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STRENGTHENING FAMILY BONDS THROUGH OUR ANNUAL FAMILY GATHERING 2026

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh,
Alhamdulillah, it was a great success for our Annual Gathering 2026!

It was my great pleasure and honour to be the organiser of this wonderful event, together with my supportive team and dedicated volunteers.

We gave our very best from the initial campaign and preparation right through to the end-of-day cleaning. Our aim was to nurture and manage every moment so that everyone could enjoy the gathering and feel welcome.

Alhamdulillah, our hard work was truly honoured by the tremendous response from our community. We welcomed more than 160 families and over 600 participants, with people travelling from as far as France, Germany, Switzerland and Canada to join us.

Due to the size and beautiful greenery of the venue, our original plan was to build huts and dedicated areas for the Youth Corner, Gents' area and several other departments. Unfortunately, strong winds and another event taking place at the venue limited some of our plans. Despite these challenges, we successfully introduced and completed Cricket Matches during the day for the first time at a JMA Gathering, which was a great achievement.

I am sincerely thankful to our community for their generous contributions and support towards the event, which amounted to more than £11,000.

I would also like to express my heartfelt appreciation to our well-known Yarl Azeem and Ajmal Mohideen from Sri Lanka for sending such encouraging and congratulatory messages. My sincere thanks also go to Dr. Nawasdeen and Dr. Riskhan Basheer for their kind congratulations to our community achievers.

Finally, this event has given me a great deal of valuable experience, new contacts, understanding and learning. Based on what we have learned from this year's gathering, Insha Allah, we will plan ahead and work towards making next year's gathering even better.

Last but not least, my heartfelt thanks go to every single person who supported, contributed to and worked towards the success of this event. Your dedication, cooperation and encouragement made this gathering truly special.

Jazakumullahu Khairan to everyone, and may Allah reward you all abundantly for your efforts and contributions.

Alhamdulillah for a successful Annual Gathering 2026.

Insha Allah, we look forward to making the next one even greater.

Wassalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh.

Mohamed Fazil Abdul Gaffoor

PRESIDENT

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REGISTRATION
2026



Rozaan Faaruk
Treasurer
& His Team

Alhamdulillah!

We were delighted that more than 160 families, representing around 600 members, had registered for our Annual Family Gathering programme.

Families had travelled from different parts of the United Kingdom, with several families also coming from France, Germany, Switzerland, and Canada. It was truly heartening to see our community coming together from near and far, strengthening family bonds and celebrating our togetherness.

The Treasurer was responsible for registering members on the day.

A heartfelt Jazakumullahu Khairan to all our members for registering promptly and supporting the programme. Their timely response and cooperation were greatly appreciated.

We were grateful to everyone who attended and contributed to making the occasion a wonderful celebration of family, friendship, unity, and togetherness.

Jazakumullahu Khairan to everyone who made the gathering a memorable occasion.

FROM PROMOTION TO PARTICIPATION: THE IMPACT OF AN ORGANISED CAMPAIGN

Faizal Farook

Alhamdulillah, the 24th Jaffna Muslim Association UK Annual Gathering, held on 19 September 2026, was a historic success, with 160 families registering and over 600 people attending from across the UK.

This achievement was made possible through a combination of creative digital marketing, AI-assisted content, branded graphics, videos, WhatsApp communication, online registration, website promotion, and, importantly, personal community outreach through home visits and printed invitations across East Ham, Luton, Leicester, Harrow and other areas. My sincere Jazakumullahu Khairan to all my JMA colleagues for their ideas, support and teamwork, and to our beloved Jaffna Muslim community for your overwhelming response and participation.

May Allah accept everyone's efforts, place barakah in the work of JMA, strengthen our unity, and enable us to serve our community even better. Alhamdulillah Rabbil 'Alameen.





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WELCOME ADDRESS



PRAYERS

On the day of the gathering, Zuhr prayer was arranged on the grounds, while Asr prayer was arranged in the hall and performed in congregation (Jama'ah).

Those who attended the celebration were able to fulfil this important part of the day together. Members who had travelled from far away were especially grateful for the opportunity to offer both prayers together in congregation, making the occasion spiritually meaningful as well as enjoyable.

It was a beautiful reminder that, alongside celebrating our family bonds and togetherness, our prayers and faith remained at the heart of the gathering.

TROPHIES & MEDALS

The Trophies and Medals were a special part of our family gathering programme. They were presented to recognise and appreciate the achievements, participation, and efforts of our members.





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TIME MANAGEMENT AND PROGRAMME COORDINATION

Time management is one of the key factors in running a successful programme. Our President provided excellent leadership and guidance throughout the programme. As the Secretary, I felt it was my responsibility to ensure that the programme started on time and finished according to the scheduled agenda. Alhamdulillah, we were able to conduct both the indoor and outdoor activities according to the planned programme. All our members gave us excellent support and cooperation throughout the event. In particular, the indoor programme was completed according to the scheduled agenda and timings.

I would like to give a special thanks to Brother Faizal Farook, who stayed with me throughout the programme and gave his maximum support in managing the time and keeping everything on schedule. Also I would like to sincerely thanks Brother Fazli Farook, who supported us from the beginning with his announcements and helped ensure that everyone was informed and ready for each activity.

Finally, my heartfelt thanks to all our members who supported us behind the scenes. Your hard work, cooperation, and commitment played an important role in making the programme successful.

Jazakumullahu Khairan to everyone for your valuable support.



Fazli Farook



Mohamed Farzan Badurusaman
Secretary

HALL DECORATIONS



Jaeeros Azankuthoos



Mohamed Shihab Sulaiman &
Kishor Jahan Raheem

Children's Talent Show

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A SPECTACULAR SUCCESS: HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR 80
YOUNG STARS, PARENTS, AND VOLUNTEERS!

We extend our deepest gratitude to our community for making our stage segments an absolute triumph at the **JMA Annual Gathering on 19 September 2026**. It was a massive and beautiful undertaking, with around **80 talented children showcasing their skills across the Group Qirath, individual stage performances, and the fancy dress showcase**. Seeing our young stars recite so beautifully, perform with such confidence, and light up the room in their creative outfits was an absolute joy.

Thanks to the incredible backstage coordination of our selfless volunteers and the wonderful cooperation of our parents, the entire programme ran flawlessly on schedule starting precisely at 11:45 and concluding right on time at 13:25. Behind every shining star is a dedicated support system, and we are immensely grateful to the parents for managing the stunning costumes and to the volunteers for seamlessly guiding those 80 children through their transitions. Looking ahead, this success serves as incredible motivation for our future gatherings, we are already brainstorming fresh, exciting changes and even bigger stages to help our children's talents grow even further. Let this beautiful milestone inspire us to keep pushing boundaries, supporting our youth, and reaching even greater heights together in our upcoming events.



Group Qirath





Izmee Mahroof



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Cricket & Football Tournament Highlights

BROTHERHOOD, FRIENDSHIP, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

The Sports Activities were an exciting part of the JMA-UK Annual Family Gathering 2026, bringing together children, young people and community members through cricket and football.

For the first time, JMA-UK organised a Cricket Tournament, with six teams participating in an enjoyable exhibition match. The tournament was a great success, with trophies presented to the Winner and Runner-up teams.

The Football Tournament focused on youth participation, with competitions successfully held for the 7-10 and 11-16 age groups. Trophies and medals were presented to recognise the players' achievements and participation.

Although we were unable to conduct all four planned age categories, the experience provided valuable lessons and encouragement for future events. The enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship shown by all participants made the tournaments a memorable part of the Annual Family Gathering.

JMA-UK sincerely thanks the Sports Team, volunteers, participants and everyone who supported these activities. Your dedication and teamwork made the tournaments a success.

InshaAllah, we look forward to making our future sports activities even bigger and better.

Cricket Exhibition Match



WINNERS



RUNNERS UP



PARTICIPATING TEAMS IN THE TOURNAMENT

Football Tournament



AGE GROUP 7 - 10



AGE GROUP 11 - 16





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BOUNCY CASTLES



On the event day, our children had a wonderful time enjoying the bouncy castles.

Their excitement, laughter, and joyful moments added a special touch to our Annual Family Gathering 2026. It was lovely to see the children having fun and creating happy memories with their families and friends.

Our dedicated volunteers provided excellent support through the Charity Shop, making it one of the highlighted attractions of our Annual Family Gathering 2026.

Their commitment, teamwork, and generous efforts helped make the Charity Shop a great success and a valuable contribution to our community.



FIRE ENGINE EXHIBITION SHOWCASES EMERGENCY SERVICES



The Fire Engine and its Exhibition showcased the essential services provided by the fire and rescue team, highlighting their equipment, emergency response capabilities, and commitment to community safety



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OUR FAMILY MEMBERS



Our families enjoyed a wonderful day filled with outdoor activities, laughter, and togetherness. Children had great fun with their families and friends, creating joyful moments and lasting memories. It was a beautiful opportunity for our community members to relax, connect, and enjoy quality time together.





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FROM PREPARATION TO DISTRIBUTION: DELIVERING DELICIOUS FOOD WITH CARE



Kitchen Team

SERVING WITH DEDICATION





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CHARITY SHOP & STALLS



Our charity shops thrive through the generous food donations provided by volunteers. Income generated from these sales is directed to our charity account, helping fund community programmes and support services for those in need



Farraj Firthouse
Isthiyaq Nifalir
Anha Rafmoon



TUG OF WAR





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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY



Secretary's Presentation on Annual Plans and Projects
Our Secretary, Mohamed Farzan Badurusaman, delivered a presentation on JMA's Annual Plan and Calendar of Activities, providing members with an overview of completed projects, key achievements and ongoing initiatives.

He also outlined the organisation's future plans, project timelines and upcoming activities through a well-structured presentation, giving members a clear understanding of JMA's progress and strategic direction.

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT



The financial report, covering the period from April 2026 to the present, was presented by our Treasurer, Brother Rozaan Faaruk. He provided members with a comprehensive overview of the charity's financial activities, clearly explaining income, expenditure and overall financial performance.

During the presentation, Brother Rozaan outlined the key details of the accounts and answered members' questions, ensuring transparency and accountability in the management of the organisation's finances. The report was well received and helped members gain a clear understanding of the charity's financial position and ongoing activities.

EXCITING KAHOOT! QUIZ COMPETITION



Learning Through Fun

A lively Kahoot! Quiz Competition was held, bringing together youth and adults, both ladies and gentlemen, in a spirit of friendly competition. Participants eagerly took part in the quiz, creating an atmosphere filled with fun, excitement and enthusiasm.

The event was successfully coordinated by our youth member, Safraz Faizal, whose efforts helped make the competition enjoyable for everyone involved. To recognise the participants' achievements, prizes were awarded to the top three winners.

The competition was a great success, encouraging learning, teamwork and community engagement while providing an enjoyable experience for all.



SHAWJEER SALMAN

Pattimandram - பட்டிமன்றம்

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குடும்பத்தில் அதிகம் பொறுப்பைச்
சுமப்பது கணவனா அல்லது
மனைவியா?



One of the most anticipated and enjoyable events in our family gathering each year is the Pattimandram (debate programme). It brings together family members of all ages for an evening filled with laughter, thought-provoking discussions, and friendly competition.

This year, the event was even more exciting, with three ladies and three gentlemen participating as speakers. Each participant presented their arguments with confidence, humour, and creativity, keeping the audience thoroughly engaged throughout the programme.

The debate showcased not only speaking skills but also teamwork, quick thinking, and a wonderful sense of camaraderie. Family members enthusiastically cheered for their favourite speakers, creating a lively and energetic atmosphere.

The quality of the debate was so impressive that the judges faced a very difficult task in selecting the winning team. Every participant gave an outstanding performance, making the final decision extremely challenging.

The Pattimandram once again proved to be a memorable highlight of our family celebrations, bringing everyone together through fun, learning, and healthy discussion. We look forward to continuing this cherished tradition for many years to come.

A Highlight of Our Annual Celebrations



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ACHIEVEMENT & APPRECIATION AWARDS 2026



ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR ANNUAL GATHERING WAS THE PRESENTATION OF **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AND APPRECIATION AWARDS**. THIS YEAR, THE COMMITTEE PROUDLY SELECTED 13 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVERS FOR RECOGNITION, WITH THE AWARDS PRESENTED TO THEM BY THEIR PROUD PARENTS, MAKING THE OCCASION ESPECIALLY MEANINGFUL. IN ADDITION, 8 SURPRISE APPRECIATION AWARDS WERE PRESENTED TO DESERVING MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY, INCLUDING OUR ENTHUSIASTIC YOUNGSTERS, IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT. INSHA'ALLAH, WE HOPE TO EXPAND THIS INITIATIVE IN THE FUTURE AND RECOGNISE EVEN MORE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS, DEDICATION AND SERVICE.



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BEHIND THE SCENES: OUR JMA BOARD



TOGETHER
AS ONE
COMMUNITY

FROM THE EDITOR
JMA-UK NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL TEAM

