

DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

Discovery Academy Phone Lines



Please note that when phoning school the below options are available to you.

Option 1 – Absence line. This is to leave a recorded voicemail message for your child's absence it does not ring through to the office. This means the phone will not be answered by a member of staff.

Option 1 is an automated voicemail service only

Option 4 – Main school office (open 08:30 – 16:00) This line is to speak directly to the school office (Miss Oldham) Please note if this line is not answered you can leave a voicemail message which will be returned asap.

Option 4 may not always be answered if the line is busy. In this case it will go to voicemail.

Diary Dates

26 th Feb	Special Education Needs Review meetings	1:00 – 3:45pm (only parents who are required will be able to book an appointment on Arbor)
8 th March	World book day	Dress up as a book character and a sponsored read-a-thon
13 th to 15 th March	Year 6 Residential	Yr 6 only
22 nd March	Sponsored Activity Day <i>More details to follow</i>	Whole school
22 nd March	Sport Champion in school	During the school day for pupils
25 th March	Year 5 and 6 parent drop in session <i>Come and look at your child's work and have a chat with the teachers</i>	2:30 – 3:10pm
26 th March	Year 1 and 2 parent drop in session <i>Come and look at your child's work and have a chat with the teachers</i>	2:30 – 3:10pm
27 th March	Nursery and Reception parent drop in session <i>Come and look at your child's work and have a chat with the teachers</i>	9:00 – 9:45am
27 th March	Year 3 and 4 parent drop in session <i>Come and look at your child's work and have a chat with the teachers</i>	2:30 – 3:10pm
25 th to 28 th March	Easter experience workshops	During the school day for pupils

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

0 DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days) 100% EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE <i>Best chance of SUCCESS</i>	6 DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE 96.99% SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE <i>Harder to make good progress</i>	15 DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE 92.99% REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT <i>Less chance of success</i>	19 DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE Below 90% Persistent Absentee CAUSE FOR CONCERN <i>Serious concern Possible Court Action!</i>
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This week's attendance is 95%

Class	Average
Nursery	96%
Reception	96%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	95%

Reminder

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

Policies

We have a number of policies which can be found on our website which give parents an understanding of how we deal with different situations in school.

You can find our Behaviour Management policy [here](#).

You can find our Home School agreement [here](#).

You can find our Special Educational Needs Policy [here](#).

You can find our Zero Tolerance policy [here](#).

You can find our Anti-Bullying policy [here](#).

We also have a number of Trust policies such as Complaints and Suspension and Exclusion Policy which can be found on our policies page [here](#).

Please be assured that all incidents in school which fall within these policies are dealt with in line with these policies and also Government legislations such as [Suspension and Permanent Exclusion](#) and [SEND Code of Practice](#).

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	Nahla	Nahla has really shown her caring side this week in the baby clinic. Nahla has bathed and fed the babies and invited her friends to join in.
Reception	Paige	For looking after and playing with children who felt lonely.
Year 1	Year 1	All the values: This week Year 1 went to Portland Basin Museum. Every child represented the Discovery values fantastically! They listened, explored and even helped the History Keeper find his missing toys!
Year 2	Cobe and Florence R	For Caring: This week we have been talking about random acts of kindness and to share them when we see them. Florence let Cobe go in front of her in the line and then Cobe told Mrs Collins and asked if she could have a dojo for being kind.
Year 3	Fabiola	Fabiola was supporting Miss Crosby's well-being in Spanish this week, as Miss Crosby's pronunciation is not the best. She helped us learn the names of new instruments and gave us a sentence to practise together. Thank you Fabiola!
Year 4	Ashley	Ashley has shown his resilience in class this week. He has been able to understand when it is important to move to the next task to ensure he feels confident within the classroom.
Year 5	Dantaye	Dantaye has been showing the caring value. He really supported his class mate during maths. He explained parts of the lesson that his friend had missed and supported him with some peer marking. Well done Dantaye.
Year 6	Lilah	Lilah is always very polite and kind to those around her. She is supportive of her friends in class and is always looking out for others with a smile! Keep it up Lilah, it is great to see!

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	Esmae	For Improving. Esme confidently talked about the human life cycle and the changes that happen as we grow up.
Reception	Casey	For super ordering and counting to 5.
Year 1	Tairah	For achieving: This week Tairah has impressed us with her maths skills. She's shared some great ideas on how to solve some tricky problems and used deep dive questions to challenge her knowledge!
Year 2	Noah G	For Achieving: This week in Science, Noah used scientific vocabulary (attract & repel) that we'd learnt in Autumn 1's Science and applied it to this week's learning. He is a mini scientist in the making!
Year 3	Toby	For Inspiring- Toby has supported the whole class in a range of topics this week with his vocabulary and expanding on ideas that have been presented to the class. Thank you for being so supportive.
Year 4	Rowyn	For Inspiring – Rowyn has been using her new skills in finding the perimeter of a shape and adding some deeper thinking to make the calculations more efficient. She has then been sharing these ideas with the class.
Year 5	Freddie	For Achieving & Improving – Freddie worked really hard during a year 5 maths lesson. He worked well with his talk partner and answered lots of questions. Well done Freddie.
Year 6	Amelia	For inspiring – Amelia has been sharing a lot in class this week, particularly in our first PSHE lesson about keeping ourselves safe. She has shown an amazing learning attitude and constantly meets, and exceeds, our expectations.

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
Lottie	Lucas	Sophie	Mmachi	Felicity	Kaya	Noah	Evan

WEEK TWO	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	CHIPPY FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL OPTION 	Chicken Goujons with Chips & Beans	Chicken Tikka with boiled Rice & Naan Bread	Roast Beef with Homemade Roast Potatoes, Veg, Yorkie & Gravy	Cheese Quiche with New Potatoes Corn on Cob & Homemade Coleslaw	Fish Fillet with Chunky Style Chips & Beans or Peas
VEGETARIAN DISH 	Homestyle Cheese & onion pie with Chips & Beans	Vegetable Tikka with boiled Rice & Naan Bread	Quorn filet with Homemade Roast Potatoes, Veg, Yorkie & Gravy	Quorn Nuggets with New Potatoes & Beans	Quorn Sausage with Chunky Chips & Beans or Peas
JACKET POTATO / SANDWICH SELECTION 	Jacket potato Cheese and beans Cheese Roll & Salad Bar	Jacket potato Cheese and beans Turkey Sandwich & Salad Bar	Jacket potato Cheese and beans Tuna Mayo Sandwich & Salad Bar	Jacket potato Cheese and beans Egg Mayo Roll & Salad Bar	Jacket potato Cheese and beans Cheese Roll with Chunky Chips
ACCOMPANIMENT! 	Baked Beans Fresh Salad Bar	Sweetcorn Fresh Salad bar	Sweetcorn Baton carrots Fresh Salad bar	Corn on Cob Homemade Coleslaw Fresh Salad bar	Baked Beans or Peas No Salad Bar
DESSERT  	Freshly Baked Cookies Fresh Fruit or Yogurt	Chocolate Brownie Fresh Fruit or Yogurt	Angel Delight Mousse Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Freshly Made Blueberry Muffins Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Chocolate Ice Cream Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt