

THE LIGHT

NEWSLETTER OF NOOR UL ISLAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
SPRING 1, FEBRUARY 2025 | SHAABAN 1446 AH



Important Dates

Mon 24th Feb
Children return to school

Tue 25th Feb
Last PE lesson
at Score Centre

Wed 26th Feb
Ramadan Exhibition

1st March 
Start of Ramadan

Sun 16th March
Ramadan Souk

Fri 21st March
Last Day of half term
End at 12pm midday
Non-uniform day:
thobes and abayas

Note:
Thur 17th April
World Book day

Regular communication

Meet the teacher
Call or arrange a meeting
Jumuah notice
Newsletter

Celebrating achievements and *muhaasabah*

Another incredible half-term, masha'Allah! Our newsletters offer just a glimpse of the excitement, creativity, and dedication your children have demonstrated throughout their learning journey.

We are delighted to share that our recent Ofsted report highlighted many of our strengths, and there is much to be proud of. We have already begun working on the areas identified for further development, ensuring that our school continues to grow and thrive.

The report recognised our commitment to nurturing kind-hearted and thoughtful citizens, fostering a love of reading, and providing well-resourced library corners in every classroom. It praised our expert phonics teaching, strong focus on language and mathematical development, and dedication to identifying and supporting children with SEND. The strong relationships between staff, parents and carers were also acknowledged as a key strength of our school. (Ofsted 2025)

As we approach the blessed month of Ramadan, we take time to reflect on our achievements and engage in self-evaluation, both individually and as a school community. We look ahead with aspiration and confidence, ready to embrace challenges and seize new opportunities. This practice of *muḥāsabah*—holding ourselves accountable and striving for improvement—is a cornerstone of our personal and collective growth.

Thabit ibn al-Hajjaj reported: Umar ibn al-Khattab, may Allah be pleased with him, said, "Hold yourselves accountable before you are held accountable and evaluate yourselves before you are evaluated, for the Reckoning will be easier upon you tomorrow if you hold yourselves accountable today."

Source: *Muḥāsabat al-Nafs li-Ibn Abī Dunyā 2*

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, governors and parents for their unwavering support. Your commitment enables Noor ul Islam Primary School to provide the best possible learning opportunities for all our pupils. May we continue to strive for excellence together.



Thanks to the PTFA and sr Saima for organising the Quran Fest celebration party!



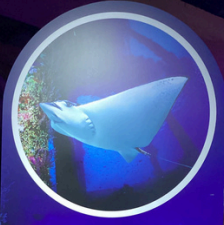
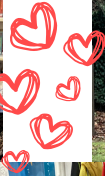
Our very first library visit!

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RECEPTION

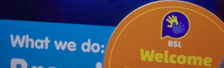
...We also went to the park!



Rays

Rays are one of the most graceful and beautiful creatures in the ocean. But watch out they have a very strong bite!

They live for a very long time and reproduce slowly. This means that they are often caught before they have a chance to breed.

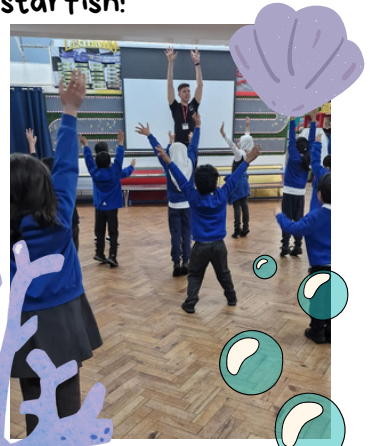
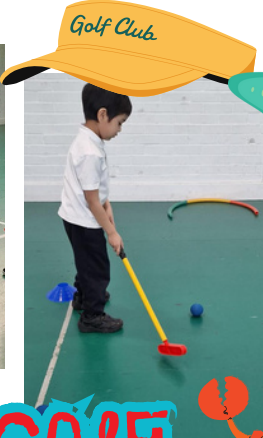


Here's us busy getting prepared for Ramadan!

We had lots of fun exploring different sea creatures!

YEAR 1

We enjoyed a fun packed session practising our drama skills. We walked like a crab, swam like a fish and stood like a starfish!



TRI GOLF FESTIVAL

Drama workshop under the Sea

Year 1 competed with schools from across the borough in a tri-golf festival. We learned how to putt using golf clubs.



ART

We can make the colours orange, green and purple.



YEAR 2

*We learned to pray
Salah at the masjid.*



*We went on an adventure under
the sea to find stolen treasure
as part of our Drama workshop.*



*We used our money
knowledge to go on a
shopping trip.*

**Cricket
Festival**

We got the opportunity to learn some new cricket skills and have a friendly competition with other schools in the borough.

YEAR 3

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

**TRI-GOLF
SKILLS**

Competing with schools across the borough,
Year 3 experienced shooting skills in golf!



3D family projects!
Learning to understand healthy food portions!

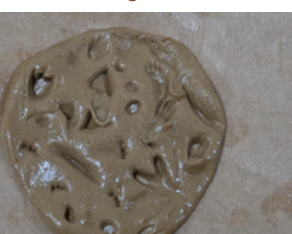
**HEALTHY
FOOD
PORTIONS**



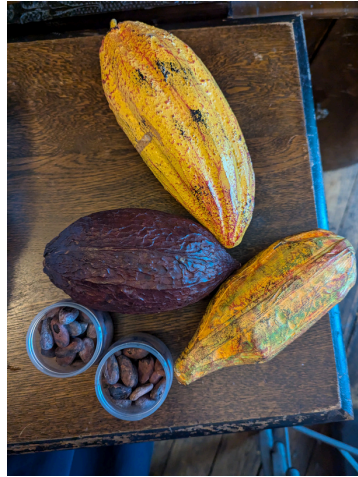
Learning to make crusts, spread passata and cheese toppings and bake like a chef!

**BAKING
IMPRINT
FOSSILS?!**

Exploring how fossils are formed, we mimicked imprint fossils with baking!



Year 4 visited The Chocolate Museum at the 'Melange Chocolate' Branch as part of their Geography topic 'Where does our food come from?' They attended a guided workshop where they learnt about trading fairly, the countries and biomes in which cocoa beans grow and how the various types of chocolates are produced. They saw the journey of the cocoa bean from bean to a chocolate bar. The children had the opportunity to taste seven types of chocolate and to make their own chocolate truffles.



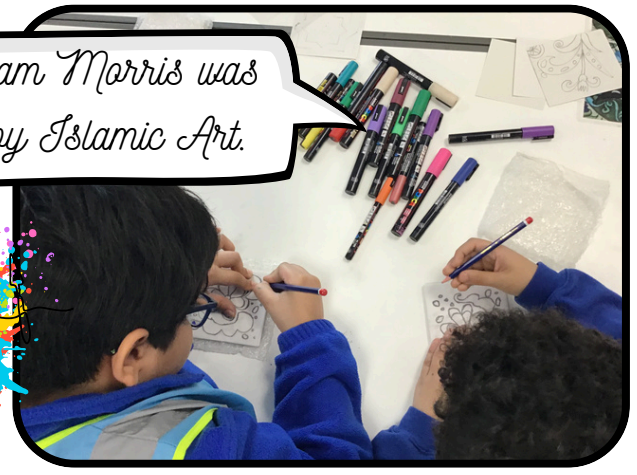
YEAR 5 MAKKAH



*We went to William Morris Gallery!
Look at the amazing tiles we made
ourselves!*



*So William Morris was
inspired by Islamic Art.*



YEAR 5 MADINAH



You are going to make your very own tiles using William Morris' style.



William Morris was inspired by Islamic Art and designed his own tapestries and lovely paintings.



Once upon a time, there was a boy who found the Last Thing.



YEAR 6

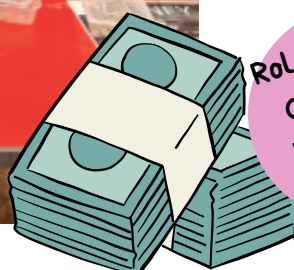
Year 6 had an eventful Spring! They raised a whopping £1541.94 Allahumma barik! It was a great learning opportunity for all children, whether buying or selling!



yummy



Meet our finance department! Our cashiers and accountants!



Role plays as Uncle Claude from The Invention of Hugo Cabret



Plenary
...the individual ... to create a 'class ...
... to film; this will ... following lesson

Islamic Studies Corner

Qur'an Competition

What a vibe!

Masha'Allah! The Qur'an Competition brought an incredible buzz to our school! We saw children wholeheartedly practising their recitations, meticulously imitating their chosen sheikhs. Every corner of the school resonated with the sounds of Qur'an, and parents shared how their homes were filled with beautiful recitations as their children eagerly prepared.

The competition was a whirlwind of emotions, with everyone closely tracking the Instagram votes. Ustaadh Eshan kept the children updated daily, igniting enthusiasm and a spirit of friendly competition. We celebrated victories in Reception and Year 1, faced challenges in Year 2, Year 3, and Year 4, and then made a crucial strategic shift when Year 5 started falling behind on Thursday evening.

On Friday, our Year 6 boys stepped up, printing QR codes and heading to Noor ul Islam Masjid for Jumu'ah, rallying attendees to vote. Alhamdulillah, their efforts, along with the incredible support from the PTFA, paid off—we gained over 200 likes that day, staging a spectacular comeback and securing wins for both Year 5 and Year 6!

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the staff, children, parents and their contacts, the PTFA, and Noor ul Islam Masjid for your tremendous support throughout the competition. Your dedication and teamwork truly made a difference!

We also got the great Nasheed artists, Zain Bhikha and Omar Esa to vote for us!

This experience was truly uplifting, and we pray that Allah accepts our efforts and grants barakah in our students' journey with the Qur'an. Ameen.



Getting Ready for the Masjid



Reception, Year 1,
Year 5 and Year 6!



Islamic Studies Corner

Qur'an Competition

What a vibe!

Each Class Copying A Sheikh



Reception – Surah Masad
Sheikh Abdullah Basfar



Year 1 – Surah Qari'ah
Sheikh Khalil Al Hussary



Year 2 – Surah A'adiyat
Our take on Sheikh Mishary Rashid



Year 3 – Surah Balad
Sheikh Mishary Rashid



Year 4 – Surah Maryam
Our take on Sheikh Khalil Al Hussary



Year 5 Makkah – Surah Duhaa



Year 5 Madinah – Surah Maryam
Our take on Sheikh Khalil Al Hussary



Year 6 – Surah Shams

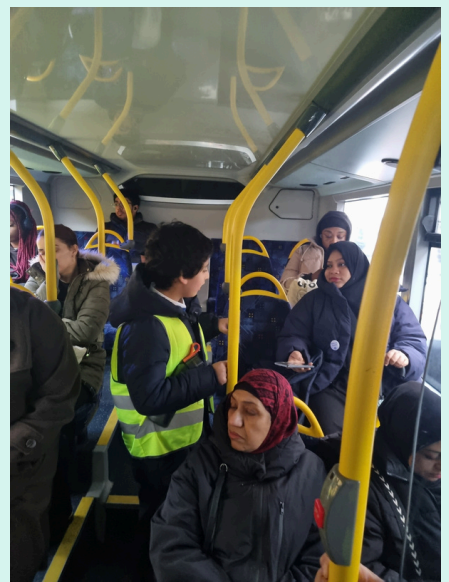
Year 6 At The Masjid



Asking Musalli to vote on the spot



Having a break with Burger and Chips!



Ibraheem getting votes from the bus passengers as well!

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INTERNET SAFETY DAY

The theme of this year's Internet Safety Day was:

'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'

To help strengthen children's understanding of online safety and how to navigate the digital world, they had the chance to participate in a role-playing activity and workshop. This allowed them to learn how to identify scams and understand the steps to take if they encounter one.



Safe Online

At Noor ul Islam Primary School, we take the safety of our children very seriously, both in the real world and online. This page contains lots of information ...

noorulislamprimaryschool.org.uk

BLOCK IT!

FLAG IT!

NOOR UL ISLAM PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS
The Ramadan Experience
NUIPS EXHIBITION 2025

*Join us on **Wed 26th Feb**, for a special Ramadan Exhibition, where our children will proudly showcase their knowledge and creativity in preparation for this blessed month of Ramadan.*



Venue: Noor Ul Islam Primary Hall
135 Dawlish Road, E10 6QW
www.noorulislamprimaryschool.org.uk
Time: 9:00am-4.30pm

Not for public:
invited guests
and parents
only



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Book your visit by emailing the school on:
primary.school@noorulislam.org.uk

PREPARING FOR RAMADAN

Ramadan Preparation Checklist

Calculate and
give Zakat

Home
Cleaning

Groceries
Shopping

Ramadan
Meal
Planning

Ramadan
Decor

Kids
Activities

Ibadah
Plan

Zakatul fitr
&
Sadaqa

Eid
Shopping



**Buy your
dates
from the
school!
All funds
go
towards
the
school.
Get in
touch
with the
PTFA!**

Support Noor Ul Islam Primary School Fund

Why Your Support Matters

We want to ensure that our education remains accessible and school fees are kept as low as possible. However, this means we rely on additional fundraising to meet our financial obligations.

www.justgiving.com/campaign/noorulislamprimaryschool

How You Can Help

We encourage you to support our fundraising efforts by contributing to our JustGiving page.

Please also share this initiative with your family, friends, and networks to help us reach our goal. Together, we can ensure that Noor Ul Islam Primary School continues to grow, learn and thrive insha Allah! The package below is a guide and choosing one of those packages will go a long way insha Allah.

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PACKAGE GUIDE

ONE TERM

£270



TWO TERMS

£540

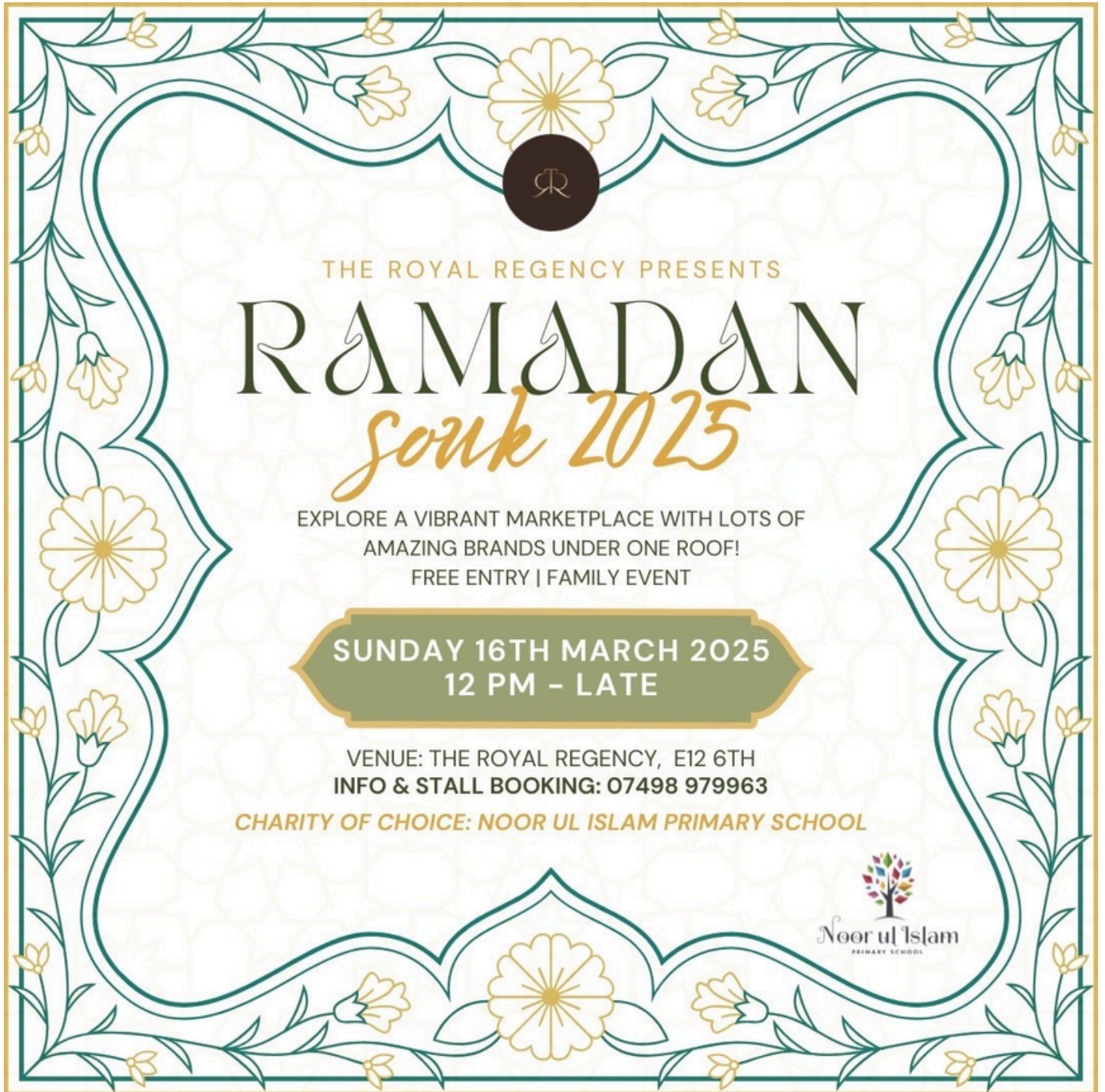


THREE TERMS

£810



**AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED – SUPPORT
THE PTFA AT THE FOOD STALL!**



THE ROYAL REGENCY PRESENTS


RAMADAN

Souk 2025

EXPLORE A VIBRANT MARKETPLACE WITH LOTS OF
AMAZING BRANDS UNDER ONE ROOF!
FREE ENTRY | FAMILY EVENT

**SUNDAY 16TH MARCH 2025
12 PM - LATE**

VENUE: THE ROYAL REGENCY, E12 6TH
INFO & STALL BOOKING: 07498 979963
CHARITY OF CHOICE: NOOR UL ISLAM PRIMARY SCHOOL



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from
Netmums'
experts

VEGANUARY:
quick &
easy plant-
based
recipes

BECOME
A NATURE
DETECTIVE

LEARN
snowsport
skills

JOE
WICKS

*on helping families to eat better,
move more and save money in 2025*

Proud to partner with
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Uber Eats

Building a happier, healthier family lifestyle

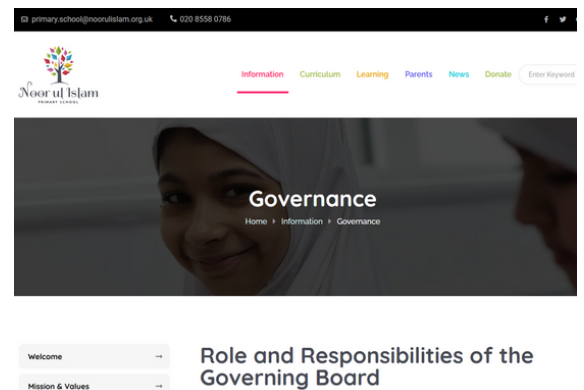
Meet the governor

Nazneen Chowdhury - Link governor for Health and Safety

I am Nazneen Chowdhury and delighted to join the Governing Board at Noor Ul Islam Primary School. I will be a link governor for health and safety and will support the school in providing a safe and secure environment for both students and staff.

I have one child in Year four. I have grown up in the local area and saw the expansion of the Noor Ul Islam community from a house to a thriving part of the Leyton/Waltham Forest community. From attending the masjid, Eid prayers, pre-school and primary school, parents I know I can make an impactful contribution to continue to sustain and improve the school.

In addition to my local knowledge, I have a solid background in health and social care regulation, working in different functions and disciplines at the Care Quality Commission/CQC. Currently as a senior manager, I work as part of the senior leadership team of London and East of England Operations, I monitor, report and escalate compliance of providers against the Health and Social Care Act. I make sure risks are identified and properly managed. I know this experience is transferable to the school environment and I will be working with the Headteacher, Caretaker and Office Manager to monitor compliance to all aspects of health and safety; utilising my role as part of the Governing Board to report and escalate as needed. I love travelling, reading, shopping, eating, staying active as part of my wellbeing and now I know I will enjoy being a governor.



Should you wish to contact a governor, you can do so through the school's office or email the school addressing the governors.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

FAMILY HOMEWORK PROJECT RAMADAN

Every school holiday, families at Noor ul Islam Primary School will be taking part in our 'Family Homework Project'.

Children, siblings and parents/carers can learn together and have fun trying new activities. This holiday's project theme is: **Ramadan**. Some of the most creative pieces will be put up in class and in the hall. Let's have some fun and get the whole family together! Please see below for some ideas on what you could do! You can think of your own ideas too! Be creative!

Reception

Create a 3D object for the ramadan exhibition of your choice.

Year 1

IFTAR PLATE

Create a poster or a 3D model of the different types of food you like enjoying during iftar.



Year 2



Charity Box Decoration

CREATE AND DECORATE A SMALL CHARITY BOX AND COINS TO GO WITH YOUR BOX.



YEAR 3

DESIGN A POP UP PAGE HIGHLIGHTING YOUR FAVOURITE PARTS OF RAMADAN.



Year 4

Create a food diary of what you eat during Suhoor and Iftaar during Ramadan.

Use your art skills by sketching the foods you eat alongside the names of each type of food.

You could make a key/ symbol for the foods that you eat regularly.



YEAR 5

Create an informative poster about the benefits and importance of fasting in Ramadan. What is Takwah?

You can plan and research before starting your poster to help you find all necessary information.

YEAR 6

Create a poster about the importance and virtues of the Qur'an.

Can you include hadeeth/Quranic ayahs?



CERTIFICATES FOR FIRST WEEK BACK WILL BE FOR BEST FAMILY HOMEWORK BROUGHT IN TO SCHOOL



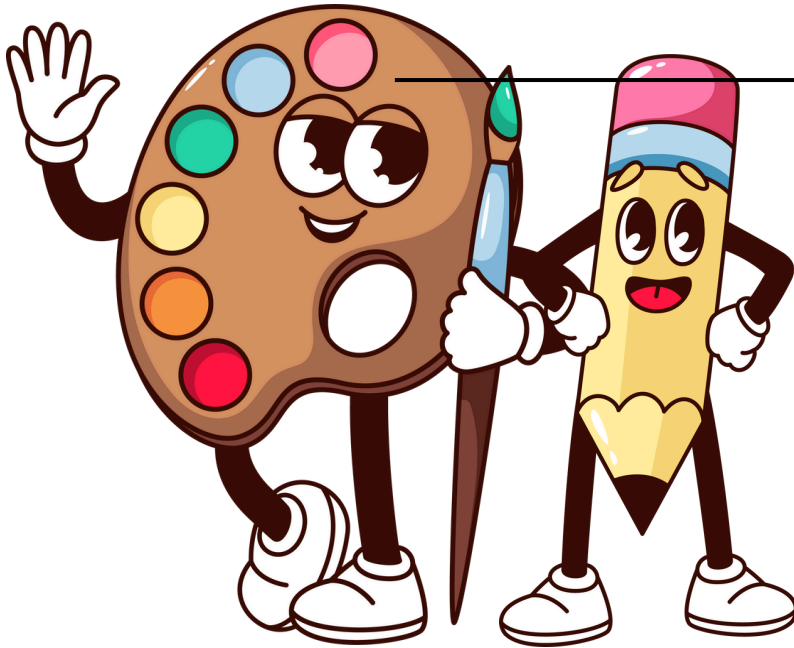
**Prizes
to be
WON**

**Active
Travel**

**Art
Competition**

20
25

Walk/scoot/bike to school and create a captivating poster about the fun you had on the way!



Judging Criteria

Creativity and Originality

Promote active travel



Submission Guidelines

Format

Submit your design to your class Travel Ambassadors

Deadline

All entries must be submitted by 28th February 2025

OPEN FOR ALL CLASSES

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY JAN 2025 – FEB 2025

Important
Dates

WHOLE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE: 92%

PUNCTUALITY: 98%

Attendance		
Rank	Class	%
1st	Year 4	95.1%
2nd	Year 5 Makkah	94.9%
3rd	Year 6	94.8%
4th	Year 2	92.5%
5th	Year 5 Madinah	91.7%
6th	Reception	90.7%
	Year 3	90.7%
7th	Year 1	88.8%

Punctuality		
Rank	Class	%
1st	Year 5 Makkah	98.9%
	Year 2	98.9%
2nd	Year 6	98.2%
3rd	Reception	98.1%
4th	Year 4	97.4%
5th	Year 3	97.1%
6th	Year 1	96.5%
7th	Year 5 Madinah	96.2%



CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Reception

Sumayya Haseeb for always showing respect to her Ustaadah's, having a responsible attitude to her learning and a warm smile on her face everyday lighting up the classroom.

Eesa Jiwani for his sensible attitude by showing role model behaviour for the class, working hard in all aspects of his learning and respecting the adults around him.

Year 1

Qirat Umer for demonstrating perseverance in upholding the school values and encouraging others to do the same.

Yusuf Kiani for consistently attending school with perseverance and putting in his best effort to stay on track.

Year 2

Idrees Abdillahi & Raneem Hajaj For working really hard to uphold the school's values.

Year 3

Aayat Durrani for her calm and composed demeanour amongst her peers and being a helpful member of the class! Well done and keep up the good work!

Ilyas Khan for his growing confidence in striving to reach his fullest potential. Keep going, you're doing great!

Year 4

Hafsa Dini for her contribution to class discussions and for always pushing herself to do her best in all subject areas.

Amin Jeilani for his growing confidence when speaking in public and for his excellent participation in class.

Year 5 Makkah

Ammaar Rasheed for his growing self-confidence and participation in class discussions.

Nusaiba Bint-Hamim for excellent manners, communicating with confidence and working hard.

Year 5 Madinah

Khadija Hussain for her considerate and kind nature, showing a willingness to help others and being a great role model to her peers.

Adam Basi - for his kind and friendly nature, and his dedication to working hard in lessons with a positive attitude.

Year 6

Zayd Haseeb for consistently demonstrating and upholding the core values of Noor ul Islam primary with ihsaan! Allahumma barik.

Hafsah Qureshi for her remarkable diligence in learning and approaching each day with a growth mindset and striving for excellence! Allahumma barik.



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Apply for new YEAR 1 places for September 2025



“The school encourages children to grow, learn and thrive.”

“The school encourages a love of reading. Every classroom has a well-resourced library corner. Teachers expertly model sounds when delivering the school’s chosen phonics programme.”

(Ofsted 2024)

VISIT OR CALL US!

 noorulislamprimaryschool.org.uk/parents



020 8558 0786 (option 2)

