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#### Admissions for the Academic Year 2025/2026



#### **Exciting News - Spread the news**

#### Year 9 is opening at Noya British School in AY2025-2026

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



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



#### This Week at Noya British School

From sporting triumphs to exciting learning experiences, it's been a vibrant and memorable week at Noya British School!

We're thrilled to celebrate our recent sports successes, including a fantastic basketball victory that had the whole school cheering. Our pupils also made a splash at our first external swimming gala, showing real determination and team spirit. Meanwhile, our aspiring footballers had the incredible opportunity to train with Manchester City coaches – an experience that all the children won't forget!

In the classroom, Year 4 stepped back in time for an immersive Roman Day, complete with costumes, artefacts and historical adventures. We also marked Earth Day in a meaningful way, with children joining together in hands-on workshops focused on sustainability and our planet's future.

This week also saw our Open Day. We were delighted to welcome crowds of prospective families through our doors. The atmosphere was buzzing with pride as visitors toured our school, met our wonderful students and staff and saw the vibrant learning that happens every day.

As we look ahead, we're excited to be opening our doors to Year 7, 8 and 9 next academic year – a major milestone in the continued growth of Noya British School.

Thank you, as always, for your support and for being part of our ever-growing school community.

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

#### Times Tables Rockstars & Numbots Launch!

It was absolutely fantastic to see all our learners and staff dressed up as Rockstars and Numbots this week as we officially launched Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots across the school! The enthusiasm and energy on display made for a brilliant start to this exciting initiative.

#### Why Numbots and TTRS?

Both platforms are proven tools that help develop rapid recall of number facts and multiplication tables in a fun, engaging way. They support learners in building confidence, fluency and mental agility—key components in mastering mathematics.

All log-in details have been shared with learners today, so we encourage you to support your child at home as they explore and enjoy their mathematical journey!

#### **Parent Involvement Opportunities**

We are excited to offer two meaningful ways for parents to get more involved in school life. We are currently looking for enthusiastic parents to join our:

- High Performance Learning (HPL) Parent Committee
- Cultural Parent Committee

If you're interested in joining either committee and supporting our school's ongoing growth and development, please contact myself and Ms Mai Alzubi at mhughes@noya.sch.ae or malzubi@noya.sch.ae

#### **Celebrating the Legacy of Sheikh Zayed**

Next week, we will be celebrating the inspiring life of **Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan**, honouring the values he instilled in the UAE. Learners will explore eight of Sheikh Zayed's values through engaging lessons and reflective discussions.

As part of this special week, all learners will complete an extended piece of writing connected to Sheikh Zayed:

- FS1 & FS2 A thank you letter to Sheikh Zayed
- **Key Stage 1** A recount of Sheikh Zayed's life
- Lower Key Stage 2 A non-chronological report about Sheikh Zayed's legacy
- Upper Key Stage 2 A persuasive text answering: "Why we must remember Sheikh Zayed"

We are looking forward to seeing the thoughtful and powerful writing that our learners will produce in tribute to such a remarkable leader.



# Sheikh Zayed Awardee Certificates



























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.

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## **Attendance Certificates**















#### Mark Your Calendar

### 28 April - 2nd May Sheikh Zayed Vision and Legacy Week



28 - 30 April	Book Fair Trips Year 3, 4 and 5	
28 April	Islamic Curriculum Workshop	8:00 AM 12:00 PM Online
30 April	8BIllionideas Immersive Day	
1 May	Parent workshop - Arabic A	8:00 AM 12:00 PM Online
2d May	Green Day - Wear Green for Earth Day	EARTH DAY
***	5th May - 9th May  Mental Health Week	L HEAD TO THE PORTAL
6 May	Odd Socks Day  - Parents' Yoga Session at 8:00 AM	
09 May	Sunshine Day - Parents invited at 10:15 AM	



#### **HPL PARENTAL COMMITTEE**



We're forming an HPL Parental Committee

If you're passionate about supporting high performance learning and want to be part of our journey, we'd love to have you on board! please reach out to Mr. Michael Hughes at <a href="mailto:mhughes@noya.sch.ae">mhughes@noya.sch.ae</a>

We'd love to have you on board!

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#### **CULTURAL PARENTAL COMMITTEE**



We're forming a Cultural Parental Committee! If you're interested in joining and helping us celebrate our diverse community, please reach out to Ms. Mai Alzubi at malzubi@noya.sch.ae

We'd love to have you on board!

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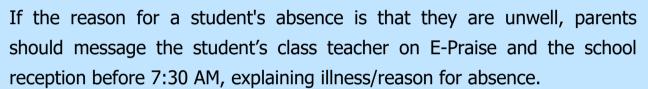




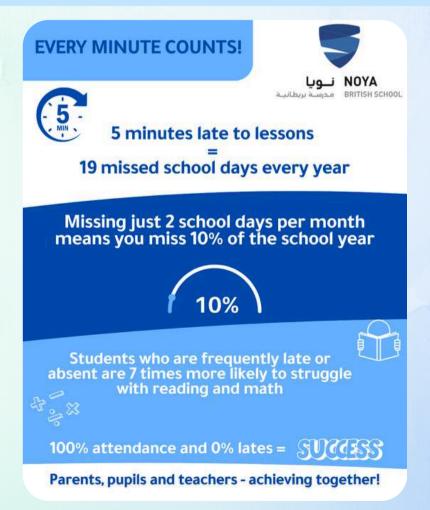
To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our students during outdoor activities, we will soon be implementing a '**No Hat, No Play**' policy. This means that children without a hat will be required to remain indoors during break and lunch time.

All students are encouraged to wear their school hats, if that's not possible, a plain black hat as an alternative.

#### Sickness:



A medical/doctor's is required for all illness absences.































































#### **EYFS Updates**

This week has been full of excitement and hands-on learning experiences for our little ones! The children had a wonderful time making porridge, just like in the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears and thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as Numbots. They also had a chance to become young authors and illustrators, proudly creating and mark making their own versions of the storybook.

In **Maths**, the children explored new concepts and applied their learning through play, helping to deepen their understanding in a fun and engaging way.

Looking ahead, next week promises more exciting learning opportunities as we begin a new story. The children will be encouraged to be curious, ask questions and explore new vocabulary—helping them grow their vocabulary bank and confidence in communication.

In FS2, we celebrated Earth Day, learning how to care for our planet through fun activities and discussions. We also explored The Little Red Hen story, which helped us understand the importance of teamwork and kindness. A big highlight was our exciting launch of TT Rockstars and Numbots, where we dressed up as robots and had a great time diving into maths in a fun, creative way!

Next week, we look forward to celebrating Sheikh Zayed: Vision and Legacy Week, where we'll learn about his values and contributions to the UAE.













#### **KS1 Updates**

We've had a fantastic week in Key Stage 1 and it's been wonderful to see the incredible progress the children are making this term. Our new phonics groups have begun and the children have settled in brilliantly, showing great focus and determination in their learning.

A particular highlight was the Year 1 trip to the zoo, where the children were amazed by the real-life encounters with the animals — including an unexpected splash from a playful elephant! It was a truly memorable experience that brought their learning to life.











#### **KS2 Updates**

What a fantastic week at Noya! From the immersive Roman Day in Year 4, to the excellent swimming gala our KS2 pupils took part in, it is has been a thoroughly exciting week with rich curriculum links. Our learners have enjoyed playing with the brand new playtime equipment during break and lunch time. It's great to see the lovely friendships grow, team work and collaboration during these important times in the day. Next week, Year 3, 4 and 5 will attend the Abu Dhabi Book Fair. We are very excited to see what the book fair will bring and how it will raise the profile of reading for pleasure which is a vital part of the curriculum. We will attend the Book Fair on the following dates:

Year 3: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April
Year 4: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April
Year 5: Wednesday 30th April
Year 6: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May















#### **PE Updates**



#### Noya! Noya! Noya!

What a week we've had for sport! Our U11 basketball team kicked off our term 3 season with an impressive win over Nord Anglia! Whilst our swim squad put all their fantastic early morning practice to good use in their gala this Wednesday!

Noya representing very well!

All the meanwhile, the fabulous Manchester City football coaches took over the school helping deliver healthy nutrition workshops, along with a few football skills to our school!

We're back in the swing of things now, with plenty still to come.

Look out for our Monday community run club, where we're hoping to see everyone come out and walk, jog or run together as a big community. This Monday we're at Yas Gateway park at 5:00pm, we hope to see you all there. Message myself for more details!

Enjoy your weekend! 🙏













This week, our students from Year 3 to Year 6 enjoyed engaging reading sessions where they explored a variety of texts and practiced effective reading strategies. It was wonderful to see them so involved and enthusiastic, applying techniques that help improve their comprehension and reading fluency.



استمتع طلابنا من الصف الثالث حتى الصف السادس هذا الأسبوع بجلسات قراءة ممتعة، حيث قاموا بقراءة نصوص متنوعة وتطبيق استراتيجيات فعالة في الفهم والقراءة. كان من الرائع رؤية حماسهم وتفاعلهم أثناء استخدامهم لتقنيات تساعدهم على تطوير مهاراتهم القرائية.



#### Join our Workshop

Islamic Studies Curriculum Y2 to Y6

- Monday, April 28th at 8:00 AM
- Online session at 12:00 PM
- Led by our MOE team
- Primary Sports Hall

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## Join our Workshop

Arabic A Curriculum

- Thursday, May 1st at 8:00 AM
- Online Session at 12:00 PM
- Led by our MOE team
- Primary Sports Hall

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#### **ECAs updates**

This week's ECAs ran brilliantly and pick-up was so smooth — thank you so much for your support in helping to make this happen. We hope parents felt the same and enjoyed the chance to explore different areas of our wonderful school that they might not usually visit.

A few spaces are still available in some ECAs, so if you would like your child to join, please make sure to sign up via Epraise by 3:00 pm on Friday.

If you have any questions or need any help, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Just a quick reminder: if a child misses two consecutive sessions, their place will be offered to someone on the waiting list.

Thank you once again for your continued support—it truly makes a difference!

#### **Pickup Locations:**

- Swimming, Indoor Cricket, Netball and Badminton collection will be in the primary sports hall.
- Every other ECA will be from the classroom listed on EPraise.









#### **CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS**



Dear Parents,

What a fantastic start to our Friday Annie rehearsals! Our students brought such enthusiasm and creativity to the session and it was truly inspiring to see them begin to bring their characters to life.

To support their ongoing practice at home, I've uploaded guided singing tracks links to the E-Praise group—please encourage your child to listen and rehearse between sessions. Each week, I will post a reminder in E-Praise specifying which characters should attend the upcoming Friday rehearsal, so please keep an eye out for those updates.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Together, we're building an unforgettable production of Annie!

Warm regards,

Amina Elhalawany

## WELLBEING TIPS



### Mental Health Edition

- Remind your child that they're not alone.

  Nearly everyone feels behind in school this year. Hang in there and just do your best!
- Help your child know what to expect. Find out the school's policies this year. What's different about lockers, classrooms, lunch or anything else?
- Praise all your child's efforts!

  life's more than grades. Recognize their curiosity, kindness and bravery.
- Pay attention to your own anxiety. Kids can sense anxiety. Talk to other adults to ease worry and get professional help if you need it
- Get enough sleep.

  Preschoolers need 1-12 hours, school-aged kids need 10 hours and teens need 1-10 hours.
- Schedule quality time together. Just I hour makes a difference. Here's a topic of conversation: What are you most excited about this year?
- Encourage daily movement. Children need I hour of physical activity a day riding a bike, a dance party or whatever gets them moving.
- (Chis goes for adults too!)

  Keep a routine. Waking up and going to bed at the same time every day improves mental health. (This goes for adults too!)
- Identify ways to calm stress. Taking deep breaths or holding something comforting in your hand (like a smooth rock) quietly relieve stress.
- Just ask! Ask your child if they're worried about being back in the classroom. Be a good listener and support them.



EcoTip 13

SDG 15: Life on Land

Plant a tree or start a small garden even a small green space on your balcony or school grounds helps absorb  $CO_2$  and provides habitat for pollinators like bees and butterflies.



Fact: A single mature tree can absorb up to 22 kg of  $CO_2$  per year, helping clean the air and combat climate change.

## INCLUSION DEPARTMENT UPDATES MS REBECCA BRISTOW

Dear Parents,

We've had a fantastic week in the Inclusion Department and are so proud of the progress and achievements our students are making!

#### **Royal Spelling Bee Success!**

On Sunday, some of our incredible students took part in the Royal Spelling Bee Competition—and they did a brilliant job! We're especially proud of Inayah and Johanan from Year 2, who represented Noya with confidence and pride.

Look at these wonderful photos of them shining at the event!









#### Gifted & Talented ECA Begins

This week also marked the start of our Gifted and Talented Extra-Curricular Activity, led by Ms Rose. The club is designed to stretch and challenge our high-potential learners through creative thinking, advanced problem-solving and collaborative projects. It's been lovely to see their excitement and engagement!

#### **E KS1 Reading & Writing Interventions**

We're pleased to share that Ms Danita has launched reading and writing intervention groups for our Key Stage 1 learners. These sessions focus on building confidence and reinforcing essential literacy skills in a nurturing, small-group setting.

Thank you as always, for your ongoing support. We're excited to continue celebrating the achievements and growth of all our learners—watch this space for more updates next week!

## SCHOOL COUNSELLOR UPDATES MS LAUREN PANDIT

What an exciting week it's been at Noya British School! From thrilling school trips to our very first swim gala and even dressing up as rockstars and robots for a fantastic launch day —our students have been fully immersed in fun, learning and memorable experiences.

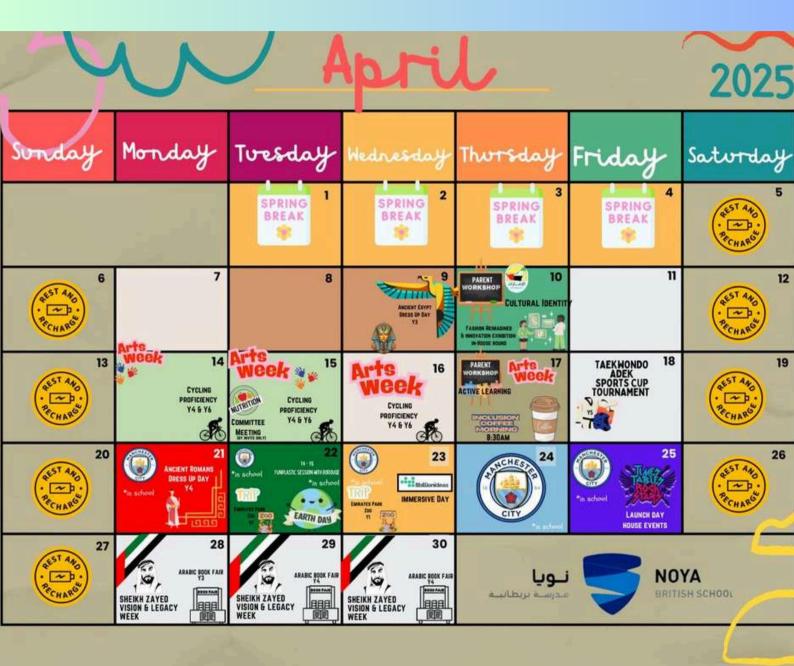


As the school counsellor, I love seeing how these special events go far beyond the surface of costumes and competitions. They offer powerful opportunities to support emotional and social development in ways the classroom alone can't always provide.

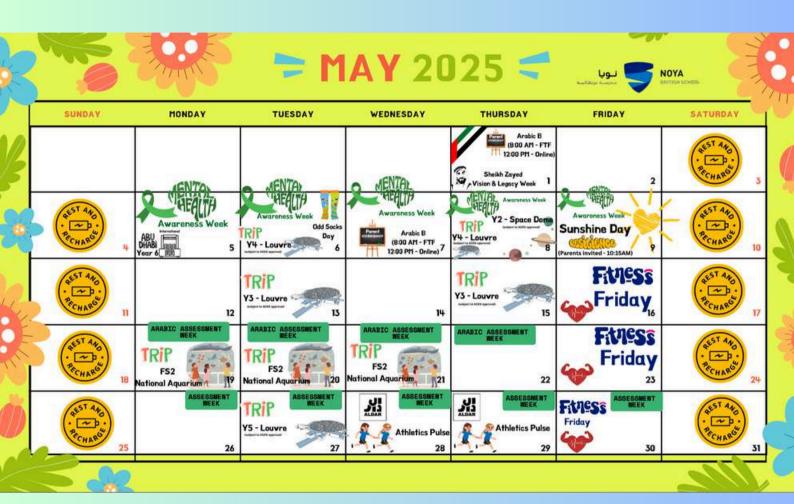
- **School Trips** are a brilliant chance for students to step outside of their comfort zones, build independence and strengthen friendships. These shared adventures create lasting memories and help children develop confidence, resilience and teamwork—essential life skills we value deeply in our wellbeing curriculum.
- Our First Swim Gala gave students a stage to show their courage and determination. Whether they won or simply gave it a try, every student had a chance to shine. Events like this build self-esteem and reinforce the idea that effort and participation matter just as much as results.
- Robots and Rockstars dress up for launch day. Days like this encourage children to think outside the box, express their personalities and celebrate creativity in a way that brings our school community together. These moments help promote self-confidence and spark meaningful conversations about identity, goals and the many different ways we can shine.

At Noya we believe that emotional wellbeing is nurtured not just through structured lessons but through meaningful experiences. These events help students feel connected, supported and seen—key pillars of positive mental health. It's a joy to watch them thrive in a community that values both their academic growth and their personal journey.

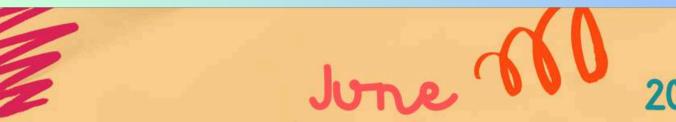
### APRIL CALENDAR



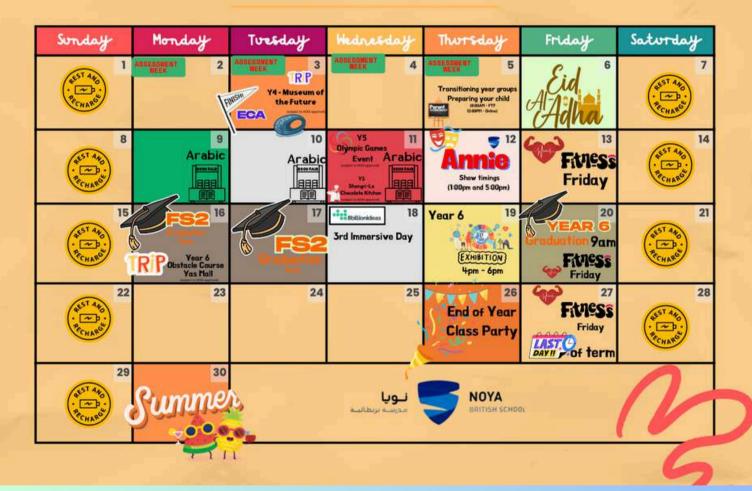
## MAY CALENDAR



## JUNE CALENDAR



2025





### SCHOOL BAG WEIGHT

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

#### **Term 3 Dates for the Diary**

Arafat and Eid Al Adha*	05th - 08th June 2025
Islamic New Year	26th June 2025
Last day for students for the academic year (All Students)	27th June 2025
Summer Break Students (Students)	30th June - 22th August 2025

#### Who to Contact?

- Assistant Principal, Mr Michael Hughes at <a href="mailto:mhughes@noya.sch.ae">mhughes@noya.sch.ae</a>
- Head of KS1, Ms Michelle Cronin at <a href="mailto:mcronin@noya.sch.ae">mcronin@noya.sch.ae</a>
- Head of KS2, Ms Ayesha Mirza at amirza@noya.sch.ae
- Head of PE, Mr Jack Stanbury at <u>jstanbury@noya.sch.ae</u>
- School Counsellor Ms Lauren Pandit at <a href="mailto:lpandit@noya.sch.ae">lpandit@noya.sch.ae</a>
- Admissions, Ms Hamsa Rakim / Shahzeena at admissions@noya.sch.ae
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- Reception, Ms. Shadn & Ms. Sarah at <a href="mailto:reception@noya.sch.ae">reception@noya.sch.ae</a>
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