

# DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS



## Some important date for your diaries

<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.

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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 **92%**

Class	Average
Nursery	91%
Reception	88%
Year 1	91%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	90%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	88%

### 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.

Children **must** be walked to the gate and handed over to whoever is on the gate. Children should not be walking down the driveway or from the car unaccompanied by an adult.



### 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	Finley	Finley has been showing our school value 'Caring' he has played nicely with his friends in the learning areas and has been happy to share the toys.
Reception	Freddie	Freddie for always caring and asking how others are doing.
Year 1	Olivia	For caring: Despite being ill this week, Olivia has shown great resilience and attitude to complete her work! She never gives up and always has a smile on her face.
Year 2	Ethan	This week Ethan has managed his emotions well during changes in Year 2. We're really proud of him!
Year 3	Katie	Katie has shown resilience towards tricky concepts in Maths since starting multiplication and division. She recognises when she needs to use the resources or adult support. Well done Katie!
Year 4	Kaya	Kaya has been very supportive of peers this week. She helps everyone with a positive attitude and is always ready to give a helping hand.
Year 5	Isaic	Although Isaic was a little worried about going to Arundale to cook, he put all his effort into it and will make a fabulous chef one day. Well done Isaic.
Year 6	Islay	This week, Mrs. Mayers was very impressed with Islay's determination and perseverance. The tackled a tricky task with confidence and asked for breaks and support where needed to achieve her best! Great work Islay!

## 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	Finley	For becoming more confident in PE this term, and developing in his motor skills!
Reception	Casey	For showing excellent listening and effort in every PE lesson!
Year 1	Tairah	For working hard and overcoming new challenges in PE this week!
Year 2	Lainey	For showing excellent throwing with accuracy and power in PE this week!
Year 3	Tommy	For showing excellent manipulation with the ball and pushing himself to more difficult challenges in Tennis!
Year 4	Israel	For showing excellent shot selection in order to win points when playing a game of tennis!
Year 5	Marquez	For showing great listening to take on board skills which has developed all areas of his skills in table tennis!
Year 6	Maddison	For showing great teamwork and communication skills in order to successfully create a gymnastics sequence!

### 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
Jaxson	Freddie-James	Freddie	Alyssa	Eryk	Kaya	Savannah	Noah

### 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	Lottie	For improving, Lottie has worked really hard in maths this week. She found out the most common eye colour in class and recorded this in a pictogram
Reception	Tallulah	Tallulah for using her phonics to improve her independent writing.
Year 1	Sophie	For inspiring: Sophie is an absolute pleasure to teach. She always shows all of discovery's behaviour expectation, showing good sitting, listening and looking. This week she has been amazing!
Year 2	Noah B and Sophie	For caring: This week Noah and Sophie worked really well together to take photographs in different locations with different levels of light.
Year 3	Fabiola	For Discovering and Achieving- Fabiola has been focussing well in Geography this week. She has shown that she can retrieve our sticky knowledge and has worked hard to complete activities.
Year 4	Ashley	For Achieving – Although Ashley has felt under the weather this week, he has continued to try his best with his work and keep a positive attitude. He has also shown resilience to timetable changes for assessments and other day to day activities.
Year 5	Carrie-Ann	For Achieving & Improving – Carrie-Ann has been coming up with some wonderful vocabulary in English. She has been working hard on putting metaphors into her writing and improving her presentation.
Year 6	Enola	For achieving – Enola is always a great role model around school. She is always modelling the correct behaviour and works hard in all of her lessons. She is setting her mind to tricky tasks and is asking for clarification where needed to support her own learning! Keep it up Enola!





## 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