

DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS



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	98%
Reception	97%
Year 1	91%
Year 2	89%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	91%
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.

Homework and Century club

We know that some families do not have access to devices at home and so starting on Tuesday 7th 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.

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



PTFA Christmas Fair	Friday 8 th December	3 - 5	EYFS and KS1 KS2
EYFS Christmas performance	Thursday 14 th December	9:30am	EYFS
Due to fire safety regulations, each family will only be able to have two tickets . Form will be sent closer to the time.			
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 15 th 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 th December	11:30 – 12:30	EYFS and KS1
		12:30 – 1:30	KS2
Please complete the form here 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 th December	9 am	Year 1
Due to fire safety regulations, each family will only be able to have two tickets . Form will be sent closer to the time.			
Year 2 Christmas Assembly	Friday 15 th December	2:30 pm	Year 2
Due to fire safety regulations, each family will only be able to have two tickets . Form will be sent closer to the time.			
St Barnabus Church Service	Monday 18 th 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 th 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 th 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	Alexander	Xander has been working hard to listen carefully. He has waited his turn and shared the toys this week. Well done Xander
Reception	Ellie	For developing her confidence in herself and her learning. You can do it Ellie!
Year 1	Alaiah-Rea	For caring: this week, Alaiah has been extra helpful around the classroom. She has helped Mr Westwood with some jobs helped others tidy up!
Year 2	Eloise	For Caring: This week Eloise has managed her concerns really well. She's been confident to discuss them with an adult and solve them together.
Year 3	Coby-James	Coby-James has really been thinking about making good choices this week. He really impressed Miss Crosby with his resilience to losing something he had made and discussed this to find time to make it again. He returned back to his work after this time and completed it well.
Year 4	Maisie F	Maisie has shown her resilience with her work and is pushing herself, even when things get tricky. She is also a happy, helpful and enthusiastic member of the class that brings everyone joy.
Year 5	Dantaye	Dantaye has been talking about his feelings and using strategies to keep himself calm. Well done Dantaye, it can help when you share your thoughts and feelings with others.
Year 6	Ruby	A few of the children in other classes have been complimenting Ruby on her caring nature! They have told us how Ruby is supporting them at breaktimes and helping them regulate their emotions!

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	For improving. KJ has impressed us in maths this week. He used 2D and 3D shapes to make a super rocket to lift off into space. Well done KJ.
Reception	Kaylan	For: Always challenging himself in his independent learning.
Year 1	Lydia	For achieving: This week, Lydia produced fantastic short narrative about a Bus Ride. She used verbs and adjectives to make the story EVEN better!
Year 2	Oliver	For Improving: This week Oliver has been working extra hard in English & Phonics. He has improved his letter formation in his work, has been contributing great vocabulary to our group discussions and applying his phonics & reading in other subjects. Well Done!
Year 3	Tommy	For Improving and Inspiring- Tommy has been really thinking about good choices he can make in the classroom. Engaging more in lesson input, making positive comments on his friends work and discussing problems with his teachers, so we can resolve them together.
Year 4	Leilah	For Improving – Leilah has been working hard in sentence stacking lessons in English and has written some fantastic sentences about plastic pollution and deforestation!
Year 5	Marquez	For Achieving & Improving – Marquez has worked hard in class this week, especially in maths. He has impressed us with his knowledge on fractions. Keep up the great work Marquez.
Year 6	Alexander	For Achieving - Mrs. Wong has been very impressed with Alex's progress this term! He has been carefully improving his writing and has achieve great things in his reading SATs paper.








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
KJ	Elijah	Charlie	Florence R	Isla	Ashley	Oskar	Millie

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 	 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