

ISLAMIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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AS-SALAMU ALAYKUM

Jumuah/Friday Bulletin



Headteacher's Message

As Salam Alaykoom wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

Labbayk Allahumma Labbayk

As we enter the Blessed month of Hajj we turn to Allah and engage in the ultimate act of worship, encompassing the spirit of all other forms of devotion and requiring great sacrifice. On this unique occasion, around three million Muslims from across the globe travel to Makkah to pray together. Regardless of the season, as male pilgrims we wear special clothing known as Ihram — two simple, unstitched white garments that remove all distinctions of wealth, status, class, and culture. In this state, everyone stands united and equal before God. Through this, a person's social or economic status, or national origin, cannot be identified by what they wear. During Hajj, people of every race and nationality come together in worship, demonstrating unity, equality, and devotion to God.

The Talbiya **"I respond to Your call O Allah! I respond to Your call. You have no partner. I respond to Your call. All praise, thanks and blessings are for You. All sovereignty is for You. And You have no partners with You."**

Alim Shaikh

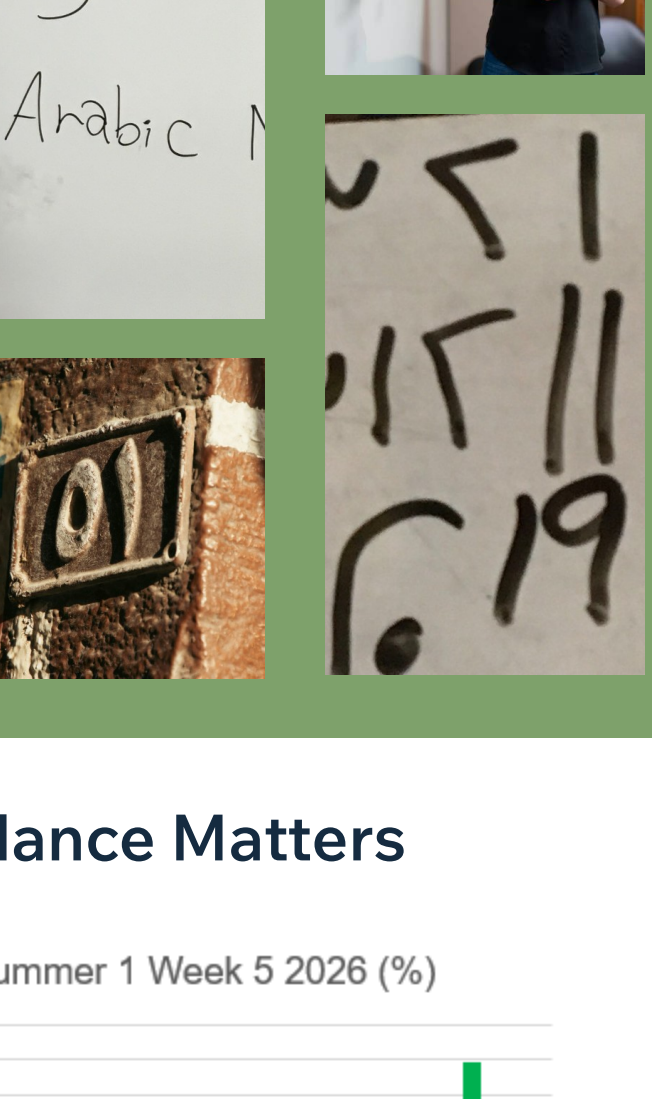
Year 6 Rise to the Challenge

Y6 rise to the Challenge

This week, our Year 6 pupils completed their SATs with resilience, maturity, and determination. The week began in a very special way, with pupils from across the school lining the corridors to cheer and clap the children as they made their way to sit their first paper. The atmosphere was full of encouragement and support, helping our Year 6 pupils feel proud and confident as they faced the week ahead. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude and perseverance shown by all of the children throughout the tests. They approached each challenge with focus and should feel extremely proud of all they have achieved. **A special thank you goes to the Year 6 teaching team for their hard work, dedication, and support in preparing the children so well.** We would also like to recognise and thank all members of staff and indeed parents who have contributed to the children's learning journeys over the years. Every teacher, teaching assistant, and member of staff has played an important part in helping our pupils grow into the wonderful young people they are today.

Our Craft Clubs

Our Craft Club pupils have been developing their sewing skills this term and have shown fantastic creativity and concentration in their projects. They have been learning basic stitching techniques, how to safely use sewing equipment, and how to follow simple patterns. The children were very proud of their handmade creations and decorative details. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow each week.



My First Hajj Guide for Kids

A simple way to understand the journey of Hajj

What is Hajj?

Hajj is a special journey Muslims make to worship Allah.

What Do We Learn?

- Be patient
- Obey Allah
- Remember Allah

Reflection

What is one thing Hajj teaches us?

Remember! Hajj is one of the 5 Pillars of Islam

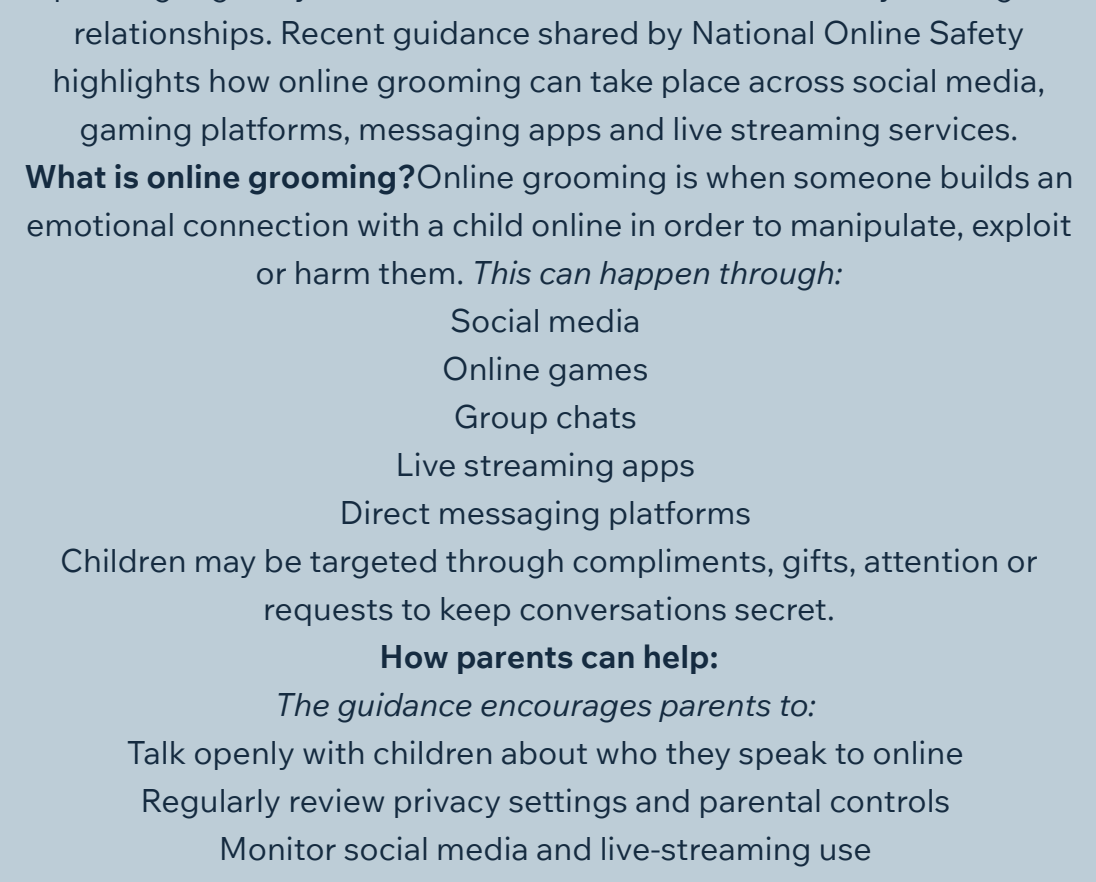
- Shahadah
- Salah
- Zakah
- Sawm
- Hajj

The Steps of Hajj

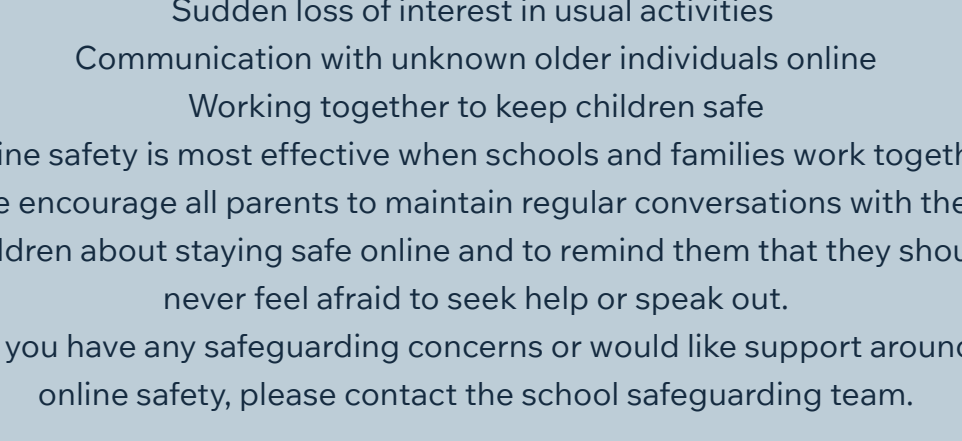
Follow the journey step by step

- 1 Make Intention (Niyyah)**
We make the intention in our hearts to go for Hajj Allah.
- 2 Wear Ihram**
Men wear simple white sheets and women wear loose clothing.
- 3 Travel to Makkah**
We travel to the holy city of Makkah.
- 4 Tawaf**
We walk around the Ka'bah 7 times.
- 5 Sa'i between Safa & Marwah**
We walk between the hills of Safa and Marwah 7 times.
- 6 Stay in Mina**
We stay in tents in Mina for dhikr, dua and to rest.
- 7 Go to Arafah**
We go to Arafah and make lots of dua. This is the most important day.
- 8 Stay at Muzdalifah**
We stay the night at Muzdalifah and collect small pebbles.
- 9 Rami (Stoning the Jamarat)**
We throw pebbles at the three pillars as a reminder to say No to Shaitan.
- 10 Offer Qurbani (Sacrifice)**
We sacrifice an animal and remember the story of Prophet Ibrahim (AS).
- 11 Shave or Trim Hair**
Men shave their head and women trim a little. This shows a new start.
- 12 Tawaf al-Ifadah**
We return to the Ka'bah and do Tawaf again.
- 13 Tawaf al-Wada (Goodbye Tawaf)**
Before leaving Makkah, we do Tawaf to say goodbye.

Year 1: Learning Arabic Numerals...



Attendance Matters



Weekly Attendance - Week 5

Although, we began this half term very strongly with weeks 1 and 2 achieving the whole school attendance. Week 3 we were just slightly below. However, **Week 4 we dropped to 93.4 %** and this week unfortunately whole school attendance was 93.00%. Only 4 classes achieved the attendance target of 95%. Congratulations to Oak class who were 1st place with 97.8%.

Attendance Reminder for Parents and Carers

Regular school attendance is essential for pupils' academic progress, wellbeing, and social development. We kindly remind parents that all children are expected to attend school every day unless they are genuinely unwell or there are exceptional circumstances.

Please note that the Department for Education (DfE) classifies attendance below 90% as persistent absence, which can significantly affect a child's learning and progress.

Unauthorised absences, including term-time holidays not approved by the school, may result in penalty notices (fines) issued by the local authority in line with national guidance.

Parents can support good attendance by:

Ensuring children arrive at school on time every day.

Avoiding holidays during term time

Informing the school promptly about illness or absence

Providing medical evidence where appropriate

Contacting the school if support is needed with attendance concerns

Thank you for your continued cooperation in supporting excellent attendance and positive outcomes for all pupils.

Safeguarding Matters

All National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Online Grooming

Online Grooming is when someone befriends and builds an emotional relationship with a child and communicates with them through the internet with the intent to commit a sexual offence. This type of exploitation can take place across any platforms from social media and messaging apps to online gaming and live streaming. Often it involves young people being tricked, forced or persuaded into doing something they wouldn't normally do (sexting) and often the groomer's goal is to meet the victim in a controlled setting to sexually or physically abuse them. In some cases children may be abducted or harmed, leading to serious physical or psychological damage.

What Parents need to know about ONLINE GROOMING

- CHILDREN ARE MOST VULNERABLE**
Unfortunately children are often most at risk as they are easy to target and are unlikely to question the person they are talking to. They are also more likely to be influenced by their friends and may be more likely to be persuaded to do something they wouldn't normally do. They are also more likely to be influenced by their friends and may be more likely to be persuaded to do something they wouldn't normally do.
- LIVE STREAMING CONCERNS**
Children may use live streaming to broadcast a real-time video of themselves to a large audience. This can be done on a variety of platforms, including YouTube, Facebook, and Twitch. Children may be encouraged to perform sexual acts or to show themselves in a way that is inappropriate for their age.
- ANYONE CAN BE A PREDATOR**
The internet has made it easier for predators to find children. They often use fake profiles and pretend to be someone the child knows or likes. They may use flattery and gifts to gain the child's trust and then attempt to groom them for sexual exploitation.
- CAN BE DIFFICULT TO DETECT**
Online grooming is often done in secret and can be difficult to detect. Parents should have open conversations with their children about online safety and encourage them to report any suspicious activity.
- FROM OPEN TO CLOSED MESSAGING**
Online grooming often starts on open platforms like social media and moves to closed messaging apps where the predator can communicate with the child without being monitored.
- ONLINE GROOMING CAN BE PREVENTED**
Parents should have open conversations with their children about online safety and encourage them to report any suspicious activity.
- EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENTS**
Predators often use emotional attachments to gain the child's trust and then attempt to groom them for sexual exploitation.

Safety Tips for Parents & Carers

- IT'S GOOD TO TALK**
It's important to have open conversations with children about online safety and encourage them to report any suspicious activity.
- CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS**
Parents should check the privacy settings on their children's devices and social media accounts to ensure they are set to the most secure level.
- MONITOR SOCIAL MEDIA & LIVE-STREAMING USE**
Parents should monitor their children's social media and live-streaming use to ensure they are not being groomed or exploited.
- STICK TO 'TRUE FRIENDS'**
Parents should encourage their children to only communicate with people they know in real life.
- DISCUSS HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**
Parents should discuss with their children what a healthy relationship looks like and encourage them to report any suspicious activity.
- SHOW YOUR CHILD THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT THEM**
Parents should show their children that they will support them if they report any suspicious activity and encourage them to report any suspicious activity.
- LOOK OUT FOR WARNING SIGNS**
Parents should look out for warning signs such as secretive online behavior, late-night device use, and withdrawal from family and friends.

Safeguarding Update:

Online Grooming Awareness for Parents

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and online safety, we would like to remind parents and carers about the importance of speaking regularly with children about their online activity and digital relationships. Recent guidance shared by National Online Safety highlights how online grooming can take place across social media, gaming platforms, messaging apps and live streaming services.

What is online grooming? Online grooming is when someone builds an emotional connection with a child online in order to manipulate, exploit or harm them. *This can happen through:*

- Social media
- Online games
- Group chats
- Live streaming apps
- Direct messaging platforms

Children may be targeted through compliments, gifts, attention or requests to keep conversations secret.

How parents can help:

The guidance encourages parents to:

- Talk openly with children about who they speak to online
- Regularly review privacy settings and parental controls
- Monitor social media and live-streaming use
- Encourage children to only connect with people they know in real life
- Discuss what healthy online friendships and relationships look like
- Reassure children that they can speak to a trusted adult if something makes them uncomfortable

Possible warning signs:

Parents are encouraged to be aware of changes such as:

- Secretive online behaviour
- Excessive late-night device use
- Withdrawal, anxiety or mood changes
- Sudden loss of interest in usual activities
- Communication with unknown older individuals online
- Working together to keep children safe

Online safety is most effective when schools and families work together. We encourage all parents to maintain regular conversations with their children about staying safe online and to remind them that they should never feel afraid to seek help or speak out.

If you have any safeguarding concerns or would like support around online safety, please contact the school safeguarding team.

Safer Internet Button

PSA: Parent Staff Association

Upcoming events and plans...

Our PSA Team are working hard to organise the next event with the school which will hopefully be for the upcoming Eid....Watch this Space for updates!

Jazak Allah Khayrun!

ISLAMIA PRIMARY SCHOOL EID CELEBRATION!

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE 2026

FREE ENTRY FOR ALL FAMILIES!

Join us for an afternoon of fun, community spirit and memorable experiences for children and families in Sha Allah.

OUR FIRST PSA EID EVENT AT ISLAMIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

A FUN FILLED DAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY IN SHA ALLAH!

TASTY FOODS & DRINKS!

Stalls Games Treats & More!

WE ARE NOW LOOKING FOR BOTH VOLUNTEERS & STALLHOLDERS TO TAKE PART!

STALL OPTIONS:

- INTERNAL STALLS (parents/families) £20
- EXTERNAL STALLS (small businesses) £30
- FOOD VENDORS (e.g. ice cream, hot food) TBC

SETUP TIMES WILL BE CONFIRMED CLOSER TO THE EVENT.

INTERESTED IN JOINING US? Please complete the form using the link below: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ox3j6CNE-NTBjBj6m1M4W0NjW7B2h1-d2r2-q319U-NkaU090955HVVUcVzYzYjY8B2A31WwYK4u>

OR CONTACT US: psa@islamia.brent.sch.uk or psa-events@islamia.brent.sch.uk

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING THIS A FUN AND MEMORABLE CELEBRATION FOR ALL TOGETHER IN SHA ALLAH!

JAZAKALLAH KHAIR, PSA TEAM

Headteacher's Jumuah Reminders

The Talbiya

اَسْتَغِيْثُكَ يَا اَللّٰهُمَّ اَسْتَغِيْثُكَ لَا شَرِيْكَ لَكَ
لَبَّيْكَ اِنِّ الْخُدَّةُ وَالنَّعْمَةُ لَكَ وَالْضَّلٰةُ لَا شَرِيْكَ لَكَ

I respond to Your call O Allah! I respond to Your call. You have no partner. I respond to Your call. All praise, thanks and blessings are for You. All sovereignty is for You. And You have no partners with You.

Calendar Dates..

1 June 2026 Summer Term 2

25 May 2026 Half Term Holiday

28 Dhu'Al Qa'dah 1447 Hijri

15 May 2026 Gregorian

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