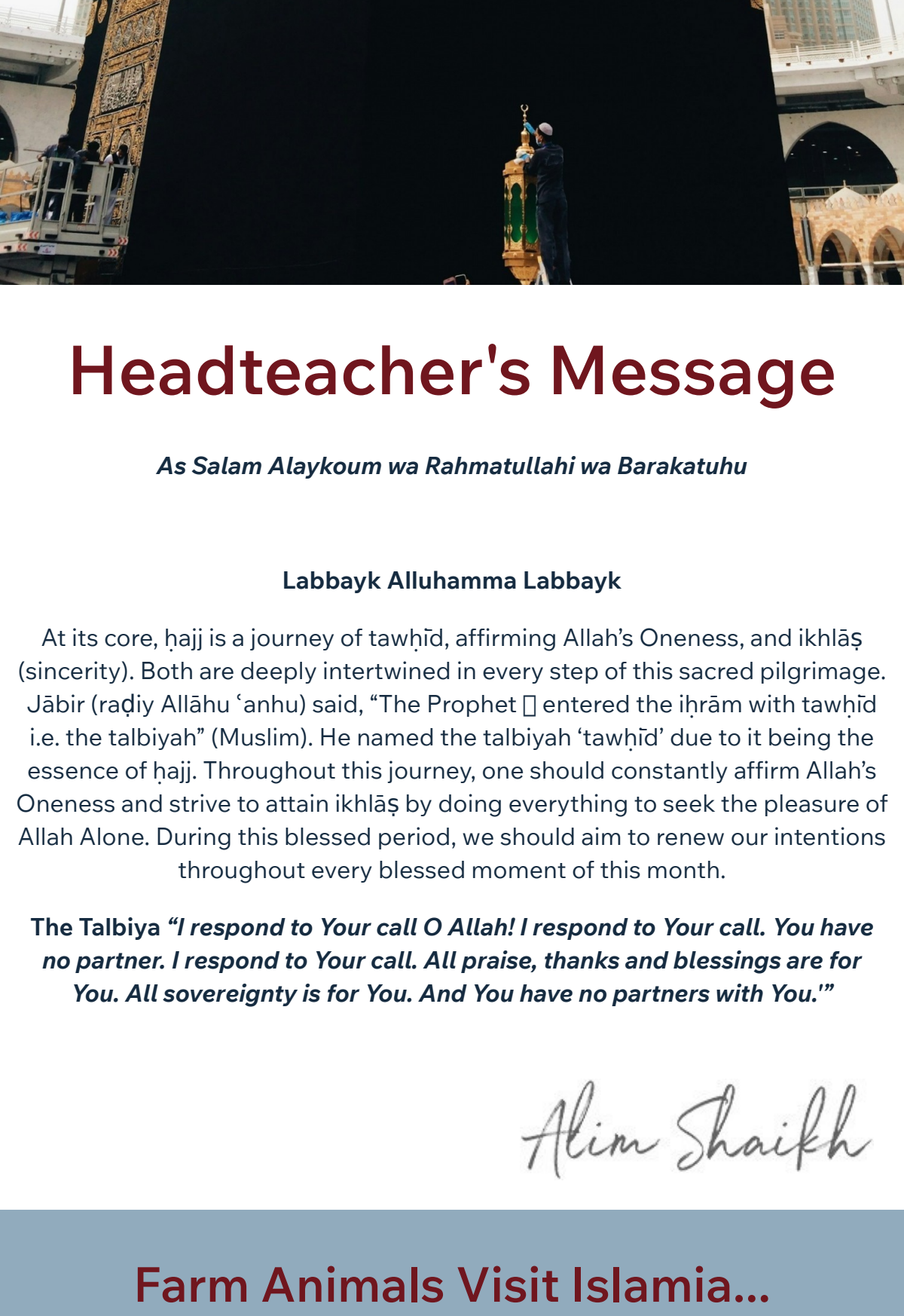


ISLAMIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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AS-SALAMU ALAYKUM

Jum'ah/Friday Bulletin



Headteacher's Message

As Salam Alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu

Labbayk Allahuhamma Labbayk

At its core, hajj is a journey of tawhīd, affirming Allah's Oneness, and iklāṣ (sincerity). Both are deeply intertwined in every step of this sacred pilgrimage. Jābir (radīy Allāhu 'anhū) said, "The Prophet ﷺ entered the ihram with tawhīd i.e. the talbiyah" (Muslim). He named the talbiyah 'tawhīd' due to it being the essence of hajj. Throughout this journey, one should constantly affirm Allah's Oneness and strive to attain iklāṣ by doing everything to seek the pleasure of Allah Alone. During this blessed period, we should aim to renew our intentions throughout every blessed moment of this month.

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

Farm Animals Visit Islamia...



Reception at the Farm

Reception week which had a very exciting week starting with the farm animals coming to school, we fed and groomed the animals and learnt all about them.

This week we have also been learning all about Hajj

We reconnected the Hajj to really get a good understanding of it.



Y1 at the Farm!



Brain Buddies Workshop

Pupils in Cedar class learnt about identifying and managing feelings and emotions. Each group were given an emotion, pupils wrote a definition and what situations make you feel that emotion, and how this emotion is displayed through your facial expressions and body language.



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
- Salaah
- 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 do Hajj for Allah.
- 2 Wear Ihram**
Men wear simple white clothes. 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-Hadah**
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.

Attendance Matters

Summer 1 Week 6 2026 Attendance (%)



Weekly Attendance - Week 6

Alhamdulillah there has been some improvement this week, 6 classes managed to meet the school attendance target (marked in green). However, this means that 8 are falling short. In particular Willow class is a concern (marked in red), this means that the class overall is persistently absent, where the overall attendance is less than 90%. We do need to strive to bring our attendance to school everyday. 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.

Congratulations to Palm class who were 1st place with 96.3%.

Attendance Reminder for Parents and Carers

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT

As the best-selling game in history, Minecraft has made a name for itself by empowering audiences of all ages to harness their creativity. Originally an indie hit, it's become a cultural phenomenon with merchandise, spin-off titles, and wider media adaptations. Even if you don't know your Creepers from Zombies, this guide will explore the risks of Minecraft in 2026 and explain how to support a safe gaming experience for the children in your care.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVER COMMUNICATION
Many players enjoy Minecraft with others, including friends and unknown players online. In game text chat is commonly used to coordinate building projects and gameplay, and this can extend to sending private messages and voice chat. While many servers have strict rules and moderation, this can mean children are exposed to contact with strangers, and it is important to be aware of the risks of online communication, including the potential for inappropriate contact and sexual exploitation.

GRIEFING BEHAVIOUR
Some players deliberately damage or destroy other players' creations. This behaviour, known as griefing, is a form of bullying that can be highly engaging, which may encourage children to continue playing. Griefing can also be used to harass and bully other players. While some servers have strict rules and moderation, this can mean children are exposed to contact with strangers, and it is important to be aware of the risks of online communication, including the potential for inappropriate contact and sexual exploitation.

ADDICTIVE GAMEPLAY
Minecraft's addictive gameplay makes it easy for players to lose track of time. The cycle of gathering resources, building, and exploring can be highly engaging, which may encourage children to play for long periods of time. While some servers have strict rules and moderation, this can mean children are exposed to contact with strangers, and it is important to be aware of the risks of online communication, including the potential for inappropriate contact and sexual exploitation.

SCARY GAME ELEMENTS

Although often considered to be a light-hearted game, Minecraft does contain scary elements and monsters, including creepers, zombies and skeletons. These elements can be frightening, and some children may find them scary. While some servers have strict rules and moderation, this can mean children are exposed to contact with strangers, and it is important to be aware of the risks of online communication, including the potential for inappropriate contact and sexual exploitation.

IN-GAME SPENDING
Minecraft requires a one-off purchase (the 'base game'), but it also offers a range of in-game purchases, including skins, tools, and other items. These purchases can be made using real money, and some children may be tempted to spend money on these items. While some servers have strict rules and moderation, this can mean children are exposed to contact with strangers, and it is important to be aware of the risks of online communication, including the potential for inappropriate contact and sexual exploitation.

ONLINE INTERACTIONS
Playing with others can introduce children to new friends, but it can also expose them to online risks, including contact with strangers, inappropriate contact, and sexual exploitation. While some servers have strict rules and moderation, this can mean children are exposed to contact with strangers, and it is important to be aware of the risks of online communication, including the potential for inappropriate contact and sexual exploitation.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE SUITABLE GAME MODES

Creative or Peaceful modes remove hostile creatures and reduce the pressure during gameplay. These options allow children to focus on building and exploration without the risk of attack. They are also better for phone play as they don't require a constant internet connection and are easier to manage. While some servers have strict rules and moderation, this can mean children are exposed to contact with strangers, and it is important to be aware of the risks of online communication, including the potential for inappropriate contact and sexual exploitation.

USE PRIVATE SERVERS

Setting up a private server can help control who can play a child's game. Accounts can be limited to trusted friends through passwords or email addresses. While some servers have strict rules and moderation, this can mean children are exposed to contact with strangers, and it is important to be aware of the risks of online communication, including the potential for inappropriate contact and sexual exploitation.

DISCUSS ONLINE STRANGERS

Children should understand that not everyone they meet online is who they claim to be. Clear guidelines about not sharing personal information is essential. Encourage children to report any worrying or uncomfortable interactions and ongoing conversations help build their confidence and awareness of these issues.

SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Agree on clear rules around purchases before using children's play and use device settings or parental controls to restrict spending without play and limit in-game purchases. Encourage children to think about the value of money and make informed decisions. Regularly reviewing purchases together can also prevent unexpected costs and encourage responsible consumption.

PSA: Parent Staff Association

Dear Wonderful Islamia School Family

A massive well done to our incredible Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs. We pray Allah grants all of our Year 6 children excellent results, success and barakah in all of their future journeys. May He reward every parent, volunteer and member of staff abundantly for the care, effort and support shown to our children - Ameen.

We are all so proud of your hard work and determination! You've smashed it! A huge thank you to all the parents who supported our Year 6 breakfasts during SATs week, your kindness and encouragement made such a difference to our Year 6 pupils during this important time. Your support truly warmed our hearts and helped them shine!

A special Thank you to Omer and T Shahida for their continued hard work and dedication throughout the week, consistently coming in early to prepare everything so thoughtfully and ensuring the children felt supported and ready each morning.

Calling All Volunteers!

We are looking for parent and staff volunteers to help support the event. This is a wonderful opportunity to help create a fun and memorable Eid celebration for our children and school community. To those who have already signed up - we appreciate you! Islamia!!

The Countdown Begins! Get ready. Our Eid Party is coming on Friday 5th! We're planning bouncy castle adventures, yummy Eid treats that'll disappear faster than you can say "samosa," and activities so fun even the teachers might need a timeout! This is our community coming together to celebrate with love, laughter, and maybe a little too much dessert.

Who's excited already?

Warmest wishes and Eid Mubarak,

The PSA Team

Calendar Dates..

Islamic Date	Gregorian Date
1 June 2026	25 May 2026
Summer Term 2	Half Term Holiday
5 Dhu'Al Hijjah 1447 Hijri	22 May 2026 Gregorian