

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 **95%**

Class	Average
Nursery	97%
Reception	98%
Year 1	91%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	96%

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



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	Raylan	Raylan has had a positive attitude and shown our school value 'caring' this week. He has used good manners and helped his friends to fix the train track in the learning area. Well done Raylan
Reception	Mia	Mia for being a kind and gentle friend and a good role model to others in class.
Year 1	Regan	For caring: Regan always treats his friends with kindness and always opens the door for everyone.
Year 2	Lainey	For Caring: This week Lainey has been very helpful to her friends and teachers in class. She has beautiful manners and is always polite.
Year 3	Darcey	Darcey has been really showing our caring value this week, supporting her friend with their work and checking in on those who haven't felt 100%. Thank you for being so kind!
Year 4	Rowyn	Rowyn has shown resilience all throughout the year in school work. She always has a smile on her face in the classroom and will ask her friends if they are ok and try to support them in every aspect of the school day.
Year 5	Ebony	Ebony has been really resilient in swimming. She is trying really hard and overcoming her fears of the deep end. Well done Ebony.
Year 6	Ellie	This week, Ellie spoke with her teachers when something was affecting her in school so it could be sorted and put to rest quickly and effectively! Great work Ellie!

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	Harlym	For improving this week. Harlym correctly held the scissors, cut around the 2D shapes, and named them independently.
Reception	Kaison	For: Always challenging himself in his independent learning and participating well in phonics! He was able to read the words <i>rabbit</i> and <i>jacket</i> this week!
Year 1	Olivia	For achieving and inspiring: This week, Olivia has impressed me and Mrs Wood with her efforts in class. She has tried her hardest to contribute to class discussions and answer tricky maths problems!
Year 2	Harley	For Improving and Achieving: This week, Harley has been working really hard in his lessons. He has focused, tried his best and self-regulated his emotions to complete his tasks. He completed a great piece of work on climate in Geography!
Year 3	Jack	For Improving and Inspiring- Jack has been focussing on improving his handwriting and has been eager to share his work, including the magazines he has been working on in his morning sessions.
Year 4	Bridget	For Improving – Bridget has challenged herself this week. We had some tricky multi-step questions in Maths and she showed her determination and perseverance when completing the work.
Year 5	Lylah	For Achieving & Improving – Lylah has worked incredibly hard in all her lessons this week. She has written some fantastic sentences in English and worked hard on her fractions in maths. She has had a very positive week.
Year 6	Millie	For Achieving – This week, Millie has worked hard to improve her planning and writing process. She flew ahead with her plan and included a wide range of skills we have been looking at, and even uplevelling to improve her already great work!







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
Gene	Jacob	Alaiah-Rae	Alana	Fabiola	Hunter	Evan/Finley	Joseph

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