

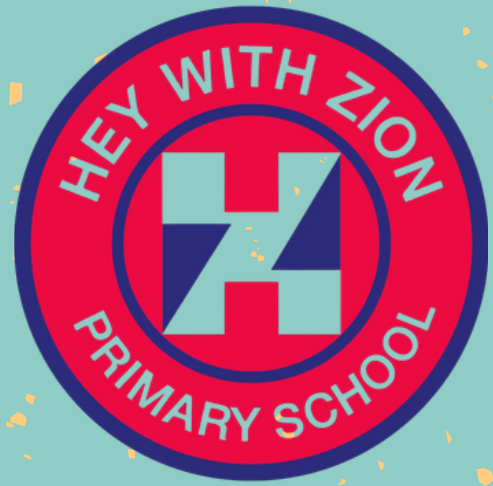
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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2025-2026

YEAR IN REVIEW

As another successful school year comes to an end, we look back on many wonderful memories and experiences. Highlights have included exciting trips, visits from special guests such as Gladiator Steel, the Colour Run, police and online safety workshops, the circus, the Christmas Fair, school discos, parent workshops and our Stay and Play sessions.

We are incredibly proud of all our children's achievements this year and wish everyone a happy, safe and enjoyable summer break. Mrs Machin



REMINDERS

- Return to school Wed 2.9.26
- Half term Holiday 23.10.26
- Term Resumes 2.5.26
- Inset Day 13.11.26
- End of Term 18.12.26

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the children, parents and carers, the PTFA, our Governors, Epworth Trust and of course to our brilliant staff. Thank you for all of the hard work this year!

*Have a great
summer!*

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ACORN AND OAK CLASS



Acorn - We have had a busy year in Acorn class. Some of our highlights include our visit to the post box to post our letters, using our outdoor area, learning about different celebrations such as Chinese New Year. We performed in our Nativity and had our Christmas stay and play. We always enjoy our Forest school sessions with Mr. Fletcher and we had our trip the local library and the trip to Smithills farm.



Oak - What a fantastic year we've had! We have made so many special memories together and enjoyed lots of exciting experiences along the way. Take a look at some of our photographs and celebrate these wonderful moments with us, including parachute games, our Wiggle Worship sessions, a visit from the police, our Christmas Stay and Play, posting a special surprise at our local post-box, celebrating Chinese New Year, World Book Day, our class trip to Smithills Farm, Sports Day (including the ever-popular parents' race!), and finally, our very special Graduation. What a wonderful year it has been!

To finish off the year, we also have some lovely news to share – Miss Holt is expecting a baby later this year! She will be staying with us until December before beginning her maternity leave, and we know the children will be just as excited as we are to hear her special news.

KEY STAGE ONE

PINE, ELM & BIRCH CLASS



Elm - It has been an incredibly busy and productive term in Elm Class, packed with fantastic learning achievements! In English, the children worked exceptionally hard engaging with our core text, *Little Evie and the Wild Wood*, using it to inspire some wonderful reading and writing. Our creative talents shone brightly during art lessons, where we explored the distinct industrial style and figures of the famous artist L.S. Lowry. In history and geography, the class thoroughly enjoyed diving into the dramatic events of the Gunpowder Plot and discovering the vibrant culture and landscape of Kenya. Finally, in maths, we tackled the tricky concept of time, with everyone showing great determination to master reading clocks and understanding durations.



Pine - This year, Pine Class has enjoyed lots of fun learning experiences, from exploring the oceans and continents of the world and discovering the inspiring work of Florence Nightingale to learning how to tell the time in maths and write creative stories in English. We have also spent lots of time in our reading corner, developing a real love for books, which we celebrated together on World Book Day by sharing our favourite stories and enjoying a range of book-themed activities. The children made the most of the sunny weather with plenty of outdoor play, showed great enthusiasm and teamwork during Sports Day, and had a fantastic time on our trip to Lyme Park, creating many wonderful memories along the way!



Birch - This school year has been filled with exciting experiences and fantastic achievements. One of the highlights was our wonderful Nativity performance, where the children sang, acted and performed with great confidence which made both Mrs Thompson-Lloyd and I very proud. We also enjoyed a memorable trip to Lyme Park, where the children had the opportunity to explore the beautiful grounds and learn more about the natural environment by completing a scavenger hunt. In the classroom, the children have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of their fantastic Phonics results, which reflect their enthusiasm and commitment to learning. Throughout the year, they have shown excellent effort, resilience and a positive attitude in all areas of their work, making wonderful progress and creating many happy memories along the way.

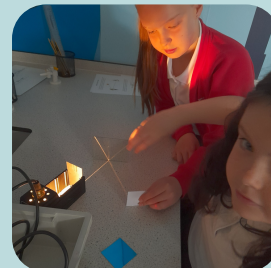
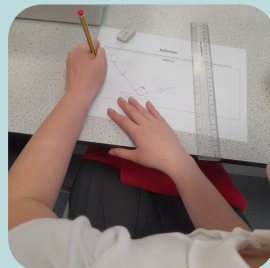
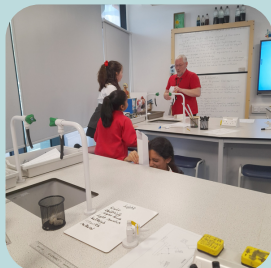
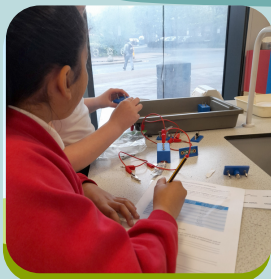
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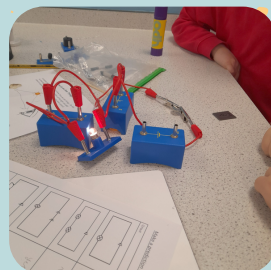
BEECH, ROWAN & CHESTNUT CLASS



Beech - This year Beech class have enjoyed lots of activities, but a favourite of all children has been learning our new instrument of the 'toots'. They enjoyed learning the different notes and putting these into tunes such as 'Mary had a Little Lamb' and 'Hot Cross Buns'. Another favourite has been Forest School where we did lots of arts using natural resources to make our own interpretive art. We have also learnt how to work in a team with people we don't often work with. Finally, we loved our trip to Oldham Regional Science Centre where we recapped everything we had learnt in science by completing different experiments. We enjoyed using the prisms to make a rainbow even though all we had was a normal light! Overall, we have had a great year living our lives to the full.



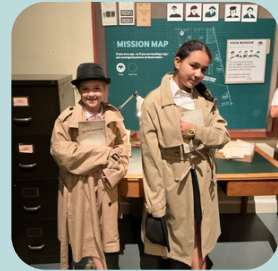
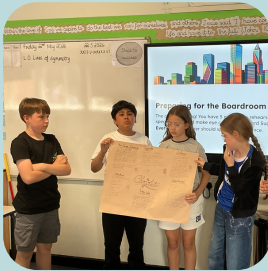
Chestnut -Our class book for English this half term has been Alice in Wonderland, the children enjoyed writing poetry using the text as inspiration. In our Egyptian topic the children learned about an ancient civilisation. They were equally intrigued and disgusted about how the organs were removed from the body. Our History topic linked with D&T this term, the children designed and made Scarab Beetles out of clay. The children particularly enjoyed the fraction unit in Maths this term. Times tables are always a hit in our classroom; the children love to test themselves in our weekly timed assessment.



Rowan - Rowan Class Children have been learning all about the Ancient Egyptians, including the history of mummification. The Year 4 children have completed their multiplication check and all children have made great progress with their times tables this year. Sports day was a huge success, as was Junior Athletics.

UPPER KEY STAGE TWO

ASH, LARCH & SYCAMORE CLASS



Larch - Larch Class have enjoyed a busy and exciting term. A highlight was their visit to the Imperial War Museum, where they explored exhibits and learnt about significant events from history. They were also inspired by a visit from Steel from Gladiators, who spoke about determination, resilience and leading a healthy lifestyle.

The children also impressed with their Fairtrade boardroom presentations, confidently sharing their ideas while demonstrating excellent teamwork, communication and research skills.



Ash - What a busy last term we have had in Ash Class. Several children had the unique opportunity to be involved in an overnight stay in Bakewell. All of the children involved loved having their chippy tea and sitting round the fire in the evening listening to stories.

We have also had our school trip to the Imperial War Museum where the children were 'agents' for the Ministry of Memory. They had to save Remembrance as it was being forgotten.

Finally, the Year 6 children had an amazing time at the Leavers Assembly at Manchester Cathedral. They all showed great enthusiasm when joining in with the songs.



This half term, we have been focusing all about applying our mathematical knowledge into the real world. The children have competed in a TaskMaster challenge which saw the children compete in teams. They have competed to see who has the best tower, best patterns, best data and graph, the times table chain and the best marble run. The winning team was the team of: Zachary, Mathias, Eva, Lexi and Erika. Well done everyone!