

Autumn term 1 Edition 2

Friday 25th September

Our theme this week was **"Allah Gave Me a Nose to Smell."** The children had lots of opportunities to explore their sense of smell through a variety of fun, creative and hands-on sensory activities. Throughout the week, we talked about how Allah has blessed us with our five senses and focused particularly on our sense of smell. We discussed how our nose helps us to smell the wonderful things around us, from food and flowers to spices, perfumes and fresh air.

The children had lots of fun making **scented playdough**. They enjoyed mixing, kneading, rolling, squeezing and moulding the playdough while exploring its different smells. As they played, we encouraged them to use their noses to smell their creations and describe what they could smell. This activity was a wonderful sensory experience and also supported the children's fine motor development as they used their hands and fingers to manipulate the playdough. The children used their imagination to create different shapes and objects, turning the activity into lots of lovely imaginative play.



We also created our very own **scented jars using cotton balls**. The children explored different scents and carefully smelled each jar. We encouraged them to think about whether the smell was sweet, sour, strong, fresh or minty. We talked about familiar smells and whether the children could recognise them. The children were very curious and excited to discover what was inside each jar, and they enjoyed comparing the different scents with their friends.

Another exciting sensory activity was making **scented water**. The children enjoyed experimenting with different smells and creating their own mixtures. Using their imaginations, they pretended to make delicious juice and beautiful perfume.

Our creativity continued with **scented painting**, which was a particularly exciting experience for the children. We added different ingredients to our paint, including **cinnamon, cocoa powder, vanilla essence and lemon juice**. The children explored each scent before using the scented paints to create their artwork.

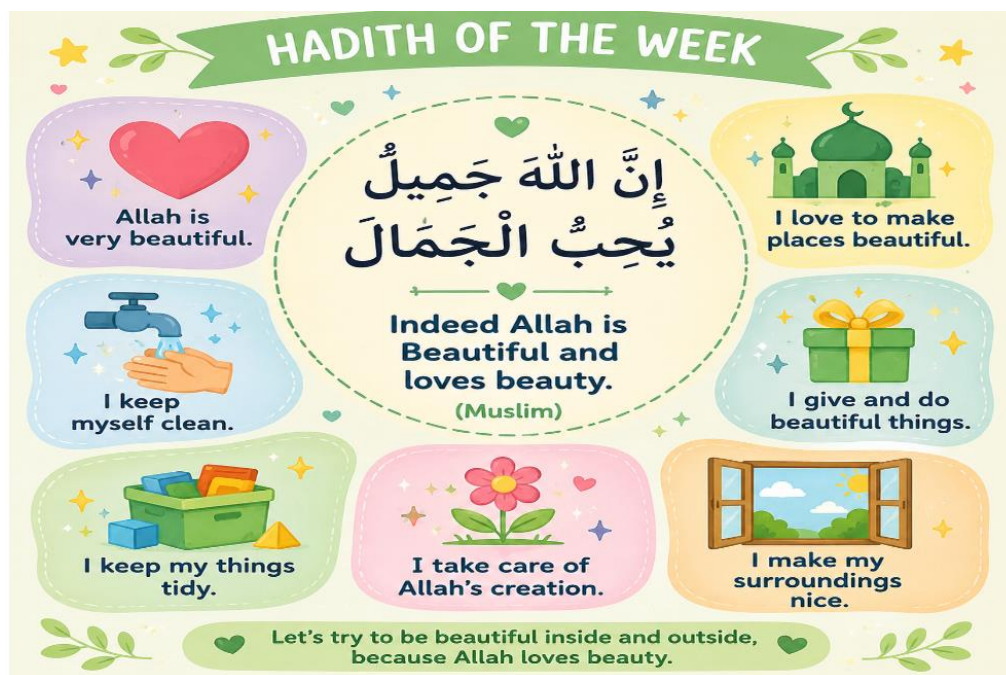


Arabic and Islamic Studies

This week in Arabic, children learned the letter (ر) Name and Pronunciation and the new vocabulary word (رأس) through games and engaging activities, they practiced recognizing the letter among other Arabic letters. Islamic Studies This week in Islamic Studies, the children explored the importance of **family** and reflected on how Allah ﷻ has blessed us with our families. They enjoyed looking at pictures of their families and discussing the different ways our families care for and support us. The children also learned about the **lineage of our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ**, helping them develop a deeper love and connection to our Prophet ﷺ. We continued practising **Surah Al-Fatihah** and revisiting the **Islamic greetings** we have been learning. The children also learned and practised simple words of **dhikr**, including *SubhanAllah*, *Alhamdulillah* and *Allahu Akbar*, encouraging them to remember Allah ﷻ throughout their day.



Hadith of the week





Star of the week

Ayah Chowdhury: For showing kindness, care and good manners throughout the week.



Hadith star of the week

Zayn Raja: Followed the hadith by keeping the room tidy.

Snack Menu for Autumn term 1

This is provided by the nursery everyday.

Healthy Children Happier Learners Dar-ul-Madinah An Islamic School System Nurturing Faith • Building Character • Brightening Futures Good Food Bright Minds		
Nursery Snack Menu Simple Healthy Balanced Perfect for Little Learners		
The same snack is served in the morning and afternoon each day for all children aged 2–4 years.		
Day	Snack Menu	Allergens (From ingredients used)
MONDAY	 Banana and wholemeal toast fingers (with Clover margarine)	WHEAT (gluten) Clover margarine contains no declarable allergens.
TUESDAY	 Pear slices and cucumber sticks	None of the 14 declarable allergens
WEDNESDAY	 Easy-peel satsuma and Jacob's cream crackers (with Clover margarine)	WHEAT (gluten) Clover margarine contains no declarable allergens. Please check packaging for any additional 'may contain' allergens.
THURSDAY	 Strawberries and melon	None of the 14 declarable allergens
FRIDAY Special Friday Sunnah Food	 Melon slices and cucumber sticks (Sunnah food)	None of the 14 declarable allergens
 Milk is provided during snack times each day.  Fresh water is available throughout the day. All snacks are prepared in an age-appropriate manner to support safe and healthy eating for children aged 2–4 years.		
 ALLERGY INFORMATION Allergen information is checked against the manufacturer's packaging before food is served. Individual allergies, intolerances and dietary requirements are recorded and followed. Suitable substitutions will be provided where required. Please speak to a member of staff if you require further allergen information. "Good Food Helps Children Grow"		
NURTURING LITTLE MINDS GROWING BRIGHT FUTURES		

Reception place for September 2027



Starting infant, junior & primary school in Slough 2027/28

Apply online at www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions



It is important that you take time to read this information which outlines the application process for a reception school place

Dear Parent/Carer,

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, and you live in Slough, you can now apply for a reception school place in an infant or primary school for September 2027. The Citizen Portal on the council website is now open to receive applications. There are clear and simple prompts to guide you through making your application.

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, lives in Slough and currently attends an infant school, they will need to transfer to Year 3 in a junior school.

You will also find the *Starting infant, junior and primary school booklet* on the council website. The booklet contains a wealth of information to help you choose the right schools, make an application and understand how the application process works. It provides a profile of all of primary schools alongside information about admission arrangements.

Who should apply?

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, you must apply for a school place for September 2027.

When do I need to apply?

You can apply anytime from 1 September 2026. **To receive an offer of a school place on national offer day, you must submit an application by 15 January 2027.**

Please note: In order to maximise your chances of being offered one of your preferred schools

- You **MUST** submit an application with any required documents/supplementary forms on time.
- Your child **MUST** meet the admissions criteria of the school to be offered a place.

and there is

- **NO** automatic transfer from a nursery to into a school.
- **NO** automatic offer of a sibling place without making an application.

Apply online at
www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions
Closing date to apply 15 January 2027

What happens if I miss the closing date?

For the avoidance of doubt, all applications submitted and received after the closing date (15 January 2027) will be deemed as late applications. They will be considered after those that are received on time and after the first round of offers have been made.

How do I apply?

If you live in Slough you **MUST** apply through Slough Borough Council. The easiest way to apply is online.

Go to www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions and follow the instructions on the screen.

If you do not have internet access at home you can still apply online at your local library or at the council offices.

Who can make the application?

Applications must be made by a parent or carer who holds legal parental responsibility for a child. Only one application should be made per child.

Contact the Admissions Team

If you would like more information about the school admissions process or the admission arrangements, please read the 'Starting infant, junior or primary school' booklet

Or visit: www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions

Email: _admissions.helpline@slough.gov.uk

Contact Centre:

Telephone: 01753 475111 (Monday to Friday)

Please note that the School Admissions lines open as and when needed around admissions time.

Best wishes,

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Autumn term 1 Important dates

Term 1 (34 Days)	
Inset Day 1	Tuesday 1 st September 2026
Start of Term for Children	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
Open day for reception- booking required	Tuesday 29 th September 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
Term 2 (35 Days)	
Inset Day 2	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Start of Term for Children	Tuesday 3 rd November 2026

Important reminders

Please find below some important reminders to help ensure that the children have a happy, comfortable and well-prepared day at nursery:

- Nursery Uniform: Please ensure that children come to nursery wearing the correct nursery uniform each day.
- Friday – Special Jummah Day: Friday is our special Jummah Day. Children may come dressed in either a thobe/abaya or their nursery uniform.
- Labelling: Please ensure that all clothing, bags, bottles and personal belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Nappies, Wipes & Spare Clothes: Please provide spare nappies, wipes and a change of clothing at the beginning of each week in your child's bag.

Weekly Snack Contribution: If you have not already done so, please provide £1 per week for snacks or £7 for the full term.

Islamic Studies

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- Potty Training: For children who are three years old or approaching three, we kindly ask parents to begin potty training during the half-term holidays, where appropriate. Children should ideally be transitioning out of nappies around the age of three.
- Healthy Lunches: For children who stay with us all day, please ensure they bring a healthy, nutritious packed lunch each day.
- Suitable Clothing & Water: As the weather gets warmer, please ensure your child comes dressed in suitable clothing and has a labelled water bottle with them.