

NOYA NEWS



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Admissions for the Academic Year 2025/2026

We are excited to announce that registration for new students at Aldar Academies for the academic year 2025-2026 is now open and we kindly encourage you to complete your application within this week.

To express your interest and begin the application process for the academic year 2025-2026, kindly complete the online application form found in the link below, using your login credentials.

It is important to note that we strictly adhere to regulations set forth by the Department of Education and Knowledge (ADEK) when placing children in specific years or grades within our schools. Please refer to the following guidelines:

Students will be assigned to year groups or grades in accordance with their age from FS1 to Year 2 and Pre-KG to Grade 1, as follows:

Age	Year/ Grade	DOB from	DOB To
3-4	FS1/Pre-KG	01 September 2021	31 August 2022
4-5	FS2/KG1	01 September 2020	31 August 2021
5-6	Year 1/KG2	01 September 2019	31 August 2020
6-7	Year 2/Grade1	01 September 2018	31 August 2019

For more information, please contact our admissions team on admissions@noya.sch.ae



Message from the Principal - Mrs. Sarah Isberg



New Year, New Beginnings at Noya British School.

Happy New Year to all members of the Noya British School community! I hope you've had a restful and joyful holiday season and are ready to embrace the opportunities of 2025 with enthusiasm and determination.

This term, we are thrilled to launch two exciting initiatives that mark an important step forward in our journey of continuous improvement: 8billionideas and High Performance Learning (HPL).

8billionideas is an innovative platform that empowers students to develop entrepreneurial thinking, creativity and problem-solving skills. It encourages young minds to dream big, take risks and turn their ideas into reality. This program will complement our curriculum by fostering critical 21st-century skills and giving our students the confidence to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

At the same time, we are proud to introduce High Performance Learning, a globally recognised framework that believes every child has the potential to be a high performer. This approach emphasizes advanced thinking skills, a growth mindset and the development of lifelong learning habits. HPL aligns perfectly with our mission to nurture every student's unique abilities, helping them achieve their personal best and preparing them to excel in life.

Together, these initiatives reinforce our commitment to delivering a world-class education that is ambitious, inclusive and future-focused.

Here's to a year of innovation, growth and success at Noya British School. Let's make 2025 a year to remember!



Sheikh Zayed Awardee Certificates



Principal Award Certificate



The Principal's Award is given to learners who exemplify outstanding effort, achievement and character. This award celebrates those who demonstrate a commitment to their personal growth, academic excellence and a positive impact on the school community.

- Ms Sarah Isberg

Attendance Certificates



meet the
teacher

MR STANBURY

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Hello! My name is Jack Stanbury, I am super excited to be joining Noya as your Head of P.E. With an international study background covering BSc, IDoS, PGCEi & MA, as well many years teaching and coaching, I am thrilled to join a team passionate about P.E and sport.

P.E Goal

Our goal is to continue to use sport and physical activity as a vehicle to develop holistic children. Physical activity offers opportunities for friendship, leadership, develop self-belief and a whole host of mental, emotional and social benefits, all whilst keeping our bodies fit and healthy!

I can't wait to meet you all as we embark on our journey to really push the sporting community of Noya British School.

Year 5 Golf Trip

A PAR-fect day! What a fantastic day down at Abu Dhabi Golf Club for our Year 5 students.

This Friday saw the start of the Team Cup golfing event which is a prestigious international golfing tournament that pits professional players from Great Britain and Northern Ireland, vs Continental Europe.

Students involved had a fantastic times being on the grounds of one the worlds greatest golf courses and one with such a rich history within the UAE. Students got to partake in fun golf activations, as well as other physically active stations.

We thank the team at Abu Dhabi Golf Club and DP World Tour for their invitation to this event and we hope this encourages young students to take part in golf for all the amazing physical and mental benefits it provides.



COMING SOON

- **CYCLING PROFICIENCY**
- **SPORTS ECAS**
- **ADISSA TOURNAMENT**
- **NOYA GOLF PROGRAM**
- **VARIETY OF SPORTING EVENTS**

Meet the teacher



FS2 - B

My name is Katherine Wiltshire and for the past 17 years I have had the privilege of teaching children during the early years of their schooling journey. I grew up in Zimbabwe and followed the British Curriculum at school during my high school years.

While teaching, I endeavour to support and provide for children with varying ability levels within the classroom. To this end, I aim to challenge students who need to be extended while providing the necessary time and support to students who need this extra support. Working in collaboration with parents is also essential in order to maximise the progress of the students I teach. I have been teaching in the UAE for the past two years and am excited to be a part of the team at Noya British School.



Y5 - C

Hello! I'm Miss Agnew and I am very excited to be joining the team at Noya British School. I studied a Bachelor of Education in Primary Education at Curtin University, Perth, Australia. Prior to studying to become a teacher, I worked in outdoor education for 8 years in Australia; during this time I was able to provide opportunities for children to gain confidence within themselves and improve their overall well-being. After spending three years teaching year 5 in Auckland, New Zealand, and my Outdoor Education experience in Australia, I have gained valuable experience teaching in diverse environments.

I am a motivated teacher dedicated to building confident, knowledgeable individuals through hand-on, authentic learning experiences. My teaching philosophy is built from reinforcing positive behaviour and fostering positive learning environments while using a growth mindset.

Throughout my teaching experience I have improved teacher performance and enhanced student success which led to my promotion of the designated mathematics leader at my previous school. I am looking forward to working with you all and getting to know the year 5 students.

EYFS Updates

EYFS has had a fantastic start to the term with engaging activities across various areas of learning.

FS2 focused on The Hundred Decker Bus, exploring journeys through storytelling and creative projects. The children worked with the number 6 in Math, learning to represent and add it, while also exploring odd and even numbers. In Understanding the World, they compared land, air and sea transportation.

FS1, meanwhile, centered around The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children developed their counting skills through the concept of cardinality and explored healthy vs. junk food. In creative development, they used fine motor skills to create caterpillar and butterfly artwork.

Both classes had a week filled with creativity, exploration and fun learning experiences, setting the stage for an exciting term ahead!



KS1 Updates

Dear Parents,
It has been wonderful to welcome our Key Stage 1 students back after the winter break! We are so proud of how quickly they settled back into their routines. A special warm welcome to the new learners who have joined us this term – they have already embraced their new environment and are forming friendships. This week, Year 1 had a fantastic 'Royal Tea Party Dress-Up Day' and it was a joy to see the students looking so splendid in their costumes! What a delightful way to start the term!

Warm regards,
Michelle Cronin



Year 1 Royal Tea Party Dress Up

KS2 Updates

Dear Parents,

It's been lovely to see everyone return to school refreshed and ready to learn! We have lots of exciting events planned for this term so please do read your emails and class dojo announcements to keep up to date. Year 5 have enjoyed a fantastic trip to Abu Dhabi Golf Club and Year 6 look forward to their trip to Masdar City next week. We aim for our trips to enhanced and support learning, promote cross curricular links and provide hands on experiences for our pupils. We look forward to more excitement ahead!



- Year 6 will be going on an educational trip to Masdar City on Wednesday 15th January. We have sent home a trip letter with your children so please remember to sign this form and return it to the class teacher. You will receive an email with a link to pay for the trip. Please do not send cash to pay for the trip.
- We are accepting permission slips **until Monday 13th January** to allow parents some more time so please do return them to school and remember to complete the medical form via the QR Code
- What a fantastic day down at Abu Dhabi Golf Club for our Year 5 students! They had a great time on Friday.



MOE Updates

في إطار تنمية مهارات التفكير النقدي والإبداعي في حصة اللغة العربية، استمتع طلاب الصف الخامس بكتابة استجابة أدبية لقصة "معطفي القرمزي". تضمنت الأنشطة تحليل الشخصيات والأحداث، ومناقشة القيم والعبر المستفادة من القصة. كما أبدع الطلاب في التعبير عن أفكارهم ومشاعرهم بأسلوب مميز يعكس فهمهم العميق للنص. ساهمت هذه الحصة في تعزيز حب القراءة والكتابة لديهم، وشجعتهم على استكشاف معاني جديدة وإثراء حصيلتهم اللغوية.

As part of developing critical and creative thinking skills in the Arabic language class, fifth-grade students enjoyed writing a literary response to the story "My Crimson Coat." The activities included analyzing characters and events, discussing the values and lessons learned from the story. The students excelled in expressing their thoughts and feelings in a distinctive style that reflects their deep understanding of the text. This session contributed to fostering a love for reading and writing, encouraging them to explore new meanings and enrich their linguistic repertoire.



ECAs updates - Ms Kristel



We are looking forward to seeing the students' excitement and enthusiasm during their activities. I hope they will have a wonderful and enriching experience in their chosen ECAs.

Please note:

- Pick-up time: 3:45 PM promptly for both external and teacher-led ECAs.
- Pick-up location: The tennis court, accessible via the KS2 collection point gate (near the atrium).



GYMNASTICS





Creative and Performing Arts



Dear Parents,

We hope you had a restful and joyful break! As we step into Term 2, we're excited to continue our journey of learning, growth and memorable experiences at NOYA.

This term is packed with exciting opportunities and we're thrilled to announce one of the highlights:

NOYA Has Talent Show

Our students will have the chance to shine on stage and showcase their incredible talents, whether it's singing, dancing, acting, sports tricks, or something truly unique!

We encourage all parents to support their children in signing up and practicing for this fantastic event. It's not just about talent—it's about building confidence, having fun and celebrating creativity.

Let's make this term unforgettable! Thank you for your ongoing support and we can't wait to see what our amazing students accomplish in Term 2.



The poster features a red curtain background with a central sign that reads "NOYA HAS TALENT Show". Below the sign, a box lists the categories: "Dancing, Singing, Comedy, Magic, Acting/Drama, Instrumental". A QR code is positioned at the bottom, with a "REGISTER NOW" button underneath. The NOYA British School logo is in the top left corner.

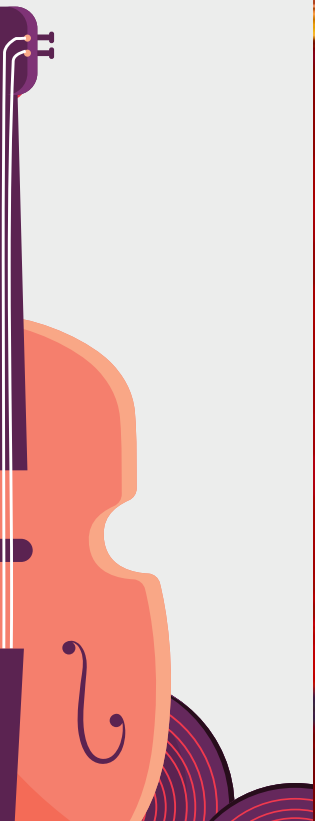
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REGISTER NOW



WELLBEING TIPS



Encourage Screen-Free Time

In the digital age, children are constantly exposed to screens, which can impact their mental health. Encourage screen-free time for the whole family, creating opportunities for real-world interactions and outdoor activities. Limiting social media usage, especially before bedtime, can help reduce anxiety and improve sleep quality. Be a role model by setting boundaries on your screen time as well.



THE STEPS TO WELLBEING WISDOM

LEARN SOMETHING NEW



A learning mind is a happy mind.

Set a goal to learn a new skill then work towards it. Remember to have a Growth Mindset and focus on the progress that you are making.

NOTICE



If you are feeling worried, upset or angry take time out to notice your breathing.

Just by paying attention to our breath we can begin to feel calmer.

TALK ABOUT IT



If you're feeling worried or upset, ask yourself:

Have I told anyone how I am feeling?

Talking about how we feel can help us to feel better.

DO SOMETHING KIND



When we do something kind, it makes us feel great! Being kind is easy, remember to:

Say thank you when you are given something.

Be kind to the other students at your school and include others in your games.

ECO FRIENDLY TIPS

Eco Tip 1

SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
Use a reusable water bottle.



Fact: Over 500 billion single-use plastic cups are used globally each year and a plastic bottle can take 450 years to decompose in the environment. By using reusables, you can help reduce this staggering waste.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

MS LAUREN PANDIT

As we embark on this new term, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and their families who have joined our school community. We hope you are settling in well and beginning to feel at home here. Starting at a new school is an exciting journey and we are here to ensure that every child feels supported, included, and valued.

This term, we are continuing our focus on two core values that are at the heart of our school: friendship and kindness. Building strong, positive relationships is key to creating a happy and thriving school environment. Friendships provide children with support, understanding and the opportunity to grow socially and emotionally.

Throughout the term, we will engage students in activities and discussions designed to strengthen friendships and encourage kindness in their daily interactions. Whether it's through teamwork, acts of inclusion, or simply a kind gesture, we aim to create a culture where everyone feels they belong and can shine.

As parents, you play a crucial role in reinforcing these values at home. We encourage you to talk to your children about the importance of being a good friend and how small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's day.

If you have any concerns about your child's adjustment or would like support in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out. My role as the school counsellor is to ensure that every student feels safe, confident and supported throughout their school journey.



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KEY UPDATES

SMARTIE OF THE WEEK

- YEAR 1 - B
- YEAR 3 - C

GOOGLE REVIEW

Scan this QR code to review Noya British School on Google



JANUARY EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	Noya Has Talent Launch Day <i>Parents Only</i>	7		8	9	10
				Parent Workshop Positive Behaviour & Attendance (8:30 am to 8:30 am)	Year 1 - Dress Up Day Royal Tea Party	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Book Fair	Open Day (8:00 am)	Meta - Thinking Launch Day <i>Learners Only</i>	Parent Workshop Read Write Inc (8:00am - 8:30 am)	Year 5 - Dress Day Eco Warrior	
			Book Fair	Book Fair	Drop Down Day <i>Learners Only</i>	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Noya Has Talent Auditions <i>Learners Only</i>	Parent Workshop - HPE (8:00am - 8:30 am)	Royal Spelling Bee	Nation of Handwriting Day (Arabic & English)	Sunshine Day (National Compliments Day) <i>Interactivity</i>	
	Class Photographs	Class Photographs	Class Photographs	Class Photographs		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Open Day (8:00 am)	Coffee Morning Inclusion (8:00 am - 8:30 am)	Year 1 & 2 Vaccinations	Progress Picnic	
		Drop Down Day <i>Learners Only</i>	Year 1 Qasr Al Watan	Year 1 Qasr Al Watan		

NOYA BRITISH SCHOOL

JOIN OUR

**Parent Workshop
Phonics, Read & Write Inc.**

Thursday 16th January 2025

Time: 8:30 AM

Main Reception - Sports Hall

WWW.NOYASCHOOL.CO.UK

NOYA BRITISH SCHOOL

Year 5 Dress Up Eco Warrior Day

Fantastic opportunity to showcase creativity while promoting sustainability.

Let's show our commitment to the environment by crafting costumes using items that would otherwise be thrown away.

All students are encouraged to wear a recycled outfit made out of recycled material

NEXT WEEK

NOYA BRITISH SCHOOL

BOOK FAIR

- 12th January to 17th January
- EPSS Library Room
- Mon-Thur 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM
- Fri: 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

We invite parents to join at drop off and pick up time

5 STEPS TO

Access Progress Reports - Parent Portal

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Download report

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On the right corner of the page, press **“Progress reports”**

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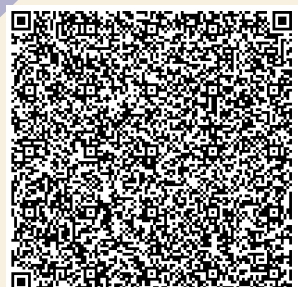
After Logging in, you will find the children allocated under your name. If not, please email pre@noya.sch.ae with a screenshot

02

If you are a new user with no account, press on **Please Register** and follow the steps

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Visit Al Dar Education portal and insert your email address



Dates for the Diary

First Day of Term 2	06th January 2025
Half Term Holiday – Term 2	10th February – 14th February 2025
Students back to school after Half Term Holiday – Term 1	17th February 2025
End of Term 2	21st March 2025
Spring Holiday	24th March 2025 – 04th April 2025

Who to Contact?

- Head of Primary / VP, Ms Tammy Elimlahi at telimlahi@noya.sch.ae
- Assistant Principal, Mr Michael Hughes at mhughes@noya.sch.ae
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- School Counsellor - Ms Lauren Pandit at lpandit@noya.sch.ae
- ECA activities - Ms Kristel Bourgeois at kbourgeois@noya.sch.ae
- Admissions, Ms Hamsa Rakim / Shahzeena at admissions@noya.sch.ae
- Parent Relations Executive (PRE), Ms. Zeina Younis at pre@noya.sch.ae
- Reception, Ms. Deala Saqr & Ms. Sarah Al Mashjari at reception@noya.sch.ae

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