



# DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS



## Some important date for your diaries

<b>Remembrance Day</b>	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>EYFS and KS1 KS2</b>
Children can come to school in Rainbows and Brownie uniforms or Cubs and Scouts uniforms. All other children should be in full school uniform. Remembrance poppies and other items can be purchased from the office.			
<b>Anti-Bullying week – Wear ODD socks</b>	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>EYFS and KS1 KS2</b>
Odd Socks Day is part of Anti-Bullying Week. To celebrate that we are all unique, we ask that children wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November. This day sends an important message to pupils that they should be allowed to be themselves, free from bullying, and helps us to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a fun and positive way.			
<b>Children in Need</b>	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>EYFS and KS1 KS2</b>
This year, CIN are calling on schools across the UK to celebrate the power of positive relationships, and the impact of these relationships in helping to support children and young people throughout the school years. We will celebrate this by being 'Spotacular' coming to school as our unique and spectacular selves – anything goes!			
 <a href="#">Click here to donate!</a> 			
<b>Children's Christmas cinema night</b>	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>15.15-17.15</b>	<b>EYFS and KS1 KS2</b>
The children stay in school and be collected at 17.15. The film will be the Polar Express (U). The price of the event is £2 per child and they will get a snack and drink during the film. Limited places are available, these will be allocated on a first come first served basis.			
<b>This is cash only at the office from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>			

## Attendance

### Days off school add up to lost learning

#### 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments



This week's attendance is **94%**

Class	Average
Nursery	97%
Reception	98%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	83%
Year 6	93%

### Reminder

Gates open at 8:45am and close at 8:50am. After 8:50 pupils must enter through the office as late.

## Mr Doolan

Mr Doolan will be leaving Discovery Academy on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November to take up a new post in Sports coaching and management. We wish Mr Doolan the very best of luck in his new role and thank him for all that he has done at Discovery Academy.

Unfortunately, this does mean that Girls football, Multiskills and American Football club will not continue after this date. Miss Oldham will email these families directly and a refund will be given for the missing weeks.

We are currently looking at sports coaching providers to support with clubs after the Christmas break.

## Reading heroes

Nursery	Jacob	He loves to look at books in the Nursery. He turns the pages and handles them with care.
Reception	Diego	Diego for always reading at home at beginning to read print in the environment when out and about with mum and dad.
Year 1	Lily	Lily has shown great ability to remember all her reading vocabulary. She loves to use prosody to read with expression!
Year 2	Eloise	Eloise has been doing lots of reading for pleasure at home and in school and from this it has inspired her to complete her own reviews and stories.
Year 3	Emily	Emily joins in well with reading sessions and answers a variety of questions confidently. An excellent trait is that she questions vocabulary and tries to infer meaning for unknown words.
Year 4	Ethan	Ethan has been reading really well and completing his reading journal throughout the first half term.
Year 5	Millie-Mae	Millie-Mae works really hard in her guided reading sessions in class. She is answering comprehension question in detail. Well done.
Year 6	Lewis Bi	Lewis has been pushing himself to read more fiction books at home and has delved into the great work of Roald Dahl. I can't wait to see what he picks up next!



### CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES



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PTFA Christmas Fair	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	3 - 5	EYFS and KS1 KS2
EYFS Christmas performance	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am	EYFS
Due to fire safety regulations, each family will only be able to have <b>two tickets</b> . Form will be sent closer to the time.			
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	All day	EYFS and KS1 KS2
Children come to school in a Christmas Jumper, t-shirt or dress. Other items of clothes should remain school uniform.			
Christmas Dinner Day	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	11:30 – 12:30	EYFS and KS1
		12:30 – 1:30	KS2
More details to follow			
Year 1 Christmas Assembly	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9 am	Year 1
Due to fire safety regulations, each family will only be able to have <b>two tickets</b> . Form will be sent closer to the time.			
Year 2 Christmas Assembly	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	2:30 pm	Year 2
Due to fire safety regulations, each family will only be able to have <b>two tickets</b> . Form will be sent closer to the time.			
St Barnabus Church Service	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Year 3 and 4
Parents can attend – maximum of two per family and may be required to stand			
St Barnabus Church Service	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	1:30pm	Year 5 and 6
Parents can attend – maximum of two per family and may be required to stand			
Party Day Last Day of term	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	All Day	EYFS and KS1 KS2

**We would usually have a Christmas Pantomime Trip and this year, to reduce costs, we had intended to visit Romiley Forum. Unfortunately, Romiley Forum is currently closed due to the presence of Reinforced Aerated Autoclave Concrete (RAAC) in The Forum Theatre. As a result, we do not have a pantomime organised for this year.**

## WELLBEING STARS

Each week we work on developing skills regarding mental health and wellbeing with the children. This certificate celebrates those who have shown a great understanding in this week's focus for their class.

Nursery	Finley	For improving. Finley really has persevered using scissors this week. He held his scissors correctly and tried his best to cut along the line.
Reception	Elijah	For developing his independence and confidence in himself.
Year 1	Elias	For caring: After Mr Westwood tripped over a table leg this week, Elias was quick to ask if he was okay. He always makes sure everyone is happy in class and always has beautiful smile!
Year 2	Lottie	For Caring: This week Lottie has been working effectively with her partner in supporting their confidence when answering questions.
Year 3	Sienna	Sienna is always focussing on doing the right thing in the classroom. She ensures that she shows good listening, good sitting and good looking so she can focus herself on the instructions to complete a task. Thank you for being an excellent role model.
Year 4	Chuka	Chuka has been very caring to some people in the class. He has been really encouraging to his peers and has been checking they are ok.
Year 5	Macie-Leigh	Macie-Leigh has been kind and considerate to towards another child in class. She noticed she was struggling and offered help. Well done Macie-Leigh.
Year 6	Amelia-Rose	This week, Amelia has been showing our caring value by speaking to adults when she has noticed others feeling down. She is checking in with children and adults and is ensuring that everyone is emotionally regulated.

## P.E STARS of the week

Each week the children take part in two PE lessons with Mr Doolan. This certificate celebrates those who have shown great enthusiasm, skill and team work.

Nursery	Esme H	Showing brilliant jumping and development in PE this year!
Reception	Luna	Becoming more confident in her movement skills and balancing this school year!
Year 1	Aryton	Showing excellent dribbling into space at speed with a basketball with one hand!
Year 2	Dray	Being able to show good dribbling and protection of the Ball from defenders in basketball!
Year 3	Calvin	Showing excellent attention and focus when learning about how to win a point in tennis!
Year 4	Ethan	Showing excellent hand -eye coordination and contract with the ball when learning about hitting Forehand shots in Tennis!
Year 5	Hallie	For improving in her passing skills at Football, and now thinking about each pass she makes!
Year 6	Kobi	Showing excellent leadership skills in a group, being able to read the challenge card given individually to each group, and creating a Gymnastics routine including each aspect!

### LUNCHTIME AWARDS

Each week the Midday Assistants celebrate the achievements of all children but give special recognition to some children to receive the Lunchtime award.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sophie	Jorgie	Freddie	Nicholas	Harvey	Alice	Gabriella	Lewis Bi

### Homework and Century club

We know that some families do not have access to devices at home and so starting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, Mr Roberts will be running a KS2 Homework club so children can complete their home learning without any barriers. This will be during lunchtime 12:30 – 1:00pm.

### CHILD OF THE WEEK

Each week the teachers celebrate the achievements of all children but give special recognition to some children to receive the Child of the Week award.

Nursery	KJ	KJ is improving especially in maths. He is becoming confident in counting objects and solving number problems. Well done KJ
Reception	Timothy	For: Participating fantastically in Phonics and being able to read CVC words. We are happy to see Timothy take pride in his learning.
Year 1	Lydia	For achieving: This week Lydia has produced some fantastic predictions and retrieved lots of information from a fictional text. She did this all by herself!
Year 2	Emma	For Achieving: In Phonics, Emma worked independently to sort real and nonsense words without needing any support and smashed it!
Year 3	Felicity	For Improving and Inspiring- Felicity has had a fantastic start to the half-term. She used her prediction skills well when we were looking at artefacts from our book, The Incredible Book Eating Boy. Well done, Felicity.
Year 4	Ethan	For Inspiring and Achieving - Ethan has come back after half term with a great attitude and has been working really hard on his Maths and English. He has achieved some fantastic writing and trying his hardest.
Year 5	Isobel	Isobel has worked really hard in English this week. She really up levelling her sentences and thinking about her presentation. Great start to this half term, well done.
Year 6	Bobby Be	For Discovering – This week, Bobby has explored new situations and pushed himself to get involved. He has had a positive attitude and it has been brilliant to hear all about it!



## Next week's lunch menu

Please see below menu for when we return. Please discuss the choices with your child so on the morning they are aware of what the options will be.

WEEK TWO	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	CHIPPY FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL OPTION 	Chicken sausage, with mash & gravy	Chicken tikka with boiled rice & naan bread	Roast Beef with roast potatoes, yorkies & gravy	Chicken goujon wrap With potato wedges	Fish fingers with skin on fries
VEGETARIAN DISH 	Homestyle Cheese & onion pie With potato wedges	Vegetable tikka with boiled rice & naan bread	Quorn filet with roast potatoes, yorkies & gravy	Quorn dipper wrap With potato wedges	Pasta & vegetable bake with garlic slice
JACKET POTATO / SANDWICH SELECTION 	Jacket potato Cheese or beans Cheese roll	Jacket potato Cheese or beans Turkey sandwich	Jacket potato Cheese or beans Tuna mayonnaise roll	Jacket potato Cheese or beans Egg mayo sandwich	Jacket potato Cheese or beans Cheese roll
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Garden peas Salad bar	Sweetcorn Salad bar	Sweetcorn Baton carrots Salad bar	Mixed vegetables Salad bar	Skin on fries Baked beans
FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT  	Fresh fruit Or yogurt	Fresh fruit Or yogurt	Fresh fruit Or yoghurt	Fresh fruit Or yoghurt	Fresh fruit Or yoghurt
DESSERT	Freshly baked cookies	Chocolate brownie	Butterscotch mousse	Jam sponge & custard	Ice Cream pot