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Newsletter

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Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah

As we approach the end of the autumn term, the children remain highly motivated and have developed a wonderful habit of reading whenever they get the chance. Reading plays an essential role in their learning, so please continue to encourage them to read regularly. You can also read with them, check their understanding, and help them make notes in their reading journals. By working together, we can guide our children to take responsibility for their own learning, inshaAllah.

In the spring term, our focus will shift to creative writing with a strong emphasis on grammar. Consistent reading at home will help expand their imagination, enabling them to better understand and appreciate a variety of writing styles and contexts.

Reminder: Please remind children to say the three most important words: '**Please**', when they ask for something, '**Thank you**' when they receive something and '**Sorry**' for any wrong doing.

Confidence Building: Encourage pupils to say *salam* regularly and to always speak the truth. Provide them with extra time and involve them in discussing or helping to solve family issues. You can also quiz them on their knowledge of our religion. Offering this additional time and attention will help strengthen their confidence when speaking in front of other family members, keeping them meaningfully engaged and away from games, online activities, and other devices.

Abu Hussain
Head teacher

Holidays during term time

The government takes school attendance very seriously and has implemented fines for unauthorised absences. A penalty of **£60 per child** will be issued for any unauthorised absence during the school term. This fine increases to **£120** if not paid within **21 days**. Failure to pay within **28 days** may result in prosecution for your child's non-attendance.

In line with this, Al-Falah School introduced the attendance fine policy. According to our school policy, a school charge of £30 per day will be imposed for any unauthorised absence exceeding two days.

Coffee morning

Thank you very much for participating in the Coffee Morning on 28th November. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet with parents, discuss various issues, and work together to find solutions. Your presence and contributions helped make the session meaningful and productive. We truly appreciate your support and engagement.

Cold weather

Many children and adults are falling ill due to the spread of viruses and cold weather. Please stay warm, avoid drinking cold drinks and consume healthy food items (such as honey water).

If your child is ill, avoid sending them to school.

Food fair

The food fair was an enjoyable event for students, parents, and teachers alike. Parents were delighted to participate in this school activity, which involved baking cakes, donating them to the school, and then giving money to their children to purchase the treats. Events like these foster community spirit and bring everyone together for a good cause.



Alhamdulillah we raised £560 which will be used towards purchasing resources.

Jazaakumullah to everyone for your support.

Goodbye to year 1 teacher

We are really sad to say goodbye to Miss Thamina who has been at Al-Falah for 14+ years now. She has been a great teacher, mentor, advisor and team player. She has worked tirelessly with the children and her support for the school has been tremendous. She will be greatly missed!

We wish her all the best for the future and we pray that Allah accepts all her efforts and grants her all the goodness for the future. Aameen.

Times Table Rock Star (TTRS)

Please remind children to practise their times tables using TTRS using the log in given to all children. Any issues, please contact the class teacher.

Trips and workshops

All classes have been on various trips and have participated in a wide range of external workshops. Please read the messages written by their class teachers for more information.

Fire Safety

Year 2 & year 5 participated in an important fire safety workshop. Here is a link to the **Home Fire Safety Checker link** <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/home-fire-safety/home-fire-safety-checker-hfsc/> .



If the result recommends that a Home Fire Safety Visit is required, the service can be booked by the parents/carers to their home and will be carried out either by Firefighters from the closest local fire station or by Community Safety Officers from London Fire Brigade. They will provide safety advice to the adults and children in the home and fit smoke alarms where needed. The visits and smoke alarms are free of charge.

Winter holiday will start from **Monday 22nd December 2025** until **Monday 5th January 2025**.

School will reopen for children on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**



The following children have received
Head Teacher's Merit Award for
achieving the following merits

Bronze: 40 merits

Silver: 80 merits

Gold: 160 merits

<u>Year</u>	<u>Names</u>
Year 1	Pencil (15 merits): Aalia Shah, Aamir, Abubakar, Adam, Aliya Rahman, Eyaz, Habibah, Hafsa, Hana, Hanad, Husna, Ibraheem, Khalif, Muhammad-Sufyan, Sara, Uthmaan, Yusuf & Zakariya
Year 2	Pencil (15 merits): Ibrahim Khalil, Ibrahim Limrani, Ilyas, Zain, Sanayah, Yaseen, Zayd, Umar, Hannah & Muhammad Abdurrahman. Bronze badge (40 merits): Aasiyah, Haneen, Maryum, Unaisa & Dihyah
Year 3	Pencil (15 merits): Khadijah, Tasneem, Ibrahim Nur, Ayub, Ismael, Nusayba, Zackariyya & Umar Bronze badge (40 merits): Amina
Year 4	Pencil (15 merits): Abdul Azim, Essraa, Zakariyah & Eesa Bronze badge (40 merits): Mazin, Sumayyah, Rumaysah & Abdul Aziz
Year 5	Pencil (15 merits): Humeyra, Maalik, Iyaad, Ilyas, Salwa, Abdirahman, Ismaeel, Musa, Mohammed Abdillahi & Ayah Bronze badge (40 merits): Sabit, Hiba &
Year 6	Pencil (15 merits): Is'haaq, Muhammad & Yaqub Bronze badge (40 merits): Zakariya, Yahya & Abdulmuhsin

Class Attendance and Punctuality:

Well done to YEAR 6 & YEAR 2 for achieving the highest attendance in the school for November- December 2026

The whole class with the highest attendance/punctuality at the end of the month will be rewarded for their commitment and efforts. Treats may include extra break, golden time, hot chocolate and biscuits and many more! Please support your children and encourage them to arrive to school on time and regularly so their class may partake in this. JazakAllah!





STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



<u>Year</u>	<u>National Curriculum & Islamic Curriculum</u>	
Year 1	Idil Mohammed	Abubakar Abdillahi
Year 2	Unaisa Shah	Dihyah Ali
Year 3	Zackariyya Ibn Malik	Ismael Bouzaza
Year 4	Rumaysah Alam	Muhammad Sharif
Year 5	Khadijah Shah	Ayah Abdirahman
Year 6	Khalid Patel	Hafid Adde
Hifz Class	Abdullah Sabit	

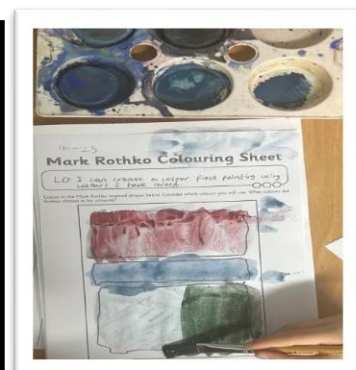
Messages from class teachers

Year 1 – Ms Thamina & Ms Dina

We enjoyed reading Handa's Surprise this term and developing our own version using local fruits! In Maths we enjoyed working on doubling, halving, adding/subtracting and telling the time using o'clock. The children particularly enjoyed learning about money and making amounts. Wow MashaAllah!

Year One also learnt to write instructions and used this knowledge to make their own healthy cheese sandwiches. Well done to all the children for using their artistic skills and painting in the abstract styles of Mark Rothko and Paul Klee. The children thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Hackney Down's park as part of science to explore signs of autumn. They were able to identify many signs as they explored the park.

Thank you to all the parents for the continuous support and for assisting their children in completing their homework on time, reading with them every day and bringing in a healthy snack regularly. Have a great break year one!



Year 2 – Ms Nosheen

Year Two have shown tremendous progress this term in all their learning outcomes especially their core subjects. We have been working hard on our phonics, sentence construction with more ambitious vocabulary to further encourage independent learning following handwriting rules. Children benefitted from a special Carbon Monoxide workshop as well as a Fire Safety workshop.

We have enjoyed working more practically with our Art lessons combining the technique of pointillism by Jean Metzinger to make Autumn finger paintings. We have looked at the importance of hygiene in Science by carrying out an experiment about the use of soap in killing germs.

Thank you to all parents for their hard work at home, the spelling scores have seen an excellent improvement this term as well as reading. Please keep up this practice at home as well as using Time Table Rockstars for quicker mental recall. Enjoy your holiday and spend some quality time with family!

Year 3 - Ms Abedah

Year 3 created some excellent art work this term as they explored the different stages of autumn leaves. They enjoyed learning about Garden Birds for non-fiction and wrote their own non-chronological reports. For PSHE the class learnt all about aiming high and how to practically set and achieve goals using action and practice. Well done to Year Three for doing exceptionally well on TT Rockstars. For Animals including humans, year three explored skeletons and food groups. They learnt the difference between endo, exo and hydrostatic skeletons and the importance of having a skeleton and muscular system. We carried out an investigation to see if the size of the femur affects how far someone can jump.



At the beginning of this half term we visited the Hackney Museum which helped children explore the lives of people living in Hackney decades ago. This was a fascinating experience for the children. Overall the class has done exceptionally well in all aspects of their learning so far!

A gentle reminder to parents to read with their child a few times a week and to ensure homework is handed in on time. Thank you for your continuous support!



Year 4 – Ms Waheedah & Ms Sameeha

In Year 4 we have enjoyed another exciting jam packed term! We started the term strong with a wonderful zoom lesson with the London Mithraeum exploring roman London and historic artefacts. The week after the class enjoyed a fantastic interactive workshop at the Science museum on the digestive system. Throughout our Humanities unit,



children have learnt how to use an atlas and why time differences exist around the globe, be sure to ask our child to explain.



Congratulations our 'Creative Writing' prize winners Abdulaziz, Mahad and Zoya for their fantastic writing. A big well done to Rumaysah, Zakariyah, Abdulaziz and Mahammad for their fantastic progress in Maths this term.

I hope the children enjoy a well-rested holiday and I look forward to seeing them in January.

Year 5 – Sir Alam & Sir Arif

We've had a very busy term in year 5 and I am excited to share some incredible news with all our parents and carers.

Firstly, in October, all children from year 5 entered the Young Writers poetry competition, and I am extremely proud to say that every single child's work has been chosen to be published in the book which will be released in February 2026. It's a moment to make any parent proud, having a story their child wrote selected for publication and a copy of which will be kept at the British Library.



Secondly, during the last week of November, year 5 children participated in cycle training for 1 whole week, and

all the children that took part have now become confident riders and they can cycle on the roads following safety measures.



Thirdly, we were visited by the Bonanza Creative team who carried out an important workshop about the harms of Carbon Monoxide and how to stay safe. All children were gifted with some lovely goody bags.

Fourthly, we were visited by the London Fire Brigade team who taught the children how to stay safe from fire.

Finally, as part of DT 'Global Food' we made nachos which were invented by Mexicans. We really enjoyed this dish and learning about different types of food from around the world.

All children have been working hard and with this continued effort and parental support, inshaAllah they will achieve good results.



Year 6 – Ms Nabila & Ms Fahmida

This half term we took part in Junior Citizen Scheme, involving a carousel of activities with up to ten different agencies delivering short sessions on topics relating to good citizenship with scenarios including: Travelling by Underground, London Fire Brigade, Metropolitan Police Service, St John Ambulance and the Road safety teams. All designed to help pupils prepare for the challenges they may face as they become young adults in the very near future.

In English, we learnt about features of a poem and then went on to write outstanding poems of our own using a range of figurative language.

I appreciate all the continued support from parents and carers. Have a fantastic break.



Islamic Studies

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarkaaturuh

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaaturuh,

As we come to the end of this busy autumn term, we take a moment to reflect on all that our children have achieved. Alhamdulillah, it has been a very positive term. I have seen clear improvements in both learning and behaviour, and many children are now making strong progress in their Qur'an and Islamic Studies. MashaaAllah, a number of pupils have exceeded the du'a book, and many are working above expectation in their surahs.

Alhamdulillah, we continue to strive to provide our learners with a high standard of education and personal development, firmly grounded in the Qur'an and Sunnah. It has been encouraging to see our students grow in their understanding, confidence and love for Islamic learning.

This term, in our Islamic Studies lessons and in school assemblies, teachers spoke to the children about Prophet 'Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and helped them understand the Islamic perspective during this time of year. We have also discussed the life of Prophet Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام in our school assembly. As you are aware, this is the time of year when the birth of Prophet Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is celebrated. Teachers used age-appropriate PowerPoint presentations to explain who Prophet 'Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is in Islam and how Muslims respect him as one of the great Prophets of Allah. This helped children feel confident and clear about their beliefs.

In our monthly assembly, we also shared resources to support this learning. A link has been provided below for parents to use at home to help reinforce these discussions and continue conversations with your children in a clear and supportive way.

file:///C:/Users/user/Downloads/Isa_as_new.pdf

Hifz & Essential memorisation

A gentle reminder to parents of Hifz students to please ensure daily revision at home. Regular revision is essential for strong memorisation and confidence. We also encourage all children to revise their Qur'an surahs within their salah and, where possible, to pray in congregation, helping them build a strong connection with worship.

In Islamic Studies, Year 2 and Year 3 pupils have been learning about the beautiful teachings of our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ through a range of hadith. One of the key hadith they studied, focused on kindness to neighbours.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

“Be kind to your neighbour and you will be a (complete) believer.” (Tirmidhi)

Through this hadith, children learnt that Islam teaches us to care about the people around us, to be thoughtful in our words and actions, and to understand how our behaviour can affect others. Pupils discussed practical examples of kindness, such as helping neighbours, using polite language, being considerate and avoiding actions that may upset others.

Children also explored the idea that good character is an important part of being a good Muslim, and that kindness is something we practise every day, not just talk about.

Parents are encouraged to continue these discussions at home by talking with your child about what they have learnt. A lovely way to support this learning is by spending a few minutes together each evening before bedtime reading from an Islamic book and revisiting these lessons as a family.

Finally, regarding communication, we kindly ask parents to use ClassDojo for progress in class and general messages. If there is a concern or something that needs further discussion, please contact the school office so it can be dealt with appropriately. We also ask that conversations at pick-up time are kept brief, as staff need to focus on the safe and smooth handover of children.

We pray that Allah places barakah in our children's knowledge and actions and allows us to continue building on this progress next term.

JazakAllahu khairan for your continued support.

Mufti Shah Shuaib

(Islamic Studies Coordinator)

Assalamu Alaykum

Dear parents and guardians

Masha'Allah we now come to an of another term, with a lot of learning and activities, May Allah ta'ala accept the efforts, whilst we part I thought sharing of incidents relating to the love of the sunnah of Rasool (S.A.W.), with a glimpse of the pious predecessors practices in relation to it, Insha'Allah will be a means of inspiration and a way of deriving spiritual benefits, adhering to the beloved sunnah practices of our beloved prophet (S.A.W.) , (a desirable trait for all Muslims to follow), will create love and attachment with our beloved prophet (S.A.W.).

Our own Sheikh/Teacher Hadhrat Sheikhul Hadith Moulana Yusuf Motala Saheb (Rahimahullah) was such a strict adherence of the sunnah of Rasool (S.A.W.) that on close observation one would assume that the love of Nabi (S.A.W.) has been transferred from their physical features/practises to every organ and tissues of their inner being, Alhamdulillah I say this much with gratitude of the blessing of Allah ta'ala, hence the ease in relating incidents regards the pious predecessors on such beloved topics.

Hadhrat Imam Fudhayl ibn Iyadh (Rahimahullah) was a saint of great spiritual state, his aloofness and dissociation from this temporary world was such that his doors would always remain closed for kings and rulers of their times, hence one of the revered and powerful king in the Islamic history famously known as "king Haroon Rashid (Rahimahullah)," himself a pious and a learned man, would make frequent visits to this great Imam of the highest spiritual order, sometimes even forcing his way into the door of Hadhrat fudhayl (Rahimahullah) to take heed from his sayings.

So mentioning on the virtues of Imam Fudhayl ibn Iyadh (Rahimahullah), and our main discussion on the love for the beloved Prophet (S.A.W.) and his Sunnah's, he once forgot a sunnah whilst performing wudhu, most probably whilst washing of the limbs, washing them twice instead of three times, he sees in a dream that same night being reminded by the beloved Nabi of Allah (S.A.W.) mentioning "O Fudail! It is not expected of you to omit my sunnat in wudhu".

Hadhrat fudhail (Rahimahullah) says I woke up feeling overwhelmed with fear and shock for such an admonishment from the blessed Nabi (S.A.W.) that he imposed on himself a daily practice of praying 500 NafI Rakaats for a year (for omitting a Sunnah), we learn from this, the extreme love these pious elders had for the prophet (S.A.W.) that in all step and walk of their lives, sunnah practices being a dominant feature in them. Though this dream is in fact a glad tiding for this great saint and Imam of sulook, and his Sunnah practices are being acknowledged by the Nabi (S.A.W.) and a clear sign that "the principles of love needs to be adhered to", since expectations are far greater for those who love the Nabi (S.A.W.) earning them a high spiritual state, hence such an admonishing reminder from the beloved Nabi (S.A.W.),

May Allah Ta'ala give us all tawfeek and ability to practice and devout our lives on the commands of Allah Ta'ala and his Messenger Mohammad (S.A.W.).

Moulana Sharif

Principal

AL FALAH SPRING TERM EVENTS 2025-26

Events	Date	Time	Location	Comments/Who
Last day of autumn term	19-Dec-25	8am - 11.40am	Al Falah School	All
End of autumn term holiday	22 Dec 2025 - 5 Jan 2026	2 weeks		All
Spring term	Tuesday 6 Jan - Friday 27 March 2026			
Inset Day	05-Jan-26	9am - 12pm	Al Falah School	All staff
First day of school for children	06-Jan-26	8am - 3.40pm	Al Falah School	All
PE teacher training	14-Jan-26	9am - 4pm	Wapping Centre	PE teacher
Y5 trip to Apple Store, Westfield	15-Jan-26	9.30am - 12pm	Westfield, Stratford	Year 5 class
Y6 SATs boosters	19 Jan - 4 May 2026	12.20pm - 1.20pm	Year 6 class	Year 6 students
Muslim schools show	24-Jan-26	11am - 5pm	London Muslim Centre, E1	All welcome
World Hijab Day	30-Jan-26	All day	Al Falah School	All
National story telling week	2 - 8 Feb 26	AM	Al Falah School	All
Mental health week	2 - 8 Feb 26	All day	Al Falah School	
SLT meeting	04-Feb-26	12pm	HT Office	SLT staff
Y5 & Y3 Animal Aid workshop	10-Feb-26	9am - 12pm	Year 5 & Year 3 class	Y5 & Y3 children
Safer Internet day	10-Feb-26	AM	Al Falah School	All
Assessment week (NC)	9 - 12 Feb	AM	Al Falah School	NC
Governing body meeting	TBC	12pm	Al Falah School	All Governors
Last day of spring half term	13-Feb-26		Al Falah School	All
Half term holiday	16 - 20 Feb 2026	Whole week		All
First day of school	23-Feb-26	Starts at 8 am	Al Falah School	All
School council election week	24 - 26 Feb	AM	Al Falah School	All
International Mother Language day	26-Feb-26	Whole day	Al Falah School	All
World book day	26-Feb-26	Whole day	Al Falah School	All
Ramadan	18 Feb - 19 March 2026	9am - 2.30pm		All
Ramadan & Eid holidays	16 - 20 March 2026	Whole week	Al Falah school	All
World Maths day	25-Mar-26	AM	Online	All
End of spring term holiday	30 Mar - 10 April 2026	2 weeks		All
First day of school	13-Apr-26	Starts at 8 am	Al Falah School	All

***Dates may change without prior notice.**

*During Ramadan school starts at 9am and finishes at 2.30pm (On Friday school starts at 9am and finishes at 11.40am).