



**AL-MADINAH SCHOOL**

**ESOL Newsletter**

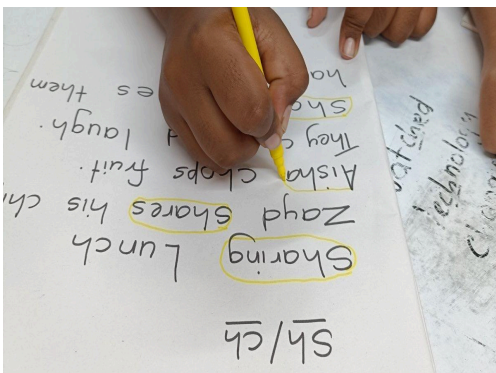
**Term 2, 2026**

*As one Year 7 boy shared, "I'm grateful for my mother who packs my lunch every day because she works hard," and another Year 8 boy reflected, "I'm grateful for being in a Muslim school because I feel safe." These voices remind us of something deeply important—when students feel safe, valued, and supported, they truly begin to thrive.*

Assalamu Alaikum. As we begin Term 2, I would like to take a moment to reflect with gratitude on a beautiful and enriching Term 1, and to share the learning journey ahead for our ESOL students.

### Looking Back - Term 1 Highlights

Term 1 was a time of meaningful learning, growth, and celebration. A highlight was Islamic Week, where students confidently shared their faith, culture, and values, demonstrating respect, unity, and pride. Students also made strong progress in structured literacy, building foundations in reading, writing, and speaking while developing confidence in language skills through perseverance and effort. A particularly proud moment was seeing ESOL students present on stage alongside their peers, showing courage and growth. At AMS, we remain committed to providing a warm, inclusive environment where all English language learners can access the curriculum and feel a sense of belonging within our diverse community. Students are supported through targeted classroom scaffolding, in-class assistance from teacher aides and multilingual class teachers, and small group or 1:1 ESOL teaching to meet individual needs, ensuring they feel confident to participate, take risks, and succeed.



### Term 2 Focus

This term, our learning theme is Sustainability. Students will explore how to care for the world around them—our environment, our resources, and one another. We will connect this learning to our values, reflecting on our responsibility as khalifah (stewards of the Earth), caring for Allah's creation with respect and mindfulness.

We will also continue to celebrate diversity, recognising that each student brings unique strengths, languages, and cultural knowledge. In our ESOL classroom, every voice matters, and every story is valued.

### How You Can Support at Home

Your support makes a meaningful difference. Encourage your child to talk about their learning in any language, read together regularly, practise new words, and have simple conversations about caring for the environment. Most importantly, praise their effort and remind them that their identity, language, and faith are strengths to be proud of.

### A Message to Our Students

Dear students, keep trying your best. Every word, every sentence, and every step matters. Don't be afraid of mistakes; they are part of learning. Coming to school each day helps you grow stronger and more confident. Believe in yourself, and remember that with effort, dua, and patience, you can achieve great things.

We look forward to another term of growth, kindness, and success, in shaa Allah.

### Wassalam

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