

Autumn Term 1: Edition 2

Friday 18th September 2026

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته

Dear Parents, Guardians and Darul Madinah Family,

Alhamdulillah, we have reached the end of another busy and productive week at school. I would like to thank all our families for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. May Allah ﷻ bless our children with knowledge, good character and success, and guide us all in supporting them on their journey. Ameen.

This week, we held our Information Afternoon meetings, which provided an opportunity to share important information about the year ahead and how we can work together to support our children. If you were unable to attend, please don't worry — the information shared during the meetings has been uploaded to Famly for you to access at your convenience.

We are also delighted to introduce our new School Councillors. We look forward to seeing them represent their peers, share their ideas and help contribute positively to our school community.

Reception	Huzaifa Rizwan
Year 1	Zakariya Shayan
Year 2	Amal Akhtar
Year 3	Iffah Noor Khalid
Year 4	Fatima Afridi
Year 5	Mariam Seitumerova
Year 6	Asiyah Naeem

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, please take a moment to look through the upcoming events below and make a note of any important dates. We hope this will help you stay informed and up to date with all that is happening across our school.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Warm Regards,

Sofia Nasir

Headteacher

What have we been doing this week?

Reception have had a fantastic time getting creative this week! The children enjoyed making their very own rockers, using their imagination and creativity to decorate them. They also painted their own beautiful butterflies, experimenting with different colours and patterns. To finish off the fun, the children had a wonderful time making glittery slime, exploring its texture and enjoying the sensory experience.



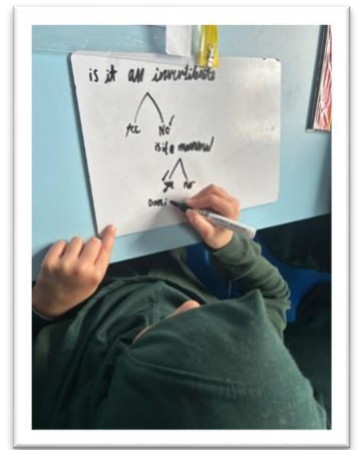
This week in Year 1 Maths, the children practised counting backwards within 10. They used number tracks, counters and pictorial representations to strengthen their understanding of number sequences and develop confidence when counting back from different starting points. The children were engaged and enjoyed completing the activities.

This week in Science, **Year 2** have been learning about fish and amphibians. They enjoyed a hands-on activity where they created their very own mini pond using leaves, stones, pebbles and water. The children then placed their mini pond outside to see which insects might be attracted to them. They are very excited to observe their pond and see what they discover over the next couple of weeks!



This week in Science, **Year 3** have been investigating the human skeleton. Children learnt to identify and name important bones including the femur, skull, ribcage, pelvis and spine. They explored how the skeleton helps us move, protects vital organs and supports the body. Pupils particularly enjoyed the practical activities, matching bones to their functions and working together to build a skeleton model!

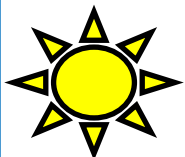
This week in **Year 4**, the children have been learning about classification keys and how they can be used to identify and group different animals. They used their knowledge of vertebrates and invertebrates, as well as the different animal groups, to create their own questions and clues to help identify a mystery animal. The children enjoyed using their scientific knowledge and reasoning skills to work out which animal was being described and demonstrated excellent understanding of how classification keys work.



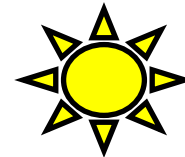
As part of our Science learning, **Year 5** learnt about air resistance and Forces. We made different designs of paper aeroplanes and took them outside. The children flew the paper planes in the playground to see which design went the furthest. We discussed how the size and surface area impacts how far the plane went.

This week **Year 6** learnt about the construction of bridges. We explored how the engineering of bridges has developed and grown over time. We learnt how bridges can be strengthened using a 'truss' which come in different designs. Using art straws and working collaboratively, the children constructed bridges and are looking forward to testing their strength with weights- MashAllah!





Hadith of the Week



“The younger person should greet the older one.”

(Hadith)

Children should greet and give salaam to adults first!

Reception: Aun Sohail: for trying his best to recall the Hadith

Year 1: Aania Imran: for often giving salaam and greeting others with kindness and respect. Well done for practising a beautiful sunnah.

Year 2: Hajirah Razzaque: for always giving salaam first

Year 3: Ruqayyah Fatimah: for ensuring she is greeting the older person with salaam first

Year 4: Ishaan Ahmed: for giving salaam in the mornings

Year 5: Ibraheem Khan: for always remembering to give Salaam first

Year 6: Usaid Ali: for always being the first to greet others with full salaam in and out of school. MashAllah!



Stars of the Week



Reception: Zoya Mahmood: for showing kind manners and helping her teacher and peers

Year 1: Zahra Munir: for following instructions during phonics and working hard to improve reading skills. Keep up the excellent effort

Year 2: Musa Zaib: for always working hard and completing his work to the best of his ability

Year 3: Medina Fazil: for being a supportive learning partner in English and helping her partner when they were stuck

Year 4: Noor Munib: for working independently and challenging herself in Maths

Year 5: Safwaan Sohail: for always being willing to help others

Year 6: Alaynah Mahmood: for amazing effort in Geography and understanding the water cycle!

IMAM OF THE WEEK

Jazak Allah Khair to **Eesa Ahmed** and **Abdullah Farooq** for their outstanding contributions during today's Jummah prayer. **Eesa** 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 2 nd September 2026
School Photographs	Tuesday 22 nd September 2026
Flu Immunisations	Monday 12 th October 2026
Multicultural Day	Tuesday 13 th October 2026
End of Term for Children	Friday 16 th October 2026
October Half Term Holiday	Monday 19 th October – Friday 30 th October 2026
Inset Day 2	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Start of Term for Children	Tuesday 2 nd November 2026
School Trips	Monday 9 th November – Friday 13 th October 2026
Parent Open Forum & Coffee Morning	Friday 11 th December 2026
Science Exhibition	Monday 14 th December 2026
End of Term for Children	Friday 16 th December 2026