

# DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS



## Some important date for your diaries

<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 13 <sup>th</sup> 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! Click <a href="#">here</a> to donate!			
<b>Non-uniform – Bring a bottle</b>	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>EYFS and KS1 KS2</b>
<b>PTFA meeting</b>	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>4:30</b>	<b>Parents</b>
<b>Non-uniform – Bring chocolate</b>	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>EYFS and KS1 KS2</b>
<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 **95%**

Class	Average
Nursery	86%
Reception	96%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	91%

### Reminder

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

## General housekeeping

**School lunch changes** – If you wish to swap your child from packed lunches to school dinner or vice versa the school office requires an email with 1 weeks notice.

**Collection passwords** – For any change to your child's pick up details including adding somebody new, you must request a form from the school office. We require 48 hours' notice for all changes. Due to safeguarding reasons this rule will not be

**Medicines** - Prescribed medication is the only type of medication we can administer in school. Parents must come to the office to complete a form. Absolutely no medications should be sent into the classroom with your child.

**Absence** – All absences must be reported to the school office by a parent or legal guardian. Third party messages are not permitted. Messages can be left with the office via phone call (option 4), voicemail (option 1 or after dial tone), email or in person.

**Breakfast club** – Absolutely no messages are to be passed through members of staff in breakfast club. If you need to speak to the school office then please use the above methods of contact.



### CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES



Children’s Christmas cinema night	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	15.15-17.15	EYFS and KS1 KS2
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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
Please complete the form <a href="#">here</a> if you wish for your child to have the Christmas dinner. Children normally on packed lunches can also have this dinner. The payment will be allocated under ‘school meals’ on the day and payment is to be made then.			
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	Freddie and Tommy	Freddie and Tommy have really impressed us this week managing their own hygiene and personal needs in school and at home. They have shown our school value Improving.
Reception	Tallulah	For always being, kind, caring and ready to learn.
Year 1	Charlie	For caring: Earlier in the week, Charlie noticed one of his friends playing by themselves and offered to play with them. He always makes sure everyone has someone to play with! What a good friend you are!
Year 2	Luca	This week Luca has been responsible for his own well-being by recognising when he felt a little unwell and knowing what activities he should and shouldn't take part in outside as to not make himself feel worse...even though he really wanted to play football!
Year 3	Jenson	Jenson has been a ray of sunshine this week. He has had a positive attitude towards all lessons and he has been complementing others on their improvements in English.
Year 4	Aleyah	Aleyah has been helping to ensure everyone's well-being in the classroom is positive in the classroom. She not only asks if we need help, but she also made Me and Miss McBain a cookie!
Year 5	Gabriella	Gabriella has been working well with her table group and is always a good friend to people. If she sees someone upset, she is there to comfort them and offer support. Well done Gabriella.
Year 6	Evan	After a tricky start to the week, Evan made great efforts to have a positive attitude and engage well with his learning. He has been supportive of his classmates, who have found maths challenging this week, and has been checking in with adults throughout the day to support his own self-regulation!

## 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	Sophie	for showing great balance and extension when moving around using her tip toes in Gymnastics!
Reception	Timothy	for being able to move around creatively using all the different parts of his body!
Year 1	Elias	for showing excellent and accurately when rolling a small ball at targets!
Year 2	Nyah	for showing excellent balance & extension when creating a zig-zag pathway, with the use of apparatuses in Gymnastics!
Year 3	Jenson	for showing awareness and accuracy when sending the ball to different areas of the Tennis court, to win points!
Year 4	Molly	for showing forehand shots accurately in Tennis, hitting targets close and far!
Year 5	Isobel	for showing brilliance in her counter balancing in Gymnastics!
Year 6	Enola	for excellent balance and flow in her created Gymnastics sequences!

### 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
Harlym	Ellie	Caleb	Oliver	Brodie	Ethan	Evan	Mason D

### 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	Darcey	For Achieving. Darcey has developed an awareness of sound and rhythm in phonics this week. She listened carefully, repeated the rhymes, and kept in time with the music.
Reception	Mia-Leigh	For: Listening carefully and challenging herself in her independent learning.
Year 1	Lennie	For achieving: This week, Lennie has impressed us with his segmenting and blending skills in Phonics! He has used these effectively to spell new words. To top it off, his handwriting is amazing too.
Year 2	Nicholas	For Improving: This week in Maths, Nicholas has improved his independence in Maths. He has been using the apparatus independently to solve his maths problems and showing pride in his work.
Year 3	Honey	For Achieving- Honey always tries her hardest in all subjects. In particular, this week, Honey has been really focussing in science to learn about Mary Anning and fossils. Well done Honey!
Year 4	Maisie Mc	For Achieving – Maisie has been trying with her best and taking her time with her writing this week and had created a fantastic opening to her setting description. She has also been trying hard with Maths, even when she finds it tricky.
Year 5	Harley	For Achieving & Improving– Harley has had a fantastic week in class. He has really been thinking about his handwriting and presentation. He produced some fantastic work at home which links to our geography topic. Well done Harley.
Year 6	Ricky	For Inspiring and Caring – Many adults around school have noticed Ricky's mature attitude when supporting other children around school. He is showing others the importance of learning and is being an overall great role model! Keep it up Ricky!



## 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 THREE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	CHIPPY FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL OPTION 	<i>"Glow from the inside"</i> Tomato pasta bake with garlic slice	Chicken fajitas Golden savoury rice	Roast Turkey with roast potatoes, yorkies & gravy	Homemade Pizza With seasoned wedges	Fish fingers with chips
VEGETARIAN DISH 	Homestyle cheese whirl With potato wedges	Southern style Quorn burger on a bap With savoury rice	Quorn filet with roast potatoes, yorkies & gravy	Homemade Pizza With seasoned wedges	Vegetable burger on a bap with skin on fries
JACKET POTATO/ SANDWICH SELECTION 	Jacket potato Cheese and beans  Cheese sandwich	Jacket potato Cheese and beans  Tuna wrap	Jacket potato Cheese and beans  Egg Roll	Jacket potato Cheese and beans  Turkey sandwich	Jacket potato Cheese and beans  Cheese roll
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Sweetcorn Salad bar	Baked beans Salad bar	Baton carrots Broccoli Salad bar	Sweetcorn Salad bar	Skin on fries Baked beans
FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT  	Fresh fruit Or yogurt	Fresh fruit Or yogurt	Fresh fruit Or yogurt	Fresh fruit Or yogurt	Fresh fruit Or yogurt
DESSERT	Freshly baked cookies  	Fruity jelly	Chocolate shortbread	Strawberry mousse	Ice cream pots