



**DAR-UL-MADINAH**  
ISLAMIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

**Autumn Term 1: Edition 5**

**Friday 02 October 2026**



As we come to the end of our fifth week, the children have continued to settle well into their nursery routines. It has been lovely to see them becoming familiar with the daily structure and engaging positively with their learning, play and activities.

This week, the children have been learning all about Allah gave us 2 eyes to see, linking it to our book We are going on a bear hunt. They had lots of fun making their colourful and unique bear masks developing their creativity and fine motor skills.



The children enjoyed a range of creative activities including making butterflies and bears using playdough. This helped them develop their fine motor skills as they rolled, pinched, shaped and moulded the playdough with their hands.

The children made an effort to create and decorate their own magnifying glasses which they used during a garden hunt, linking it to our story. This encouraged their creativity, imagination and observational skills while making learning fun and engaging.



## Arabic and Islamic Studies:

This week in Arabic Studies, the children have been learning the **letter و (Waw)**, focusing on recognising its shape, name and pronunciation. Through fun games, songs and engaging activities, the children have been developing their confidence in recognising Arabic letters and learning new vocabulary.

This week in Islamic Studies, the children explored how **Allah ﷻ has blessed us with many different body parts**. We talked about our eyes, ears, nose, mouth, hands and feet, and discussed how each body part helps us in our daily lives. The children were encouraged to appreciate these wonderful blessings and say **Alhamdulillah** for everything Allah ﷻ has given us.

We also continued practising **Surah Al-Fatihah**, revisiting our Islamic greetings and learning simple words of dhikr, including **SubhanAllah, Alhamdulillah and Allahu Akbar**. 🌙🌟



## Hadith of the week:



## Autumn Term Snack Menu

Please find attached our Autumn Term Snack Menu which is provided by the nursery everyday. If you have not yet paid the snack contribution, please kindly make your payment. The cost is £1 per week or £7 for the term.

For online payments, please use the bank details provided below:

Account Name: **Darul Madinah**

Sort Code: **30-96-26**

Account Number: **51219860**

Reference: Child's name

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<br>(From ingredients used)                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>MONDAY</b>                               | <br>Banana and wholemeal toast fingers<br>(with Clover margarine)         | <b>WHEAT (gluten)</b><br>Clover margarine contains no declarable allergens.                                                                    |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                              | <br>Pear slices and cucumber sticks                                       | None of the 14 declarable allergens                                                                                                            |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                            | <br>Easy-peel satsuma and Jacob's cream crackers (with Clover margarine) | <b>WHEAT (gluten)</b><br>Clover margarine contains no declarable allergens. Please check packaging for any additional 'may contain' allergens. |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                             | <br>Strawberries and melon                                                | None of the 14 declarable allergens                                                                                                            |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>Special Friday Sunnah Food | <br>Melon slices and cucumber sticks<br>(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 Applications Now Open!

We are pleased to share that Reception places at Dar Ul Madinah School are now open for applications. The application window is from **15th September 2026 until 15th January 2027**.

If you would like to apply for a Reception place at Dar Ul Madinah, please email **admin.slough@darulmadinah.co.uk** for further information and details on how to apply.

Please also read the letter below carefully, which includes information about applying to schools and other recommended schools you may wish to consider.



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

Apply online at [www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://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.

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- 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions)

Email: [\\_admissions.help@slough.gov.uk](mailto:_admissions.help@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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Head of Education Services

Slough Borough Council

Observatory House, 25 Windsor Road, Slough SL1 2EL

## Autumn term 1 Important dates

| Term 1 (34 days)                  |                                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Inset Day 1                       | Tuesday 1st September 2026                          |
| <b>Start of Term for Children</b> | <b>Wednesday 2nd September 2026</b>                 |
| Reception Open Day                | Tuesday 29th September 2026 - Booking required      |
| Multicultural Day                 | Tuesday 13th October 2026                           |
| End of term for Children          | Friday 16th October 2026                            |
| October Half Term Holiday         | Monday 19th October - Friday 30th October 2026      |
| Term 2 (35 days)                  |                                                     |
| Inset Day 2                       | Monday 2nd November 2026                            |
| <b>Start of Term for Children</b> | <b>Tuesday 3rd November 2026</b>                    |
| End of Term for Children          | Friday 18th December 2026                           |
| Winter Holidays                   | Monday 21st December 2026 - Friday 1st January 2027 |

## 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.
- 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.
- Drop-Off & Collection Times: Please make every effort to arrive on time for both drop-off and collection. This helps us maintain a smooth routine for all the children and staff.

Thank you for your continued cooperation, support and involvement in your child's learning and development.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan for your continued support. May Allah bless you and your families.