

DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

Attendance and absence

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%

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

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.

This week's attendance is **98%**

Class	Average	Class	Average
Nursery	98%	Year 3	95%
Reception	92%	Year 4	97%
Year 1	96%	Year 5	97%
Year 2	96%	Year 6	91%

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

Traffic barrier

Discovery Academy will soon be having a traffic barrier fitter where the cones are. This will be an automated barrier that will not allow any car access.

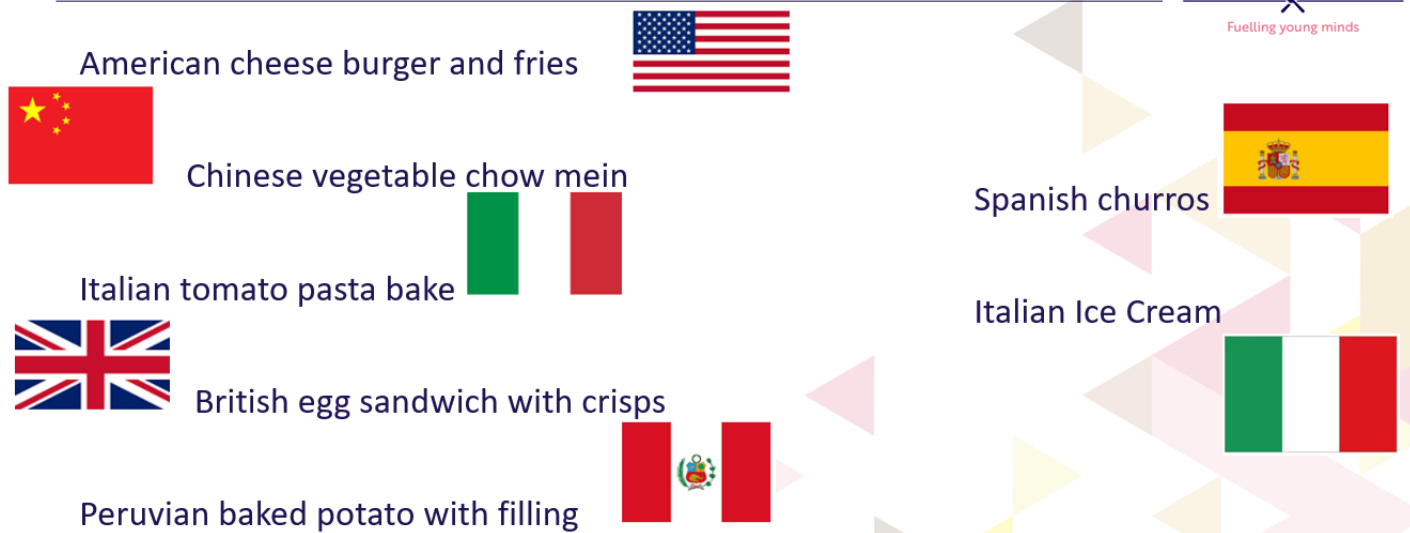
All parents will need to park in the visitors car park including Breakfast Club and After School Club. The barrier will also be locked between 8:35 – 8:55am and 3:05 and 3:30pm which means cars will also be unable to exit during these times. This is for the health and safety of all people on site at exit and entrance times

If you are a Blue Badge Holder, you will be able to apply for access. Miss Oldham will require you to complete a form and provide evidence of Blue Badge status in physical form. This will not be via email.

Application forms will be available from Miss Oldham from Friday 19th September.

Please can you inform family members of the times the school road is closed currently and when the barrier is in place as some are not aware and are parking in restricted access areas and wanting to leave.

World Food Day Thursday 16th October 2025



On **Thursday 16th October** we will be celebrating World Food Day with the above menu.

If your child normally has a packed lunch, but wants a school meal, please make sure you change the option to any school meal. If your child normally has a school meal and has already pre-selected, please ensure they know that they can change their choice on the day, in class.

The children will then make a selection on the day based on the revised menu. This will happen in class.



Don't miss out...

...on a school place for your child



Primary School

If your child will be 4 before 1 September 2026

- ★ You should put your child's name down at any Tameside Primary School.
- ★ During October the school will send you the information you will need to make your application.
- ★ If your child attends a school nursery they are NOT guaranteed a place in Reception. You will need to make a new application for a Reception place.
- ★ You must apply for a Primary School Reception place online through the Tameside MBC website at www.tameside.gov.uk
- ★ The online application facility will open for new Reception applications **early November 2025**.
- ★ The closing date for Primary School applications is **15 January 2026**.
- ★ Any application received after 15th January 2026 will be dealt with as a 'LATE' application and considered after those received on time.



High School

If your child will be 11 before 1 September 2026

- ★ You should apply for a High School place through the Local Authority where you live.
- ★ Extra district residents will receive information on how to apply from their own Local Authority.
- ★ You must apply for a High School Year 7 place online through the Tameside MBC website at www.tameside.gov.uk
- ★ The online application facility will open for new Year 7 applications **early September 2025**.
- ★ The closing date for High School applications is **31 October 2025**.
- ★ Any application received after 31st October 2025 will be dealt with as a 'LATE' application and considered after those received on time.



EYFS WEEK IN PICTURES



This week, the Nursery children worked on our hand eye co-ordination and counted how many bean bags we caught in the hoops.



In Nursery, the children have enjoyed completing tasks jigsaws and puzzles in the learning areas.



Reception have enjoyed building duplo homes and telling stories about who lives in them.



Reception have been building their finger muscles with their dough disco moves. Can you make a pizza, doughnut or sausage with your playdough?

KS1 WEEK IN PICTURES



Year 1 used talk structures to discuss and sort different types of behavior and then created their own class rules.



A cheeky beast popped into Year 1 this week leaving footprints and a tuft of spotty fur in our reading area. Year 1 created super wanted posters so he could be caught!



In Art, Year 2 explored the work of Andy Goldsworthy and thought carefully about the natural materials he uses in his creations



This week the Year 2 children enjoyed their first PE lesson, learning how to control the football with their feet.



LKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



In Maths, Year 3 have been using the base 10 to learn at how to represent numbers to 100.



In History, Year 3 have explored the historical event of The Children's March and how segregation made people in America feel and act.



In Science, Year 4 started their topic on teeth and digestion. They looked at their own teeth and then labelled the different teeth and the role they have.



In History, Year 4 began their topic on Aboriginals by finding resources scattered around the classroom. They worked out these all link to Australia and the Aboriginals.

UKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



Year 5 have created a fantastic display in our corridor. They talked about how special they are and how we are all different.



During PE, Year 5 created shapes with our bodies and enjoyed our first gymnastics lesson.



In English, Year 6 attended their own Discovery Academy Museum. They discussed how it felt to be represented and linked to some famous WWI soldiers.



Year 6 played a game of bum-shuffle volley ball to show how laughing can lighten the load. They discussed how humour and laughter can support us with competitive

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	Layla	For Achieving. Layla has really impressed us with her super counting in maths this week. Layla joined in with the song 5 currant buns and used her fingers to represent the numbers.
Reception	Albie	For Exploring: developing his confidence to explore all the learning areas in his new classroom.
Year 1	Riley	For caring: Riley has played so well with new friends on the playground and been a super role model to others.
Year 2	Ralphie-Michael	For all of the values: Ralphie has shown all of our school values in everything he has done this week. He is always kind, respectful and ready to learn, setting a fantastic example to everyone in the class. Well done, Ralphie!
Year 3	Tairah	For Caring- Tairah shared her thoughts and emotions towards inequality in History excellently this week, which helped the rest of the class understand the importance of The Children's March in America.
Year 4	Cobe	Discovering - Always willing to find out more information about any topic and shows an interest in all his work.
Year 5	Coby-James	For Achieving, caring, inspiring improving and discovering– Coby-James has had a really positive start to Year 5. We are so proud of how you are handling the new changes and challenges. Well done!
Year 6	Maisie F	For achieving and discovering – Maisie has settled in brilliantly to Year 6 life. She is taking part brilliantly in her lessons and is sharing some great ideas in our History and RE lessons.

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	Matilda	Matilda has been a super role model in nursery this week. She has shown our school value 'Caring' and helped her friends to tidy-up where they have been learning.
Reception	Amelia	For Inspiring: Amelia has been making good choices, she has adapted well to change and been kind and helpful to others.
Year 1	Kyan	For Improving: Kyan has been making positive improvements to his work and is starting to understand that if he always tries his best, it will be worth it!
Year 2	Casey	For Caring: Casey is always there to help his friends and make sure everyone feels included and happy. Thank you for showing such kindness and care towards others!
Year 3	Ralfy	Ralfy has had an excellent start to Year 3 and has discussed the changes well with the adults in the room to support his new routines.
Year 4	Florence B	Caring - Making sure her table is lovely and neat and helping others with their work when they have been stuck.
Year 5	Brodie	Brodie has been an amazing talk partner this week. She is supportive, kind and always works hard. Well done Brodie, it is a pleasure to have you in Year 5.
Year 6	Isla	This week, Isla has spoken with adults in her classroom when she is unsure what she should be doing. She is accepting advice from others and is working well to stay focused in class! Keep it up Isla!

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	Freddy – Yr1	Freddy has been kind and gentle towards others.
KS2	Tommy – Yr5	Tommy has shown maturity and kindness this week.

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	Matthias	For eating all his lunch and using his manners
Reception	Fedora	For settling in well with new lunchtime routines
Year 1	Callie	For always being good and eating everything
Year 2	Tallulah	For showing her caring value to everyone
Year 3	Mankirat	For lovely manners and lovely table manners
Year 4	Riley-Martin	For caring Riley is always caring towards his peers and is always the first to tidy up at the end of lunch
Year 5	Tommy	For being well behaved and helping me and putting things away
Year 6	Hunter	For showing our caring value and looking after some of the younger children

Breakfast Club, After School Club, Sports clubs and Nursery extended hours – PAYMENTS

All clubs **MUST** be paid in advance. Debt can not be accrued as we do not offer a credit agreement.

If children are not booked on to Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club in Arbor, then staff have now been instructed to refuse entry. It is the parents responsibility to book a place for your child. The admin and financial impact of not booking and not paying in advance is no longer sustainable and if parents do not follow these processes which have now been in place for a number of weeks, we will have no choice but to withdraw your permissions to use the service.

The debt and debt recovery impacts on cash flow, which in turn impacts the schools ability to manage budget and provide some additional curriculum experience and resources.

After School Club phone

For emergency use only: **07780 208 909**

September calendar dates

Meet the teacher meeting	Monday 8 th September	9am	Year 6
Meet the teacher meeting	Tuesday 9 th September	9am	Year 5
Meet the teacher meeting	Tuesday 9 th September	2.45pm	Year 1
Meet the teacher meeting	Wednesday 10 th September	2.45pm	Year 2
Meet the teacher meeting	Thursday 11 th September	2.45pm	Year 3
Meet the teacher meeting	Friday 12 th September	2.45pm	Year 4
Meet the teacher meeting	Monday 15 th September	2.45pm	Reception
European Languages Day	Friday 26 th September	Morning	Whole school Children can dress in red, yellow or Spanish themed clothing

October calendar dates

PTFA Colouring competition launch	Monday 6 th October		Whole School
Parent Consultation meetings	Wednesday 15 th October	1 – 6pm	Whole school
World Food Day Celebrating 1 Year of Victorious Catering	Thursday 16 th October	Lunch	Whole School Special menu day
Show Racism the Red Card day	Friday 17 th October	All day	Come to school in red
PTFA Colouring competition closes	Friday 17 th October	9am	Whole School
SEND drop in session with Mrs Mayer	Tuesday 21 st October	2:45	Drop in
KS2 Family Assemble Celebration of Black History Month learning	Friday 24 th October	9am	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents
PTFA Halloween Tuck Shop	Friday 24 th October	3:15pm	Whole school Large Hall

November calendar dates

Year 1 Phonics Workshop	Monday 3 rd November	2:30pm	Year 1 parents
Nursery Phonics Workshop	Tuesday 4 th November	9am	Nursery parents
Reception Phonics Workshop	Tuesday 4 th November	2:30pm	Reception parents
Anti-Bullying Week Odd Socks Day	Monday 10 th November	All day	Whole School
Children in Need	Friday 14 th November	All Day	Whole School Wear something funny Donate £1
Autumn Term Assessment week	Monday 17 th November	All week	Whole School

December calendar dates

SEND review meetings	Monday 1 st December	2 – 5pm	SEND pupils by invite on Arbor
PTFA Christmas Fair	Wednesday 5 th December	2:30 – 4:30pm	Whole school
EYFS Christmas Performance	Tuesday 9 th December	9:15 am	EYFS Parents
SEND drop in session with Mrs Mayer	Tuesday 9 th December	2:45	Drop in
Christmas Crafts Morning	Thursday 11 th December	9 am	Whole school Parents invited
KS2 Church performance	Monday 15 th December		
KS1 Christmas Performance	Tuesday 16 th December	2pm	Year 1 and 2 parents
Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 18 th December	Lunch time	Whole school
Last Day – Party day	Friday 19 th December	All day	Whole school