

# DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

## Attendance

Days off school add to lost learning					
175 NON SCHOOL DAYS					
Excellent Attendance	Good Attendance	Satisfactory Attendance	Requires Improvement	Persistent Absence	Severely absent
0 days off	4 days off	6 days off	9 days off	15 days off	95 days off
100%	97% and above	Between 95% and 96.99%	Between 90% and 94.99%	Below 90%	Below 50%

This week's attendance is **94%**

Class	Average	Class	Average
Nursery	97%	Year 3	93%
Reception	92%	Year 4	98%
Year 1	89%	Year 5	93%
Year 2	94%	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.

## Parent Governor

Following our recent parent governor vote, we are pleased to announce that Laura Healy has been appointed to join our governing board. Thank you to those that voted.

We look forward to working closely with Laura.

## Calendar dates

Breakfast Club & Afterschool Club	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Ongoing – <b>BOOKINGS NOW OPEN</b>	<b>ALL</b> bookings must now be made on our Arbor Parent Portal App as per recent email communications. Please ensure you book on using the app.
St Georges Day	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	All day	Come to school in your uniform – School, cubs, beavers, brownies, rainbows
Reception – height weight hearing tests Year 6 – height weight tests	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Morning	Your child will come home with a sealed envelope from the school nurse team. Please return this <b>NO LATER THAN 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL</b>
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May		Whole School Bank Holiday
VE Day	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May		Celebration on Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>
VE Day celebrations	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May		Children wear Red, White, Blue and donate £1 to veteran's charity
KS2 SATS week	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	All week	Year 6
Whit Holidays	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June		Whole school
Year 1 phonics test	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	All week	Year 1
KS2 Sports Day	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30am	School field
Year 4 multiplication checker	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	All week	Year 4
EYFS/KS1 Sports Day	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30am	School field
School end of year assessment week	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	All week	Whole school – Nursery to Year 5
Transition Day	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July		Whole school
SEND Parent meetings	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	1:30 – 4:30	Whole school

### PTFA baby group



**GIGGLES & GROW**  
AGES 0 TO 4 WELCOME  
£2 PER CHILD  
DRAWING - PAINTING - SINGING  
REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS  
FRIDAYS 9.30 TILL 11AM  
@ DISCOVERY ACADEMY  
PORLOCK AVENUE SK14 3LE

### HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF LOCAL PHARMACY SERVICES IN TAMESIDE

WHAT SERVICES DO YOU USE?  
WHAT SERVICES DO YOU NEED?  
HOW CAN WE MAKE PHARMACIES BETTER IN THE FUTURE?

## HAVE YOUR SAY!

Our survey is short, but it really matters.  
The feedback you give us will be included in a report that will help us decide how best to improve future pharmacy services in Tameside.

SCAN  
**ME**  
OR



CLICK HERE

COMPLETE  
THE SURVEY  
BY FRIDAY  
21ST MARCH  
2025

Click the link or scan the QR  
code to complete the survey  
<https://www.gnsconsult.org/communications-and-engagement/teams/pharmacy-services/>

Printed copies are available on request. Results available by 31st October 2025.

## 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 had a positive attitude to learning. She always takes pride in her work and carefully cut out the shapes to make an Easter bunny.
Reception	Myla	For Caring: showing understanding of friends religious celebrations. Asking: 'Did you have a nice Eid?'
Year 1	Casey	For caring: This week Casey has done a great job of looking after our outdoor equipment. He has taken his role of Lego monitor very seriously and made sure not a single piece has been lost!
Year 2	Mia	Mia is kind and caring and often shows our caring value. She always offers to help in the classroom and tries her best. Well done Mia.
Year 3	Year 3	For having the confidence to do their Trashion show in front of other classes and embracing the challenge of making outfits from discarded materials.
Year 4	Jenson	Jenson has shown supportive friendship qualities by helping his classmates this week. He has also shown his resilience when given feedback about his handwriting.
Year 5	Nieve	For taking herself totally out of her comfort zone and performing at a cheer competition with her team. We are so proud of you.
Year 6	Zachary	This week, Zac has worked well to support his peers with transitions. He will remind children what we are doing next and will be pro-active organising himself and others in the classroom!

## Reporting absence

Absences must be reported by the parent. This needs to be reported to the school office between 8:30 and 9am.

You can phone the school at any point and leave an answering machine message.

You can email Miss Oldham on [infodiscoveryhyde@victoriousacademies.org](mailto:infodiscoveryhyde@victoriousacademies.org)

You **should not** inform or email class teachers or breakfast club staff regarding absences or appointments.

If you have not reported a child's absence by 9 am we will follow our absence policy and make calls home or complete home visits. If no contact is made, the Academy reserve the right to request a 101 Police welfare check.

Please note the above methods of communication also applies for any messages for the office.

## After school club 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.

EYFS & KS1	Freddie-James – Year 1	Freddie has settled well in ASC and makes good choices
KS2	Dylan – Year 6	Dylan is a super role model who helps and supports others during ASC.

## Easter egg hunt

The children had lots of fun finding all the eggs in the PTFA Easter Egg Hunt. All children received a chocolate egg or pack of sweets at the end of the hunt.





### Reading hero

Nursery	Isaac	For always reading at home and letting us know how he gets on
Reception	Norah	For improving her confidence and phonics
Year 1	Finley	For a fantastic improvement in his Phonics Screening Check
Year 2	Sophia-Grace	Fantastic improvements in her reading. Always reads at home and shows a great understanding of what she reads.
Year 3	Florence B	Flo is a Reading Hero! You've shown tremendous growth in your confidence for reading aloud and using your skills to tackle questions. Your enthusiasm and determination inspire us all. Keep shining bright and sharing your love for stories!
Year 4	Poppy	For always reading in class and completing her reading journal. She also always joins in with great ideas in reading lessons.
Year 5	Dolly	For improving prosody and confidence when both reading out loud and answering comprehension questions.
Year 6	Dantaye	Dantaye always has her reading book and reading journal ready to go and is often seen reading during our transition times. Keep up the good work Dantaye!

### Lunchtime award

Each week the midday assistants celebrate the achievements of all children but give special recognition to some children to receive the lunchtime award.

Nursery	Gracie	For Super listening and trying new food
Reception	Myla	For being loving and caring towards her friends
Year 1	Miya	For always being polite and caring towards her friends.
Year 2	Mankirat	For always being polite and kind
Year 3	Riley	For being very helpful and tidying up at the end of lunch everyday
Year 4	Ryan	For improving and making good choices when lining up
Year 5	Esmae	For caring, Esmae worked very hard reorganising the various pitches in the playground after the wind had blown the barriers around
Year 6	Gabriella	For looking after her friends when they were upset

### 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	Aria	For Inspiring. Aria has impressed us this week for decorating and assembling her Easter basket.
Reception	Luca	For improving his confidence in his writing and handwriting
Year 1	Kaison	For Achieving: This week Kaison has written a fantastic travel review all about Hattersley. He has used super persuasive writing skills and amazing vocabulary.
Year 2	Henry	For Achieving & Improving – Henry has worked hard on his writing this half term. He has used his phonics well and thought about his presentation.
Year 3	Noah B	Noah has blown us away with his confidence and sentence writing in his morning sessions.
Year 4	Ryan	For Inspiring – Ryan always has interesting facts and information to share with the class and always does it eloquently and with a positive attitude.
Year 5	Raiyan	For Inspiring: Raiyan is a kind and helpful member of our class who always tries her best.
Year 6	Sienna	For Discovering and Improving– Sienna has worked very hard recently to consolidate her learning! She is challenging herself to work on higher level questions and will take on feedback brilliantly! Well Done Sienna!

### Visit from St Barnabus church



### PTFA WELCOME GATHERING

Have you ever wanted more events for the children at school? Do you have lots of ideas and are interested in finding out more about how to put these ideas forward? Well, come along to the Discovery PTFA welcome gathering on

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 9-9.30am**

We are looking for more members and we'd love to share with what being part of the PTFA involves. Come and have an informal chat with Mrs Collins or one of the other PTFA members and there might even be drinks and biscuits there too :-)





# TAMESIDE MUSIC SERVICE



## BANDS, GROUPS, CHOIRS

- Open to all aged 4 to 25
- Just £10 per half-term for access to all groups
- Make friends, learn and develop new skills

### MON

4:30PM JUNIOR STRINGS  
6PM SENIOR STRINGS

### TUES

4PM JUNIOR WIND BAND  
6PM BRASS GROUP  
6PM WOODWIND GROUP

Birch Lane Centre,  
Dukinfield, SK16 5AU

### WED

4PM BAND SKILLS  
6PM BAND SKILLS  
6PM BAND SKILLS  
7PM BAND SKILLS

### THURS

4:30PM INFANT CHOIR  
4:30PM THEORY LESSONS  
4:30PM UKULELE GROUP  
5:15PM JUNIOR CHOIR  
5:45PM JAZZ BAND  
6PM SENIOR CHOIR

For more info or to sign up scan here or visit  
**WWW.TAMESIDEMUSICSERVICE.COM**



## ASDA Cashpot

Thank you to all the parents who have taken part in the ASDA cashpot for school's scheme.

# ASDA

**You have helped raise a total of  
£224.10**

Each key stage will receive £75 worth of resources to support oracy on the playground.

### **After School Club phone**

We now have an after school club emergency phone number. Please note this phone line is only to be used for any parents who have children currently attending the club and need to contact after school club staff when the main school office is closed. The phone will therefore only be answered during the hours of 16:00 – 18:00. Please be mindful that the line is only for alerting staff if there are any urgent issues such as if parents will be late due to an exceptional circumstance, parents are waiting outside and the doors are locked but the bell has not been heard.

The phone number is **07780 208 909**

## **Breakfast Club & After School Club – Important Changes**

Please note an email has been sent to all parents today about some important changes to our BC & ASC bookings. Please ensure you read this email and check your junk/spam if the email has not come through.

### **Come and Read Sessions**

Nursery - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 9:00-9:30am

Reception - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - 2:30pm-3:00pm

Year 1 - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April - 2:30pm-3:00pm

Year 2 - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May - 2:30pm-3:00pm

Year 3 - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May - 2:30pm-3:00pm

Year 4 - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June - 2:30pm-3:00pm

Year 5 - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June - 2:30pm-3:00pm

Year 6 - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - 2:30pm-3:00pm

### **National child measurement programme**

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April Reception will have their height, weight and hearing tests in school. On this day Year 6 will also have their height and weight measurements.

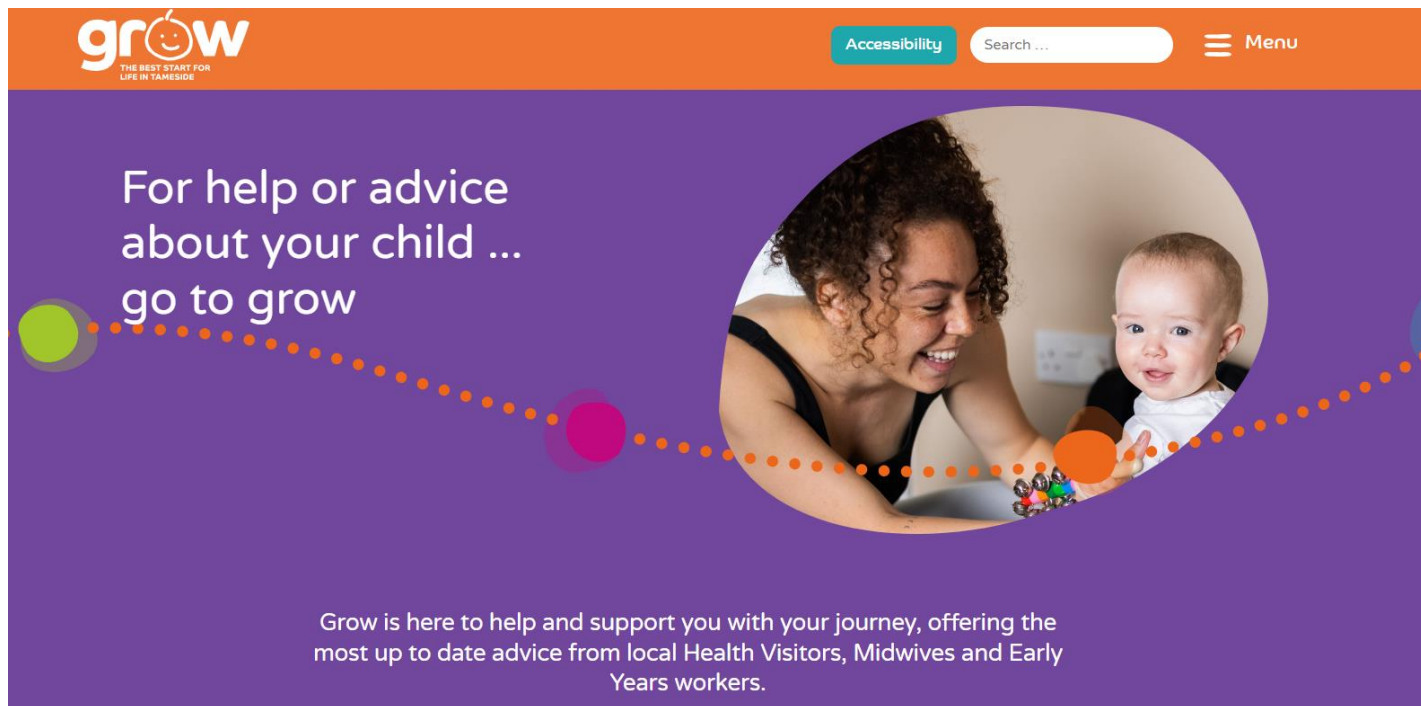
Today your child will come home with a brown envelope. This is from the school nurse team who will be completing the measurements on your child.

Please ensure the form is **completed and returned to their class teacher by no later than Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April.** Please note school do not have copies of these forms.

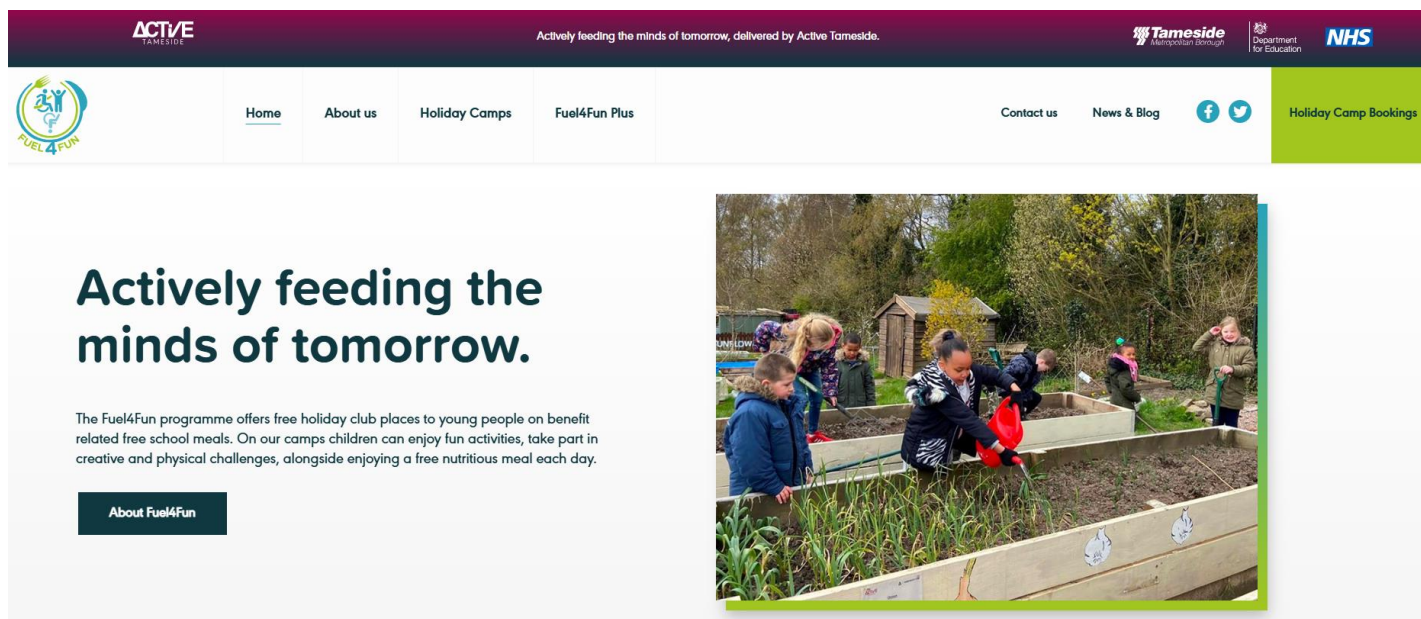


## TAMESIDE LOCAL OFFER OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

Here are some useful websites and areas on the Tameside Offer for children and young people.



[www.gotogrowtameside.co.uk](http://www.gotogrowtameside.co.uk)



[www.fuel4fun.co.uk](http://www.fuel4fun.co.uk)

Other information is available at

[www.tameside.gov.uk/Early-Help/parent-carer](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/Early-Help/parent-carer)



**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Celebrating 80years of freedom**

**Our VE Day afternoon tea menu**

**Crustless sandwiches**

**Cheese roll and sausage roll**

**Crisps**

**Veg sticks and dip**

**Victoria Sponge**

**Shortbread and**

**Ice-cream**

*This will be the only option on this day. Children will get all choices. Please select the sandwich option on Arbor if you would like to order.*

