



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 **94%**

Class	Average
Nursery	92%
Reception	91%
Year 1	98%
Year 2	89%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	94%

Reminder

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

Newspaper

You can find the link to the newspaper [here](#).

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.

Reading hero

Nursery	Tobias	Tobias for super home reading. We love to hear you make up your own stories in the small world too.
Reception	Teddy Y	Teddy improving his reading in groups, whole class and at home. Showing super understanding of stories and books.
Year 1	Lennie	This half term, Lennie has impressed me with his segmenting skills. He has used these skills to read unfamiliar words!
Year 2	Evie	For showing MASSIVE improvement in her phonics and reading.
Year 3	Hakan	Hakan has been applying his reading skills in all areas of his learning, this has allowed him to gain a deeper understanding of texts and allowed him to understand more tricky aspects of our topics.
Year 4	Molly	Molly has been working hard independently using her reading journal.
Year 5	Alfie	Alfie has been working hard on his reading this year. He is always eager to read more in class.
Year 6	Evan	Evan has been reading during all transitions in class recently and has been flying through the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' books!



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	Joliana	For always rising to the challenges in the learning areas and helping your friends too.
Reception	Emberleigh	For being a kind, helpful friend and good role model to others.
Year 1	Mia	For caring: This week, Mia offered to help others with their work. She's always there to offer a helping hand!
Year 2	Nyah	This week Nyah has overcome her worries and managed her well-being in a mature manner.
Year 3	Emily	Emily has been extra caring this past week with the lead up to Christmas. Supporting her friends when they are hurt, helping her partner with the church songs and supporting Miss Crosby in remembering the actions for the poem. Thank you Emily!
Year 4	Isobel	Isobel has shown great resilience this half term. She will always put her hand up in class and have a go and doesn't let an incorrect answer deter her! She is also helpful to her peers and will help people around her.
Year 5	Harley	Harley has had a great week in school. He has been thinking about the way he responds to others and his tone of voice in class.
Year 6	Joseph	Joseph has dealt with the changes in our timetable very well this past week and a half. He has asked for clarification where needed and has set up the visual timetable each day to support his own and others' wellbeing in class.

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	Margot	For improving. Margot has been working hard on her handwriting and initial sounds in phonics.
Reception	Elijah	For Improving his segmenting and blending in Phonics.
Year 1	Ralfy	For achieving: This week, Ralfy has impressed us with his Geography knowledge of the UK. He answered all of the questions correctly on the end of unit quiz!
Year 2		For Achieving, Caring, Inspiring, Discovering and Improving: For their commitment, enthusiasm and effort they all demonstrated leading up to and into the Year 2 Christmas Class Assembly! You all shined brightly like the star on that on that that 'Starry night'.
Year 3	Gracie	For Improving and Inspiring- Gracie has shown a passion and true talent for poetry in the past week. She considered the actions of the Colour Collector well and wrote an excellent Christmas Collector poem independently.
Year 4	Amelia	For Inspiring- Amelia can always be counted on to be doing the right thing in the classroom. I have seen her putting her all into her work this half term, as well as helping friends when she thinks it is needed. She is able to provide the class with fabulous ideas!
Year 5	Libby	For Achieving & Improving – Libby has been trying hard in everything she does. Her confidence is shining through, especially in writing and performing poetry.
Year 6	Ellie	For Discovering – Ellie has been really excited to share the new book she is reading this week. She has updated Mr. Roberts on each chapter with the use of the reading journal and has even used the ideas to inspire her own characters for up and coming stories









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
Margot	Tallulah	Eliza J	Mmachi	Tobias	Esme	Libby	Ellie

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