



Spring Half Term 2 (April 2025) Hey with Zion V.C. Primary **Happy Easter**

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Things Going On...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Dear Parents and carers, it has been a great term with lots of fabulous experiences and fun. Some of the extra activities have been a Man City tournament at the Etihad training grounds, a Viking visitor, watching chicks hatch and World Book Day with the Scholastic book fair. We have had visitors from Santander to discuss money and savings, a visit from Debbie Abrahams MP, library visits, an art gallery in school, a brass concert in school, a concert provided by the music service where children learn an instrument in a day and perform with other schools in the Queen Elizabeth Hall. It has been full on!

It is incredibly important to us as a school to ensure that we give every child every opportunity to enrich their lives. It has been brilliant to hear from the sporting events that the children all represented school in a fantastic way and demonstrated our values throughout the experience. We also had lovely words from our visitors who expressed how well-mannered and polite all the children were. Well done, Hey with Zion - keep it up!

Easter Award's Night

The children continue to make us proud. Our Easter Presentation Night on Wednesday 26th March was wonderful with selected children from each class who were awarded a prize for their amazing efforts this term. Well done to: Myles, Tabitha, Tyler, Ainsleigh, Archie, Nadine, Fajjer, Hetty, Hayden, Nevaeh, Isaac M, Armaan, Esa, Arwa, Jake, Lucy, Joseph, Isabel, Clement, Rebecca, Willam T, William K, Ted, Evelyn, Evie, Patrick, Isabelle, Joseph K, Jacob, Ellis, Rosie, Fabian, Luna, Asees, Thomas and Finnley!

These children have lived life to the full and have done their best for themselves and others. Keep it up!



Worship

We have looked at British Values, and further work will be completed on our school values. The School Council picked the core values, these underpin everything we stand for:

Wisdom, generosity, collaboration, respectfulness, aspiration, gratitude and forgiveness The School Council adapted our vision statement to include the word "aspire."

John 10 verse 10 Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." Within the love of God, we aspire to do the best we can for ourselves and others.

You are invited to our joint church service here at school on Saturday 5th April at 1:30pm. Rev Suva and the team from St John's will lead the worship and Easter reflection. The choir will sing and there will be tea, coffee, cake and treats! It would be lovely to see you!



We are all looking forward to the PTFA Colour Run which will take place after the holiday and we thank the PTFA for their enormous support and fundraising. The activities they provide for the children are amazing. The art gallery was superb!

Attendance At Hey with Zion we see attendance as important to the success and progress our children make. The more time our children are in school the better progress they will ultimately make. We celebrate attendance on a weekly basis and each winning class can sit on the benches in the hall during worship. Attending school gives all children the best possible chance to keep up with their work, achieve better results and the possibility of developing further friendship and social skills. There is research that shows good attendance at school links with a successful career and future happiness as an adult.

Number of days off school a year	Percentage attendance	Number of lessons missed	Level of concern
0 days	100%	0	Perfection
2 days	99%	10 lessons	Excellent
5 days	97%	25 lessons	Good
10 days	95%	50 lessons	Slight concern
20 days	90%	100 lessons	Concern
30 days	85%	150 lessons	Significant concern

Well done to year 2!

Class	Attendance so far this year
Nursery	93%
Reception	95%
Reception year 1	93%
Year 1/2	94%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	95%
Year 3/4	95%
Year 4	95%
Year 5 NP	95%
Year 5 SP	95%
Year 6	95%

Nursery News

Nursery have been so busy this half term! We have looked at many topics such as Ramadan, Minibeasts, Life cycles and Spring. They have made so much progress with their name writing this half term and have loved exploring weight, height and length in their Maths lessons. We also had some chicks in Nursery and the children loved watching them hatch and taking care of them. Overall, another fantastic term!





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Reception News

We have had some very exciting news in Reception this half term; we got the opportunity to observe and experience the life cycle of a living egg. The children have absolutely loved this learning experience in particularly the chance to see the chicks hatch and develop over a short period of time. The children have learnt how to care and look after a living animal. Thank you to Davey's mum who has found a fabulous new home where they will be cared for.



In year 1/2 We have been looking at everyday materials in science. We looked at the properties of material and then the three little pigs challenged us to build them a house that would keep them safe and dry.



Year 3

This term year 3 have experienced a lot of exciting days. We particularly enjoyed world book day where our focus was 'funny bones' all day. We completed fun activities like designing our own funny bones book cover, but the best bit of the day was creating our own collaborative piece of art of a skeleton with sticks we collected on our welly walk.



Year 3 and 4 News

Children have been doing lots of exciting things this half term.

We have completed a DT project where the children had to design and make shoe covers. This finished with a fashion show yesterday. Children were able to say what went well WWW and suggest improvements EBI.



Year 4

This term in science the children really enjoyed Science Day, they were able to investigate chemical reactions whilst making slime. In P.E. the children have been developing their communication skills whilst playing team games. Our art topic is focused on facial features and movement, they have developed sketching skills whilst considering dimension. The children have really enjoyed our English text - The Promise and produced some fabulous vocabulary. Fractions have proved a popular topic in Math's, the children also enjoyed completing cross number puzzles that included a wide variety of problems.

Year 5 News

The children had a visit from a Viking to enhance their classroom learning in history where they are currently studying the Vikings. They learned about life as a Viking, clothes, weaponry, armour, houses and food. They had a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Some of our boys were invited to take part in an on-the-pitch experience at Oldham Athletic on the 1st of March, when they were playing top of the league Barnet. They played a half-time match on the pitch against another local school and were able to watch the match in the stands with their families. One of our boys was also chosen to be the match mascot on the day.



Year 5 have had an exciting and enriching time! They learned how to make delicious Jollof rice, exploring new flavours and cooking techniques. They also watched a fascinating show about air pollution, helping us understand its impact on our environment and what we can do to help. Additionally, we celebrated Science Week by having a super exciting practical morning where we did science experiments. Finally, they showed kindness and creativity by making heartfelt cards of encouragement for Ramadan, spreading positivity and support. It has been a fantastic term full of learning, teamwork, and new experiences!



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Year 6

This half term has been a busy one for Year 6 at Hey with Zion. We were visited by our local MP Debbie Abrahams who discussed her role as a Member of Parliament. Children were then given the opportunity to ask questions, and they were really interested in finding out what inspired Debbie to become an MP.

On Friday 7th February, Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum North as part of our History work on the World Wars. Children took part in a mission for the 'Ministry of Memories' where they had to find out about remembrance. The children really enjoyed exploring the exhibits and seeing lots of artifacts to develop their knowledge further.

On Monday 10th February, we were visited by 'Chemistry with Cabbage' who developed the children's understanding of acids and alkalis. Children investigated a range of household solutions to see which were acids, alkali or neutral.



Dates for your diary

Return to school on Tuesday 22 April

- **Tuesday 22 April** Term begins
- Reception/Year 1, Lees Library
- **Tuesday 29 April** Reception, Lees Library

Monday 05 May - May Bank Holiday

- **Friday 02 May** Non-uniform day - fundraising day
- **Tuesday 06 May** Nursery, Lees Library
- **Thursday 08 May** Reception class trip - Smithills Farm
- **Monday 12 May** **SATs Week**
- **Friday 16 May** Year 3 trip to Oldham Regional Science Centre
- **Tuesday 20 May** Year 4 trip to Oldham Regional Science Centre
- **Thursday 22 May** Class Photographs
- **Friday 23 May** Term finishes

Break up for half term Friday 23 May

Return to school on Monday 02 June

- **Monday 02 June** Term begins
- **Wednesday 04 June** Year 1/2 trip to George Street Chapel
- **Tuesday 10 June** Year 2 trip to George Street Chapel
- **Wednesday 11 June** **Sports Day Foundation Stage from 9.30am, Reception/Year 1 upwards from 1.45pm**
- **Monday 16 June** Year 6 to Manchester Cathedral & Cinema
- **Tuesday 17 June** Year 3/4 trip to Oldham Regional Science Centre
- **Thursday 19 June** Reception/Year 1 trip to Portland Basin
- **Tuesday 24 June** **Reserve Sports Day Foundation Stage from 9.30am, Reception/Year 1 upwards from 1.45pm**
- **Thursday 26 June** Epworth Infinite Eight Music Event, Bolton
- **Wednesday 02 July** Year 5 to Jorvik Viking Centre
- **Friday 04 July** Nursery trip to Cockfield's Farm

Break up for summer Friday 18 July