



# 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.

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](mailto:admissions@noya.sch.ae)



### Message from the Principal - Ms. Sarah Isberg



Dear Parents,

What an **amazing week** it has been at Noya British School! We kicked off with the exciting launch of our **8 Billion Drop Down Day**, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the children. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and engagement as they explored global themes in creative and meaningful ways.

A huge thank you to all the parents who attended **David Harkin's online workshop** this week. We hope you found it insightful and valuable in supporting your child's learning journey.

This week also saw the launch of our **Progress Picnics**. It was fantastic to welcome so many of you into school to share in your child's learning. We hope you enjoyed this special opportunity to celebrate their progress and achievements.

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited for our **Family Movie Night**, marking the launch of **Mental Health Week**. Thank you to everyone who has signed up – it promises to be a fun and relaxing evening for all. We also have our **Noya Has Talent event**, where our students will showcase their incredible skills – we can't wait to see them shine!

Finally, we are hosting an **Open Day on Sunday at 10 AM**. If you have friends or family interested in joining our wonderful school community, please encourage them to sign up and come along for a tour.

A reminder that we break up for the **half-term holiday on Friday, 7th February**. We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another fantastic week ahead!

### Message from the Assistant Principal - Mr. Michael Hughes



Dear Parents,

What an exciting week it has been at Noya British School! On Thursday, our learners took part in the 8Billionideas launch, where they explored the world of entrepreneurship through creativity, innovation and problem-solving. This incredible programme equips your children with essential skills such as critical thinking, collaboration and resilience, helping them to become future-ready leaders. The energy and enthusiasm from the children was truly inspiring!

A huge thank you to all parents who joined David Harkin's online webinar on Tuesday morning. As the Founder and CEO of 8Billionideas, David shared valuable insights into how this programme will empower our learners and we appreciate your engagement and support.

Finally, we were delighted to welcome so many of you to our first-ever Progress Picnic! It was wonderful to see the children proudly showcasing their hard work and sharing their learning journey with you. Your support and encouragement mean the world to them and we look forward to more opportunities to celebrate their progress together.

Thank you for being part of our vibrant school community!

We would love to hear your feedback and suggestions. Please kindly provide your input through the QR code provided. Your thoughts are important to us and will help us improve.







# Progress Picnic







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## KS1 Updates

Dear Parents,

Key Stage One have shown incredible bravery this week after receiving their vaccines – it's so inspiring to see them face their fears with such courage. A huge thank you to all the parents who attended the Progress Picnic; it was truly heartwarming to see everyone come together and for the children to proudly share their fantastic work. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful and supportive community here at school.



## KS2 Updates

Dear parents,

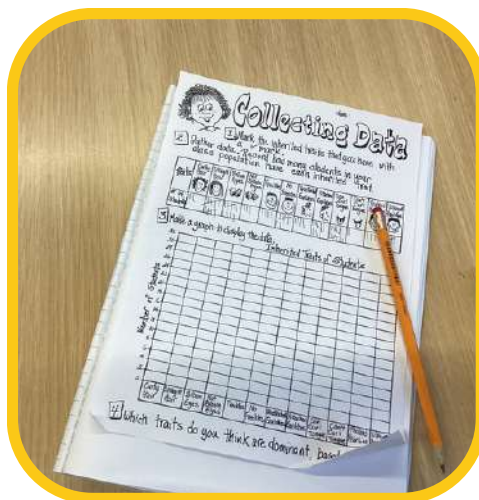
A big thank you for your engagement in the progress picnic this week! It was absolutely great to see so many of you there and we've enjoyed speaking to you about the tremendous progress the children have made so far. Next week, we look forward to Movie Night at Noya where we get to enjoy a movie linked to mental health wellbeing.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there with your children. To culminate our week, we will be having parent-pupil-teacher conferences where you be able to discuss in detail progress and attainment your child has made so far.

Please remember to sign up for a meeting with your child's class teacher.



- 24th Feb: Year 3A/3B Trip to the Heritage Village
- 25th Feb: Year 3C/3D Trip to the Heritage Village





## PE Updates

Sports day preparation is well under way! Noya students this week took part in a multitude of athletic challenges with excitement and joy!

Out on the sports field, students tested their speed, power, balance and accuracy in events leading up to sports day!

Our EYFS students worked together in teams completing their obstacle challenges, demonstrating agility, speed accuracy and balance. It was a fun week for them! Ask our students about balancing their ice cream cones whilst running!

KS1 and KS2 started shown some real athletic talent, whilst we were very impressed with the results, the P.E department we're thrilled to see student engagement levels so high!

We can't wait to see what next week brings.

Thanks,  
Jack



## MOE Updates

نود أن نشارككم بعضًا من الأنشطة المميزة التي يقوم بها طلابنا في حصص اللغة العربية، الدراسات الإسلامية، والدراسات الاجتماعية، والتي تهدف إلى تعزيز الهوية الوطنية والقيم الإسلامية.

في حصص الدراسات الاجتماعية، يعمل طلابنا بحماس على تطبيق الهوية الوطنية وتعزيزها من خلال أنشطة تفاعلية ومبتكرة.

في حصص الدراسات الإسلامية، يستعد الطلاب لخوض مسابقة القرآن الكريم، حيث ستبدأ التصفيات في منتصف فبراير، متمنين لهم التوفيق والنجاح.

كما يسعدنا إبلاغكم بأن مدرستنا ستقيم فعالية "حق الليلة" يوم 18 فبراير، حيث سيعيش الطلاب أجواء الاستعداد لشهر رمضان المبارك وسط أجواء إماراتية أصيلة، تعزز لديهم حب التراث والتقاليد.

We are excited to share some of the wonderful activities taking place in our Arabic, Islamic Studies and Social Studies classes, aimed at enriching our students' learning experiences and strengthening their cultural and religious values.

✦ In Social Studies classes, our students are enthusiastically working on projects that promote and reinforce national identity.

✦ In Islamic Studies, students are preparing for the Qur'an Recitation Competition, with the preliminary rounds starting in mid-February. We wish them all the best in their journey.

✦ We are also delighted to inform you that our school will be hosting the "Haq Al Laila" celebration on February 18th, allowing students to experience the spirit of Ramadan preparations in the heart of the UAE's rich traditions.

We look forward to celebrating these meaningful events with our students and appreciate your continued support.





## ECAs updates - Ms Kristel

Another week filled with smiles and energy during our weekly ECA sessions!

This week, we made a small adjustment to our pick-up allocations following the teacher-led ECAs on Tuesday.

Please note the following changes:

- **EYFS:** Pick-up at the **Sports Hall**
- **KS1:** Pick-up at the **Primary Canteen**
- **KS2:** Pick-up at the **Tennis Court**

We kindly ask that all parents and guardians enter the school via the gate near the atrium and ensure timely pick-up (3:45 PM for all ECAs).

Your cooperation and continued support are greatly appreciated.





# Creative and Performing Arts



🎉 Exciting School Events – NOYA Has Talent & Disney Magic Box Trip!



Dear NOYA Families,

We have some exciting updates to share with you! 🎉

## 🎵 NOYA Has Talent – Thursday, 6th February

Our highly anticipated NOYA Has Talent show is just around the corner! Students have been rehearsing with great enthusiasm, showing incredible dedication and passion. Their hard work is paying off and we can't wait to see them shine on stage! Rehearsals are in full swing and the energy is fantastic as they prepare for their big performances. Join us on **Thursday, 6th February** for a spectacular showcase of our students' talents!

## 🎨 Disney Magic Box Trip – A Day of Fun & Learning!

Excitement is building for our upcoming Disney Magic Box trip! Students will embark on a magical journey where they will:

✨ Step into an immersive Disney-themed adventure

🎭 Participate in engaging activities that blend creativity with storytelling

🎵 Explore the magic of music and performance in an interactive setting

🎨 Develop their artistic and imaginative skills through hands-on experiences

For parents who have signed up their children, please ensure the trip payment is completed by **Friday, 31 January** to secure their spot.

We look forward to an exciting and memorable time ahead! Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,  
Amina Elhalawany





Dear Parents,

# MOVIE NIGHT



We are excited to invite you and your family to a Movie Night at Noya British School on Monday, February 3rd, 2025, to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together, have some fun and raise awareness about mental health in a meaningful way.

- **Movie Screening: Inside Out 2**
- **Date: February 3rd, 2025**
- **Time: 5:00 PM**
- **Location: School Auditorium/Multi-Purpose Hall**
- **Cost: Free**

We'll be screening Inside Out 2, a heartwarming and thought-provoking animated film that beautifully illustrates the importance of emotions and mental well-being. It's a perfect way to start important conversations with children and families about mental health in a fun and engaging way.

## Important Details:

- Ticket Limit: To ensure everyone has a chance to attend, each family is limited to (5 tickets).

**Tickets will be distributed to the registered families at the entrance.**

## Additional Information:

- Refreshments will be available for purchase.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the event.
- Please arrive a little early to settle in before the movie starts.



We hope you'll join us for this fun and meaningful event as we raise awareness and foster open conversations about mental health for our children.

If you have any questions or need more information, don't hesitate to reach out.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Kind Regards,

**Tammy Elimlahi**  
**Head of Primary**



## **PUPIL CONFERENCING THURSDAY 20TH AND FRIDAY 21ST FEBRUARY**

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to invite you to our upcoming Parent- Pupil - Teacher conferencing session , an essential opportunity to discuss your child's learning journey, celebrate their progress and collaboratively set targets. These meetings are a cornerstone of our partnership with families, ensuring that every child's needs are supported both at home and in school.

### **Dates and Timings:**

- **Thursday, 20th February 2025: Face-to-face meetings from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.**
- **Friday, 21st February 2025: Online meetings from 8:00 am to 11:30 am.**

To allow teachers to dedicate their full attention to these important meetings, lessons will not be taking place on these days. Instead, parents and pupils are invited to attend their scheduled appointments with teachers. Each meeting with your child's class teacher will last 15 minutes, during which teachers will:

- Showcase your child's achievements.
- Share detailed insights into their learning progress.
- Discuss key areas for development.
- Collaboratively set future goals.

Both parents and pupils are encouraged to attend the meeting, as these conversations are designed to strengthen the home-school partnership, celebrate your child's efforts and foster a shared understanding of how to support their success. In addition, you will have the opportunity to book meetings with specialist teachers.

A booking link will be sent to you shortly in order for you to secure your meetings.

We look forward to welcoming you to these valuable sessions and working together to ensure the best outcomes for your child.

Kind regards,

***Tammy Elimlahi***

***Head of Primary***





# WELLBEING TIPS



## TIPS FOR FAMILIES

Place2Be's  
**CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK**

### ① Encourage journalling

Just like Riley, encourage your older children and young people to express their emotions and thoughts through journalling. It can be less confronting than speaking out loud and is a helpful way to process what is going on.

### ② Make space for reflection

When children and young people reflect on their different emotions, it can help them better understand themselves and what they need. Go for a walk, drive, or try some mindful colouring or baking together.

### ③ Be visual

Use imagery, such as emojis or flashcards to help children and young people recognise and label their feelings.

### ④ Practice mindfulness

Try mindful activities, and quiet family time, to enjoy being in the present moment. This can help children and young people be aware of their thoughts and emotions and learn a useful new coping technique.

### ⑤ Communicate

Feedback is crucial for helping us see our blind spots and gain greater insight. Children and young people are no different. Creating safe and supportive ways to share your own experience with your child can help them understand themselves and their impact on the world around them.



If you're a parent or teacher, you'll find loads of useful advice to help you support the brilliant young people in your lives – from FAQs to downloadable packs. [Here4You.co.uk](https://www.here4you.co.uk)



Next Week:  
Children Mental  
Health Week



# ECO FRIENDLY TIPS

## ECO Tip 4

SDG 12. Responsible consumption and  
Production

Regrow your lettuce scraps



Fact: Regrowing lettuce can save up to 50 liters of water compared to growing a new head from scratch in a field, as commercial agriculture often involves excessive water usage.



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# INCLUSION DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## MS REBECCA BRISTOW

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As we continue our journey towards fostering an inclusive learning environment, we'd like to share some key updates from the Inclusion Department.

### ★ Focus on Personalised Learning

Our team has been working closely with teachers to ensure that all students, including those with additional needs, receive the support they need to thrive. Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and Differentiated Learning Plans (DLPs) have been reviewed to ensure targets are tailored to student progress. If your child has an IEP/DLP, you will receive an update on their progress soon.

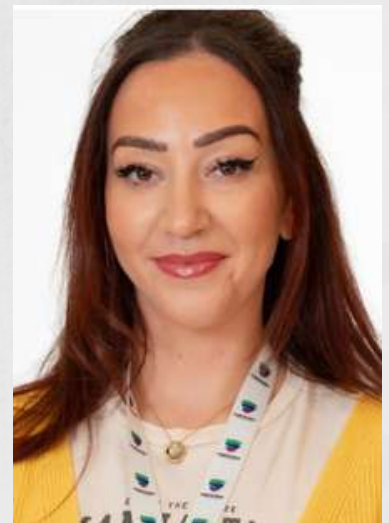
### 🗣️ Parent Engagement and Collaboration

We value the partnership between school and home, and we encourage open communication. Our team is available to discuss your child's learning journey and we invite you to reach out with any questions.

### ✿ Inclusion in the Classroom

Teachers have been receiving ongoing professional development on inclusive teaching strategies, including differentiation, scaffolding and behaviour support. This ensures all students can access the curriculum in a way that suits their learning needs, with the use of visual supports, structured approaches and assistive technology where needed.

We appreciate your ongoing support in creating an inclusive and supportive learning environment for all students. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's progress, please feel free to reach out to the Inclusion Department.



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# SCHOOL COUNSELLOR UPDATES

## MS LAUREN PANDIT

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Next week, we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week with the theme "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself." This theme encourages students to develop self-awareness, recognise their emotions and understand how they can grow into their best selves—both academically and personally.

At Noya British School we believe that when children understand their emotions, strengths and challenges, they build resilience and confidence. Throughout the week, we will be running activities to support this journey of self-discovery and personal growth.

By learning more about who they are, our students can take small but meaningful steps toward personal growth, emotional wellbeing and a stronger sense of self. We encourage families to continue these discussions at home—asking questions like "What did you learn about yourself today?" can spark great conversations!

Thank you for your support in making this an inspiring and impactful week.

If you have any questions or would like further guidance, please feel free to reach out.



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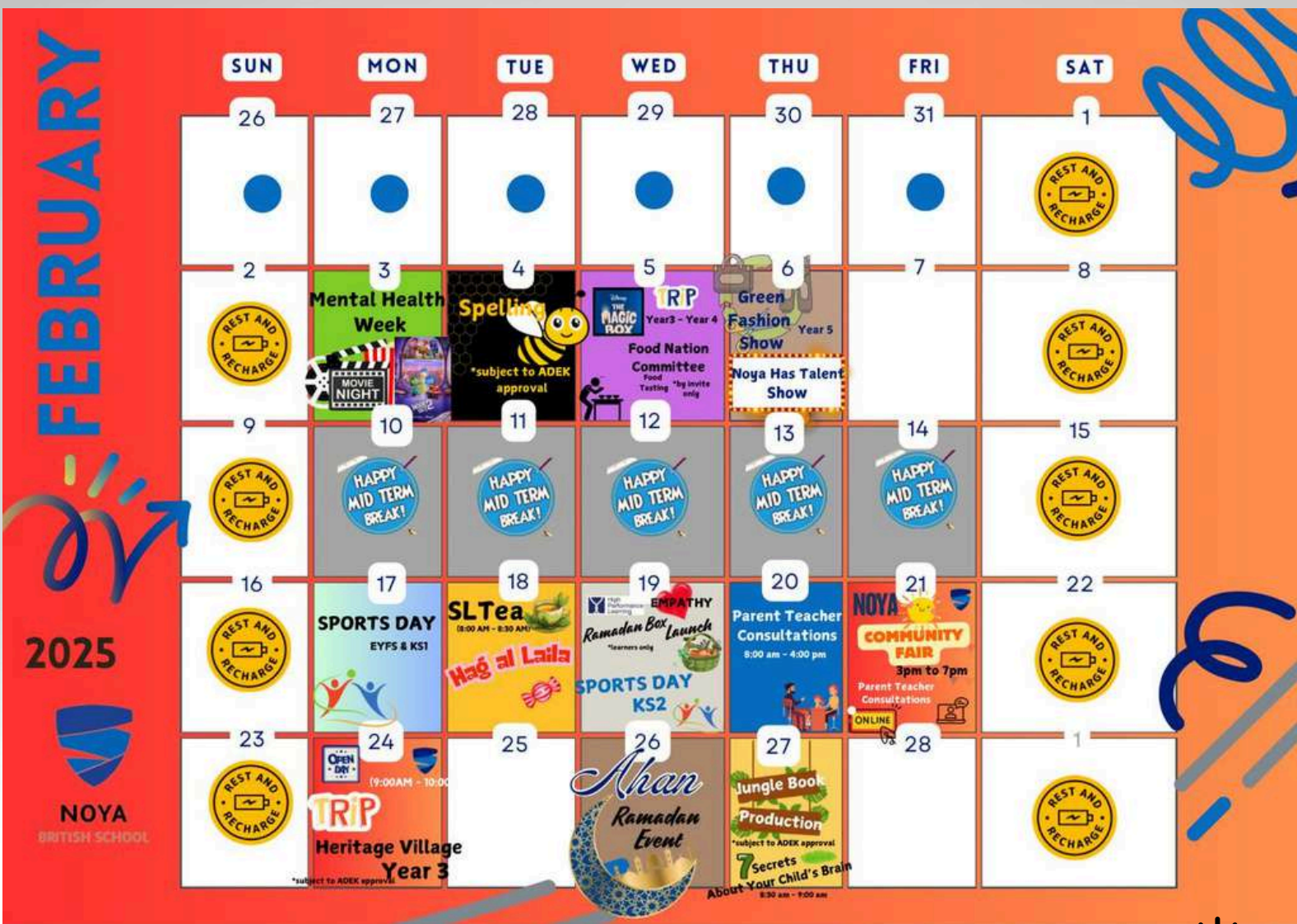
# SCHOOL BAG WEIGHT



<b>Grade/ Year</b>	<b>Max backpack weight/ KG</b>
<b>FS</b>	<b>2.2</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>Year 9</b>	<b>5.8</b>



# FEBRUARY CALENDAR



## Photoshoot Catchup Session - Friday, February 7th



### JOIN OUR OPEN DAY

FS1 - YEAR 8

2nd February 2025

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

PART OF ALDAR SCHOOLS

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NOYA  
BRITISH SCHOOL

Monday, Feb 3rd



5PM

7PM

**Movie Night**

featured movie

**Inside Out 2**



## Term 2 Dates for the Diary

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?

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- Head of KS1, Ms Michelle Cronin at [mcronin@noya.sch.ae](mailto:mcronin@noya.sch.ae)
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Stay tuned for more information through our Class Dojo Application and social media!



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## EYFS Updates

Dear Parents,

We've had an exciting week in FS1 filled with learning and creativity!

The children loved exploring The Gruffalo, bringing the story to life by creating characters and making Gruffalo Crumble, adding their own imaginative twists. In Maths, we focused on measurement with hands-on activities using bricks and cubes, and we conducted a fun science experiment observing how chocolate melts, sparking lots of curiosity and thoughtful questions.

In FS2, we explored baby bear's journey to space and learned about entrepreneurship through the 8 Billion Ideas initiative. Our classrooms transformed into cake shops, where students shared impressive ideas as shop owners, bakers and cake designers. It was wonderful to see you at the Progress Picnic, where the children enjoyed showcasing their favorite artwork.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to more events to come!

