

DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

Welcome Back

It was lovely to see so many smiling faces this week, both children and adults, as we welcomed all the pupils back to school in Years 1 – 6.

It was also great to meet so many new families to Nursery and Reception.

We are all looking forward to the year ahead.

Attendance and absence

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



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.

Front gate and doors

We have had added security to the main entrance fitted over the summer. You must now use the intercom camera and press the bell to access the school main entrance.

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



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.

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

Meet the Teacher sessions

Don't forget to come to our Meet the Teacher sessions next week to find out all about your child's learning this year.