try-outs will take place on **Monday after school from 3:30pm–4:30pm**. Please ensure that children bring all the necessary equipment with them.

- **Multicultural Day**

We are delighted to announce that our **Multicultural Day will take place on Tuesday 13th October 2026**. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our children to celebrate and learn about the rich cultures and traditions represented within our school community. More information will follow, **Insha'Allah**.

We would like to thank all our parents and carers for your continued support, cooperation and partnership. **Jazakumullahu Khairan** for all that you do to support your children and our school community.

Warm Regards,
Sofia Nasir
Headteacher

What have we been doing this week?

This week, **Reception** have really began to settle into their classroom and have become much more comfortable with both their teachers and peers. It has been lovely to watch them build their confidence and come into school with smiles on their faces. We have been busy with lots of fun and exciting activities, from decorating biscuits to making our very own squishies! The children have had a fabulous time getting creative, exploring new activities and, most importantly, having lots of fun along the way. We have also now started our Phonics programme. At the moment, the children are learning their Set 1 sounds and practising how to recognise and write them. Alongside this, we have started our Maths curriculum. We are currently recapping numbers 1–10, helping the children to recognise, write and count to become confident with these numbers.



This week in **Year 1**, the children explored mark making using repetition and patterns. They experimented with different lines, shapes and colours to create a variety of patterns and designs. The children were very engaged and enjoyed expressing their creativity while developing their fine motor skills. Masha'Allah, they produced some wonderful work!



This week, **Year 2** began their exciting new English topic on The Great Fire of London. The children listened to the story told from the fictional perspective of a made-up character who experienced the events of the Great Fire. They then worked with a partner to orally retell the story, using adverbial time phrases such as *first*, *next*, *then* and *finally* to sequence the events. The children particularly enjoyed bringing the story to life by using different voices for the characters!

Year 3 have settled into their new classroom really well. They have begun reading Salah at lunchtimes with growing confidence. They have particularly enjoyed choosing a book during independent reading time, completing book reviews to consolidate their understanding, and sharing their thoughts about their books with their peers.

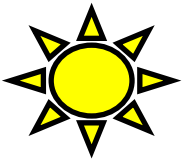


This week in **Year 4**, we have been exploring the work of the French artist Georges Seurat and learning about his distinctive painting style, known as Pointillism. The children discovered how Seurat created his artwork using small, individual dots of colour, which work together to create detailed and vibrant images. They then experimented with a variety of artistic media and techniques to create their own Pointillist artwork.

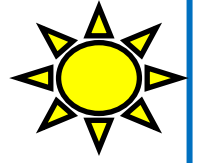
In **Year 5** as part of our Space Art topic, children were learning about warm and cool colours and what impact they have on a picture or painting. We looked at different pictures of planets which had been painted I warm and cool colours. Children used the activity sheet to select the desired warm/cool colours for their pictures.



This week, **Year 6** learnt about living organisms. After identifying the characteristics of living and non-living organisms, we explored the differences and similarities between animals and humans. We then went out into our local environment and investigated what could be classified as alive and how. Allhumdulillah we are surrounded by many miracles of Allah's creations!



Hadith of the Week



“Promote greetings amongst you.” (Hadith)

Reception: Zidan Raja: for trying his best to recall the Hadith with support from peers

Year 1: Farah Khalil: for always remembering Salaam

Year 2: Khadijah Hanif: for following the Hadith by always giving Salaam

Year 3: Umar Zaman: for always greeting the other person first

Year 4: Salih Ahzami: for giving the full salaam

Year 5: Hassan Razzaque: for always remembering to give Salaam

Year 6: Zakariyah Mustafa: for always being ready and active when greeting others – keep it up!



Stars of the Week



Reception: Sahil Mughal: for coming into school with a big smile and being kind to his peers and teachers

Year 1: Amyra Khan: for following instruction and good listening

Year 2: Amal Akhtar: for her effort and dedication to her work

Year 3: Hashim Qureshi: for settling in well into Year 3

Year 4: Fatima Gul Khan: for being a role model for her classmates and having a positive attitude towards learning

Year 5: Mayeda Munir: for always being a helpful member of the class

Year 6: Haleema Yasir: for always taking pride in her environment and keeping things clean and tidy – Thank you!

IMAM OF THE WEEK

Jazak Allah Khair to **Ahad Mahmood** and **Abdullah Abdul-Qayyum** for their outstanding contributions during today's Jummah prayer. **Ahad** beautifully recited the Adhaan, and **Abdullah** 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 1 (34 days)	
Inset Day 1	Tuesday 1 st September 2026
Start of Term for Children	Wednesday 2nd September 2026
End of term for Children	Friday 16 th October 2026
October Half Term Holiday	Monday 19 th October – Friday 30 th October 2026

