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Newsletter



FEBRUARY

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah

As we reach Spring half term, we would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the term. We hope you and your children enjoy a well-deserved break and have time to rest and recharge.

The days pass very quickly, and the blessed month of Ramadan will be approaching during the half-term holiday. As in previous years, our timetable will change slightly during Ramadan.

The revised timetable will take effect from **Monday 23rd February 2026**. Please refer to the separate timetable provided for the second half of the school term. We wish all our families a happy and blessed Ramadan.

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.

Ramadan

Gates will open at 8.45am and will classes will start at 9am sharp Monday to Friday.

School will finish at 2.30am Monday to Thursday and at 11.40am on Friday.

Please ensure children DO NOT arrive after 9am.

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.

Muslim Schools Show

Al-Falah participated at the AMS Muslim Schools Show at the London Muslim Centre in Whitechapel.

Many Muslim schools were present and held stalls showcasing their schools and it was great opportunity to meet potential parents.





World Book Day

The children looked wonderful and clearly put a lot of effort into their outfits. Thank you to all parents



and carers for your time, creativity and support in

helping to make the day special. It was lovely to see everyone celebrating books together.

February half term holiday will start from **Monday 16th February** until **Friday 20th February 2026.**

School will reopen for children on **Monday 23rd February 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): Aaliya Shah, Aamir, Abubakar, Adam, Aisha, Aliya Sidra, Eyaz, Hafsa, Hana, Hanad, Husna, Ibraheem, Idil, Khalif, Muhammad-Sufyan, Sara, Yusuf & Zakariya
Year 2	Pencil (15 merits): Aasiyah, Dihyah, Fatima, Haneen, Ibrahim K, Ibrahim L, Ilyas Shah, Khadejah, Maryum, Muhammad, Sanayah, Unaisa, Yaseen, Zain, Zayd, Umar & Hannah
Year 3	Pencil (15 merits): Yunus, Amilah, Ilyas & Ayub Bronze badge (40 merits): Mira, Haifa, Safiyyah, Usman, Mohamed Nurein, Khadijah, Tasneem, Ibrahim Nur & Zackariyya
Year 4	Pencil (15 merits): Mickael, Zaki & Mahad Bronze badge (40 merits): Haania, Abdirahman, Mahammad Sharif & Zoya.
Year 5	Bronze badge (40 merits): Abdirahman, Abdul Qayyum, Humeyra, Ayah, Hanaan, Khadijah, Jamila, Amira, Bashaar & Musa
Year 6	Pencil (15 merits): Zakariya, Hafid, Ibrahim, Is'haaq, Khalid & Yaqub Bronze badge (40 merits): Muhammed & Abdul Muhsin



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



<u>Year</u>	<u>National Curriculum & Islamic Curriculum</u>	
Year 1	Ibraheem Patel	Yusuf Kolia
Year 2	Maryum Bint Amran	Haneen Noor Jalil
Year 3	Mira Beslimane	Mohamed Nurein
Year 4	Abdirahman Yussuf	Mahammad Sharif
Year 5	Hiba Benatalh	Bashaar Ibrahim
Year 6	Is'haaq Khan	Muhammad Bin Fahad
Hifz Class	Hafiz Khalid Patel	

Class Attendance and Punctuality:

Well done to YEAR 3 for achieving the highest attendance in the school for January 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!



Messages from class teachers

Year 1 – Ms Khadija & Ms Dina

It has been a pleasure teaching Year 1 this term! The children have been working very hard and have had a fantastic time learning, especially in English where we focused on writing recounts and enjoyed exploring the story of *The Gingerbread Man*, ending the unit by making our very own gingerbread men, which the children really enjoyed. Masha 'Allah, the children have shown a strong understanding of time words and sequencing when retelling and writing their recounts.

In Maths, we have been differentiating between 2D and 3D shapes and working on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. The children were also very excited learning about the United Kingdom in Geography, particularly exploring London and its famous landmarks.

Jazak'Allah to all the parents for their continuous support in completing homework and revising spellings regularly at home — this has really shown in the children's spelling test results! Have a lovely holiday!

Year 2 – Ms Fahmida

This term Year Two have worked brilliantly and improved upon writing imaginative stories including the use of adjectives, inverted commas and similes. We have been trying to use more sophisticated and ambitious vocabulary by learning alternative words to 'said' to be implemented in their writing. Their hard work and enthusiasm is clearly reflected in the progress they have all made this term.

They have been creating their own power point slideshows this term using features like the animation, design and font. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning about nurses from the past using role play to look at their contribution to the field of medicine and how medicine has progressed through time.

Keep up the hard work and continue practicing spellings, reading and times tables at home.

Enjoy your holiday! 😊

Year 3 - Ms Abedah

Well done to all of the Year Three children for working really hard this half term. Most of the children have managed to learn up to their 8 timetables. They've worked really hard on their handwriting this half term. Parents are reminded to keep up with the practice of reading, spellings and timetables.

In PSHE the class learnt about the importance of saving money. The class showed lots of enthusiasm as we explored several parts of the topic, including financial risks, saving, prioritising, budgeting, borrowing, investing, paying and much more.

For science the class explored various forces and magnets. Through experiments they tested friction on several surfaces. They also enjoyed finding magnetic vs non-magnetic materials and objects around the class. Within Computing, children learnt how to carry out various tasks, such as saving files, opening multiple windows at once, printing, creating safe passwords, aligning text, using bullet points and numbers, changing font, using caps lock and lots more.

Overall, it has been a productive but short term. A huge thank you to parents for their continuous support.



Year 4 – Ms Waheedah

Alhamdulillah we have completed another half term where children have worked exceeding hard and this has been reflected in the fantastic progress made. The children in particular have worked really hard on improving their handwriting; many being awarded with their pen licenses.

A quick special mention to the following children

- Well done to Zubayr for memorising all multiplications up to 12 x 12.
- Congratulatory to Eesa and Mikaeel who were awarded with their pen license this term.
- Well done to Abdirahman and Zakariyah for the continued improvement in their handwriting and overall presentation of work.
- Well done to Haania and Sumayyah for their fantastic work in Maths this term solving 2 step word problems.
- Well done to Mahad for always being on his best behaviour.

I hope the class enjoy a well-rested holiday ready to welcome in the blessed month of Ramadan. Stay safe.

Year 5 – Sir Alam

We have already reached the middle of the academic year and before we know it, the year will be over. Alhamdulillah everyone has been working hard and we are on track with all our lessons.

On 15 January 2026, children visited the Apple Store in Westfield, Stratford and learnt how to code using Swift Playground. They used Swift code to

customise their games and everyone really enjoyed the session.

Children will also participate in two different workshops on the Thursday 12th February. First workshop will be run by an

organisation called Animal Aid who will speak about being kind to animals and various animal behaviours. The second workshop will be about the Police Force run by a police officer who will speak about knife crime, how to stay safe and the different roles in the force. We are looking forward to both sessions.



In Art we were studying about the Seaside and we created our own paper fish lanterns.

Have a great holiday everyone and prepare for Ramadan!

Year 6 – Ms Nabila

This half term, Year 6 have demonstrated some fantastic progress in both Maths and English. We have even started our extra booster revision classes, which have been running smoothly with some great results already!

In PSHE lessons, the children have been learning about democracy and how everyone's voice matters in a diverse Britain. They have explored ways in which decisions are made fairly. As part of this learning, the children have even created a pledge, committing to positive actions that will help their community and demonstrate how they can make a difference together.

Enjoy the holidays!

I appreciate all the continued support from parents and carers.

Islamic Studies

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

Student Progress and Home Support

Alhamdulillah, we are pleased with the overall progress of the students. Many have shown good improvement in their reading, memorisation, and confidence. This progress is the result of consistent effort in class, along with the support of parents at home, and we sincerely thank you for this.

To continue building on this progress, it is very important that children are reminded to revise their **duas and different surahs in their daily salah**. Teachers regularly remind students to revise surahs through salah, but this practice needs to be reinforced at home as well. When children revise the same surahs in class, at home, and in salah, their learning becomes stronger and more consistent.

Parents are kindly encouraged to remind their children to spend **at least 20 minutes each day** revising their current lesson and preparing the **new lesson for the next day**. This daily routine makes a clear difference in confidence, fluency, and overall progress.

Teachers also consistently share messages on **ClassDojo** regarding homework, reminders, and student progress. Parents are encouraged to check these updates regularly and to ask questions if they need clarification about their child's learning or progress.

When the Prophet ﷺ sighted the moon of Rajab, he would frequently make the following dua:

Allahumma bārik lanā fī Rajaba wa Sha'bāna wa ballighnā Ramaḍān

O Allah, bless us in Rajab and Sha'ban, and allow us to reach Ramadan. (Reported by Ahmad and Tabrani)

This hadith highlights the importance of spiritual preparation during the months of Rajab and Sha'ban so that we can fully benefit from Ramadan.

We have now entered the blessed month of **Sha'ban**, a time for self-reflection and preparation before Ramadan. The Prophet ﷺ placed great emphasis on this month and increased his acts of worship, especially fasting.

Aisha Radiyallāhu 'anhā reported:

"I never saw the Messenger of Allah ﷺ fast more in any month than he did in Sha'ban. He used to fast all of Sha'ban except for a little."

(Bukhari and Muslim)

Our Goals for Ramadan

Our aim by the end of Ramadan should be to achieve two main things:

1. Taqwa

Becoming more conscious of Allah, which helps us stay away from bad actions and increases us in good deeds.

2. Forgiveness from Allah

Encourage sincere dua, especially at the time of iftar and during tahajjud. These are blessed moments when duas are accepted. Children should also be encouraged to increase in istighfar, particularly by saying: ***Astaghfirullah Rabbi***

Protecting the Fast

The Ulama mention that certain actions harm the reward of fasting. Two major ones to be mindful of are:

- Backbiting
- Misuse of the eyes

Please remind children to be careful with their speech and what they watch, especially while fasting.

Good Habits to Encourage in Ramadan

We should help our children develop the following habits during this month:

- Avoid unnecessary gatherings
- Stay away from futile and time-wasting activities
- Safeguard the tongue
- Take time for self-reflection, especially at tahajjud
- Organise time well between worship, rest, and daily responsibilities

Role of Parents

Children learn most from what they see at home. Your encouragement, reminders, and personal example play a huge role in their progress. Please support your children by helping them maintain good habits such as daily Quran reading, making dua, learning good manners, and praying salaah on time. Fathers are encouraged to take boys to the masjid where possible.

Ramadan is not only about fasting from food. It is about building character, discipline, and a stronger connection with Allah.

May Allah accept our fasting, our duas, and our efforts, and place barakah in the learning and actions of our children.

A Message for Our Children

Dear Children

Ramadan is a very special gift from Allah. It comes once a year to help us become better Muslims and better people. During Ramadan, try your best to:

- Pray your salaah on time
- Read some Quran every day, even a little
- Learn your duas and short surahs
- Speak kindly and avoid arguing
- Stay away from things that waste time
- Be helpful and respectful at home

Remember, fasting is not just about staying hungry. It is about controlling our tongue, our eyes, and our behaviour, and doing things that make Allah happy.

Try to make dua every day, especially at iftar time. Ask Allah to forgive you, help you become better, and bless your parents and family.

Even small efforts in Ramadan are very special. Allah loves it when you try your best.

May Allah accept your fasting, your prayers, and your good actions. Ameen.

JazakAllahu khairan for your continued support.

Mufti Shah Shuaib (Islamic Studies Coordinator)

AL FALAH SPRING TERM EVENTS 2025-26

Events	Date	Time	Location
World book day	10-Feb-26	Whole day	Al Falah School
Y5 & Y3 Animal Aid workshop	12-Feb-26	10am - 12.20pm	Year 5 & Year 3 class
Y2 & Y5 Police workshop	12-Feb-26	9am - 11am	Year 2 & Year 5 class
Safer Internet day	10-Feb-26	AM	Al Falah School
Assessment week (NC)	9 - 12 Feb 2026	AM	Al Falah School
Last day of spring half term	13-Feb-26		Al Falah School
Half term holiday	16 - 20 Feb 2026	Whole week	
First day of school	23-Feb-26	Starts at 8 am	Al Falah School
School council election week	24 - 26 Feb 2026	AM	Al Falah School
International Mother Language day	26-Feb-25	Whole day	Al Falah School
Ramadan	18 Feb - 19 Mar 26	9am - 2.30pm	
Ramadan & Eid holidays	16 - 20 March 26	Whole week	Al Falah school
World Maths day	25-Mar-26	AM	Online
End of spring term holiday	30 Mar - 10 Apr 26	2 weeks	