

# DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS



## Some important date for your diaries

Non-uniform – Bring a bottle	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	EYFS and KS1 KS2
PTFA meeting	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	4:30	Parents
Non-uniform – Bring chocolate	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	All day	EYFS and KS1 KS2
Children's Christmas cinema night	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	15.15-17.15	EYFS and KS1 KS2

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.

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## 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 **93%**

Class	Average
Nursery	86%
Reception	97%
Year 1	88%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	89%

### 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



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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	Tobias	Tobias has had a real 'can do attitude' and worked really hard on his Handwriting tasks this week and name writing at home too. Well done Tobias.
Reception	Diego	For always being kind and considerate.
Year 1	Freddie	For caring: This week, Freddie helped one of his classmates find their coat! Even though it was freezing cold outside, he persisted until he found the coat!
Year 2	Alana	This week Alana has shown resilience in social situations and shown a mature response to these situations.
Year 3	Georgia-Rose	Georgia-Rose has really thought about her well-being this week. She has used the calm corner when needed, written a worry for the worry monster and has spoken to an adult about what she can do to regulate her emotions.
Year 4	Ava-Ann	Awarded to: Ava-Ann is always caring towards the people she is around. She is always checking her teachers and classmates are ok and will always be the first one to offer comfort and assistance if needed.
Year 5	Leighton	Leighton has settled back into Year 5 really well after a recent injury. He has come back with a great learning attitude. Well done Leighton.
Year 6	Alexander	This week, Alex spoke confidently to an adult when he had something on his mind. He communicated his feelings well and asked for a conversation with an adult to support his own wellbeing in school before cracking on with his learning!

## 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	Tobias	for showing excellent balance in his hopping and creative movements!
Reception	Kaylan	for showing creative movement's with different body parts and in different directions!
Year 1	Aylan	for showing good focus and coordination with his ball handling skills!
Year 2	Elliot	for developing in his dribbling, passing and receiving skills in Basketball!
Year 3	Calvin	for brilliant focusing on the ball, and showing excellent ball striking in Tennis!
Year 4	Bridget	for applying excellent backhand shots into open spaces!
Year 5	Harriet	for showing excellent counter balances with the use of apparatuses!
Year 6	Lewis B	for showing excellent ball striking and helping others with their golf swings!

### **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
Kyan	Bilal	Odosia	Lottie	Harrison	Bridget	Noah	Lewis Bu

### **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	Demi	For improving, Demi worked really hard in maths this week. She could add 2 groups of objects together and say the correct amount. Well done for trying so hard! We are so proud of you!
Reception	Ellie	For developing her confidence in all of her learning and beining to participate mnore in class
	Aliayah	For achieving: This week, Aliayah produced a fantastic setting description. She used some wonderful verbs and adjectives to describe the setting using her senses!
Year 2	Evie	For improving: This week Evie has been independently challenging herself in English, Phonics and Maths. She's worked really hard and we're really proud of her.
Year 3	Emily	For Discovering and Caring- Emily has been a fantastic Geographer this week. She has recalled her prior knowledge, shared facts with friends and has supported others with finding information in an Atlas.
Year 4	Sofia	For Inspiring and Achieving – Although Sofia was absent due to illness for a few days, she has returned with a remarkable attitude, seamlessly diving into her work and completing it the best of her ability.
Year 5	Evan	For Achieving & Inspiring – Evan has wowed us again with his maths skills this week. He has worked hard on equivalent fractions and even offered to help others. Well done Evan.
Year 6	Noah	For Inspiring – During our 'Show Racism the Red Card' workshop this week, Noah created a very passionate and moving speech explaining the impact racism has on individuals and the community as a whole. It was great to see how he spoke with such passion and clarity!



## 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 ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	CHIPPY FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL OPTION 	Chicken burger on a bap with potato wedges	Oven baked beef lasagne with garlic slice	Roast chicken sausages with yorkies, roast potato & gravy	Freshly baked cheese pizza with potato wedges	Fish of the day with skin on fries
VEGETARIAN DISH 	Vegetable burger on a bap with potato wedges	Cheesy pasta bake with garlic slice	Quorn filet with yorkies, roast potato & gravy	Freshly baked cheese pizza with potato wedges	Cheesy omelette With skin on fries
JACKET POTATO / SANDWICH SELECTION 	Jacket potato Cheese or beans  Tuna mayo Roll	Jacket potato Cheese or beans  Cheese sandwich	Jacket potato Cheese or beans  Egg mayo roll	Jacket potato Cheese or beans  Turkey sandwich	Jacket potato Cheese or beans  Cheese roll
ACCOMPANIMENTS 	Baked beans  Salad bar	Sweetcorn  Salad bar	Green beans Baton carrots Salad bar	Garden peas Salad bar	Skin on fries & 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	Baked muffins	"Flapjack"	Shortbread biscuits	Ice cream pots