Abbey Hey Primary Academy July 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another eventful school year, it's a wonderful opportunity to pause and celebrate the journey we've all been on together. One of the greatest privileges of being in school each day is seeing first-hand the curiosity, creativity, and commitment our children bring to their learning. Whether it's through conversations in the corridors, time spent in classrooms, or looking through the fantastic work in their books, the progress and achievements made this year are clear to see.

The dedication of our staff and the positive attitudes of our pupils have once again shone through in all areas of school life, and this shared determination to succeed continues to define Abbey Hey Primary Academy.

We would like to say a heartfelt goodbye and thank you to several members of staff who will be moving on at the end of this term. We say farewell to Miss Tyers in Year 2, Miss Gleave, Miss Cooper, and Mr Pilcher. Each of them has made a wonderful contribution to our school, and we are extremely grateful for their hard work, commitment, and dedication. We wish them every success in their future adventures.

This year has been a truly successful one for Abbey Hey. In November, we were visited by Ofsted, and we were absolutely delighted with the outcome of the inspection. The report highlighted the strength, dedication, and care shown by our whole school family. This recognition was further supported by our outstanding Key Stage 2 SATs results, which we are proud to share:

Reading: 93%Writing: 85%Maths: 92%GPS: 87%

Combined: 85%

These results reflect the hard work of our pupils, the commitment of staff, and the continued support from our families—thank you.

Beyond academic achievement, our character curriculum has continued to provide enriching and memorable experiences for all pupils. From exciting educational visits and school-wide events to creative projects and community involvement, children across all year groups have had countless opportunities to grow and thrive.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you—our parents and carers—for your ongoing support and encouragement. Your involvement makes a real difference and plays a key role in our continued success.

As always, we say a proud goodbye to our Year 6 pupils as they move on to the next phase of their education. We wish them happiness and success in all they do, and we know they will continue to make us proud.

This year closes with great sadness following the passing of Miss Harding, a much-loved member of our Abbey Hey family. Thank you to everyone who has shared such thoughtful and kind words—we will pass these on to her family, who we know are grateful for your support during this difficult time.

Finally, on behalf of everyone at Abbey Hey, I wish you a safe, happy, and restful summer break. Enjoy time with loved ones, make special memories, and we look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Wednesday 3rd September.

Warmest regards,

Kylie Losper



Nursery

What a fantastic year it has been in Nursery! The children have grown in confidence, made new friends, and embraced every opportunity to explore, discover and learn.

In the Autumn term, we focused on learning all about ourselves and our friends. The children created self-portraits, shared what makes them special, and settled beautifully into their new routines. They explored the classroom with curiosity and especially enjoyed discovering all that our outdoor area has to offer.

During the Spring term, we welcomed some very special new members to our Nursery family – our rescued hens! The children have loved feeding them, watching their feathers grow, and collecting their eggs. A visit to *Reddish Vale Farm* gave us the chance to learn even more about animals and how to care for them. Holding the rabbits and guinea pigs was a definite highlight!

In the Summer term, we have been busy in the *Nature Garden*, planting vegetables and flowers and observing the changes around us. We can't wait to see how everything has grown when we return in September as Reception children!

We are incredibly proud of each and every child – their kindness, enthusiasm and sense of wonder have made this year so special.

Wishing all our Nursery families a wonderful summer break. We look forward to seeing you in Reception for more exciting adventures next year!



Reception

What an incredible year it has been in Reception! The children have shown curiosity, creativity, and a real love of learning through exciting topics like 'Science Detectives' and 'Castles, Knights and Dragons'.

In the Autumn term, the children settled brilliantly into school life, building friendships and learning about real-life heroes. Visits from firefighters and nurses inspired us all, and the term ended with a fantastic *Winter Songs* performance – the children were true stars on stage!

During the Spring term, we explored the natural world, planting seeds in our garden, feeding the fish in our pond, and making bird feeders. A highlight was our *Forest School Family Day*, where families joined us for campfire marshmallows and hot chocolate – a special day enjoyed by all.

In the Summer term, we had a brilliant trip to *Imagine That!*, making slime and snow, exploring the labs and watching science in action. We also celebrated with our *Family Festival Day*, filled with dancing, face paint and ice pops — a perfect end to a fantastic year.



The Reception team are so proud of each and every child. It's been a privilege to watch them grow and thrive this year. We wish them all the very best as they move on to Year 1!



Year 1

What an incredible year it has been in Year 1! From the moment we stepped into our new classroom in the autumn term, everyone settled in brilliantly. We quickly got used to our new routines and embraced all the exciting learning opportunities that came our way. We've explored fascinating new subjects like Geography and Science, where we've discovered more about the world around us and how things work.

One of the highlights of our science learning was a special visit from Adrian the Scientist. He showed us how to carry out a range of fun and exciting experiments. We were absolutely amazed when he demonstrated what happens when Mentos are dropped into a bottle of cola – it was an explosive and unforgettable moment that had us all cheering with excitement!

As the winter holidays approached, we worked hard preparing our Winter Songs performance. It was such a joy to sing for our families and share the festive spirit with them. Everyone sang so beautifully, and it was clear how much effort had gone into learning the words and actions.

Later in the year, we went on some brilliant trips. Our visit to the Manchester Jewish Museum was a fantastic experience, where we learned about Jewish traditions and even had the chance to make Challah Bread — which smelled and tasted amazing! Another memorable day was our trip to Lancaster Park and Animal Farm. We loved meeting all the animals and learning about how they are cared for. Our visits to forest school were always memories we

cherished and the best part was we were able to access the forest, right here on the school grounds.

We also kept active and had lots of fun during Sports Day. There were so many events to take part in, and it was wonderful to see everyone trying their best and cheering each other on. Another proud moment came during AbbeyFEST, when we performed songs for our families on the school field. We sang with big smiles and strong voices, and the sunshine made it all the more special.

Every single one of you has worked so hard this year, grown in confidence, and achieved so much. It has been a joy to watch you all learn, laugh, and shine in so many different ways. A huge well done to all the children – we are so proud of you! Best wishes for a fantastic Year 2 – you are ready for it!

Year 2

What a fantastic year it has been in Year 2! The children settled in brilliantly and quickly became confident, curious learners. They have worked incredibly hard across all subjects and have made amazing progress. One of the highlights of the year was our exciting trip to Debdale Park, where the children enjoyed exploring nature and spending time outdoors. We also had a wonderful visit to Chatsworth House, where the children were able to see beautiful gardens and learn more about life in the past.

At Christmas time, the children did a fantastic job performing the story of the Nativity. They worked so hard to learn their lines, songs, and actions, and their performance was a real highlight of the festive season. It was lovely to see their confidence grow as they took to the stage and shared the Christmas story with their families and friends.

As part of our commitment to caring for our community, the children took part in a litter picking session around the local area. They showed great teamwork and a real sense of responsibility. We were also lucky to have a visit from Adrian the scientist, who wowed us all with a range of exciting and hands-on science experiments—the children were amazed and inspired by what they saw!

In the summer term, the children joined in with Sports Day and showed fantastic sportsmanship and determination. Another proud moment was taking part in the Race for Life event — the children ran an impressive four laps of the school field to help raise money for Cancer Research UK. Their kindness and effort made a real difference and showed what thoughtful and caring individuals they are.

As part of our Local History unit in History, the class visited Gorton Monastery and learned lots about the history of our area. The children listened carefully, asked thoughtful questions, and represented our school beautifully









It has truly been a pleasure to watch each child grow and flourish this year. They have worked so hard, always trying their best, and should be very proud of themselves. We wish all the children the very best as they move on to Year 3 – we know they will continue to shine and achieve great things!





Year 3

Year 3 have had a very busy and exciting year this year!

We have learnt about some of the ancient civilizations, and we even went on an informative trip to the Manchester Museum to introduce our Ancient Egyptians topic! We solidified our Science learning with a fascinating and hands-on workshop.

We also learnt about Europe and The United Kingdom in Geography. We partook in a breathtaking VR experience where we were able to get up close to some of the world's most deadly volcanoes to help bring our topic to life!

We expanded our cultural awareness with a thrilling visit to Manchester Central Mosque, where we found out about how Muslims show their faith.

In DT, the children designed and made their own sandwiches. This involved using lots of new culinary skills such as chopping, slicing, cutting and spreading.

In addition to all of this, we developed lots of new skills through our Pupil Charter activities. We made cave art using natural ingredients which we displayed these in a pop-up exhibition for the whole school and parents to enjoy and experience. We even took part in a treasure hunt where we had to complete a variety of exciting challenges in order to win a visit to Debdale Park!

We are so proud of all of the children and we know they will continue to shine in Year 4!



Year 4

Year 4 have had an action-packed and exciting year!

One of our biggest achievements has been learning how to play the trumpet. We've worked hard all year, and it's been fantastic to hear the progress we've made.

In art, we had great fun making our own clay pumpkins, using our imagination and hands-on skills. In D&T, we prepared and made our very own soup, learning about healthy ingredients and how to follow a recipe. We also spent time outdoors enjoying forest school sessions, where we explored nature and toasted marshmallows around the fire.

A standout moment of the year was our Christmas pantomime. Everyone had a brilliant time, especially watching the teachers dress up like the Spice Girls! In PE, we learnt how to swim, building our confidence in the water and developing an important life skill. Technology took us on an exciting journey when we used VR headsets to travel deep into the Amazon rainforest. It felt like we were really there! We were also lucky to have a visit from a scientist who showed us some amazing experiments and inspired us to think like real scientists. We celebrated VE Day and reflected on its historical importance, and we went on a brilliant trip to Eureka, where we explored and learnt through hands-on activities.

We all worked hard to complete our multiplication check and showed fantastic focus and determination.

To finish off the year, we enjoyed an unforgettable school sleepover with games, laughter, and lots of fun with our friends. It's been a year full of learning, adventure, and brilliant memories. Good luck for Year 5!



We have had a busy and successful year in Year 5! The children have been focused, determined, and have developed behaviors for learning which have helped them to make progress and achieve their goals.

We have had some fantastic experiences and trips this year! We particularly enjoyed a trip to the Manchester Employment Tribunal to take part in a court case about 'Cyberbullying', where we got to act out a part in both the prosecution and the defence legal teams before a sentencing took place by the jury. We also took a trip to the Romans Museum in Chester, where we got to act out gladiatorial roles in a real—life amphitheatre. Whilst in this term, we also experienced an amazing trip to Jodrell Bank, where we learnt about how the Lovell telescope works, explored the universe in the space dome and took part in lots of exciting science investigations based on space and the universe.

In our curriculum topics this year, we have learnt about Ancient Rome, and the Roman Empire in Britain. We enjoyed learning







about how the Romans invaded Britain and how they kept control using different types of power. In Design and Technology, we created delicious pasta sauces and learned all about what high-risk foods are along with practicing our cutting skills. In art, we invited our parents and carers into our classrooms to view our beautiful illustrations that we created using hatching and cross-hatching to create contrast and tone in our art.

We are all proud of how hard the children have worked this year and we are sure they will have a successful and exciting time in Year 6!







Year 6

We have had such a busy year in Year 6!

We cannot believe the year is nearly over, and the children will soon be leaving for high school.

The year began with our residential trip to Robinwood, where we took part in lots of teambuilding activities: canoeing, climbing, zip wire and caving- just to name a few! This equipped us with the important skills we needed for Year 6. At Christmas, we went the theatre in Stockport to watch an amazing Sleeping Beauty pantomime. We also had an incredible history day where a 'Viking' came to school and took us back in time to explore the Viking-Age.

We are incredibly proud of the determination and resilience that the Year 6s have shown this year. Every individual worked extremely hard all year in the lead up to the SATs. We attended Debdale Park as a well-deserved celebration in May after our tests. It is clear to see that all of their hard work has paid off by their fantastic results- the best we have ever had!

In June, we attended Manchester University where we learnt all about the wonderful opportunities available in higher education. They also had the opportunity to experience the world of work on our work experience trip to Tesco.

The children performed phenomenally in their end of year play, The Greatest Show. We definitely have some budding superstars at Abbey Hey. We ended the year with our celebration trips to Blackpool and Power Up where the children had a fantastic time celebrating with their friends.

We have had such a wonderful year, and we could not be prouder of the pupils and their achievements. We wish them good luck for the future- you will be missed!



Thank you for all your support this academic year.

Have a great Summer 😊

See you back in school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.