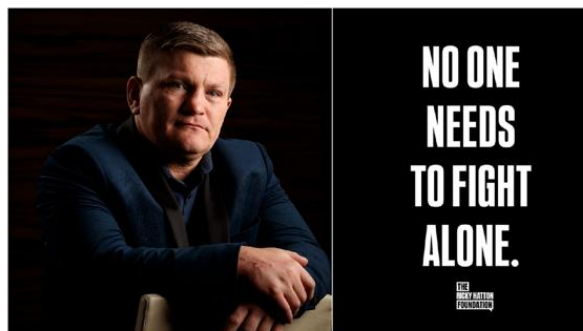


# DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS



## THE RICKY HATTON FOUNDATION



Today was World Mental Health Day and all children have taken part in activities to promote mental health and wellbeing.

Also today, the children of Discovery Academy showed their caring value and attended the funeral procession at the Harehill Tavern. Every child there, from Discovery Academy, represented the school in the most respectful way. I was immensely proud of all of the children.

Mrs Collins has managed to secure tickets for **England V Brazil women's football** at the Etihad Stadium on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025. To raise money for the Ricky Hatton Foundation, we would like to hold a raffle. Tickets will be £1 each.

1<sup>st</sup> prize - Family of 5

2nd prize – Family of 3

3<sup>rd</sup> prize – Pair of tickets

### 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](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.

This week's attendance is **95%**

| Class     | Average | Class  | Average |
|-----------|---------|--------|---------|
| Nursery   | 90%     | Year 3 | 93%     |
| Reception | 96%     | Year 4 | 96%     |
| Year 1    | 99%     | Year 5 | 93%     |
| Year 2    | 95%     | Year 6 | 97%     |

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

### ZERO TOLERANCE



No dogs allowed  
in the school  
grounds



No  
smoking  
or vaping



No e-bikes or  
e-scooters  
allowed



Do not  
drop litter

Swearing, threats, harassment or acts of violence will not be tolerated.

Any forms of this behaviour could result in adults being banned from the premises.



Come along to our  
**Open Evening**  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
4pm - 6pm

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[www.discoveryacademyhyde.org.uk](http://www.discoveryacademyhyde.org.uk)



## THE GREAT BIG RAFFLE

SUPPORT OUR PUPIL WELLBEING CELEBRATION!

TICKETS: £1 EACH  
AVAILABLE VIA ARBOR

Deadline: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Draw Date: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Winners selected by random name generator.

Prizes Include:

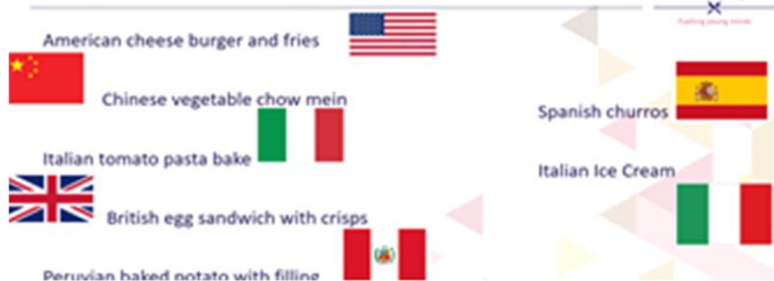
- £100 Supermarket Voucher
- Gym Memberships
- Pottery & Beauty Vouchers
- Indian Head Massage
- Meditation Sound Baths
- Angelic Reiki
- Children's Holiday Club Place
- Kitchen Appliances
- Amazon & Hickory's Smokehouse Vouchers
- ...and many more!

Every ticket sold helps fund a Wellbeing Celebration for pupils across our Trust schools.

Your support makes a real difference — thank you!

See full details and T&Cs at: [www.victoriousacademies.org/raffle](http://www.victoriousacademies.org/raffle)

### World Food Day Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025



On **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Sports star

Each week our Sports first coaches will pick a star from their PE lessons.

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| EYFS | Antonina – Reception | For being enthusiastic and showing great team work   |
| KS1  | Lottie – Year 1      | For working hard and showing good listening          |
| LKS2 | Joshua – Year 4      | For helping other and getting involved in the lesson |
| UKS2 | Amelia – Year 6      | For great gymnastics and creative thinking           |



## EYFS WEEK IN PICTURES



Nursery have been working hard on their fine motor skills. We have been very crafty drawing, cutting and designing scarecrows this week.



Nursery had a visit from a shy scarecrow called Rags. He brought us some fruit and vegetables. We learnt all about his job and the different food he grows on the farm.



Reception have been making repeating patterns with cubes and compare bears. We copied some patterns and then had a go at making our own.



Reception are becoming super independent learners! It has been amazing to see children applying their phonics knowledge in Continuous Provision, we have been

## KS1 WEEK IN PICTURES



Year 1 took a walk to forest school to gather vocabulary to use in their Little Red Riding Hood stories. They spotted nouns and described them with some wonderful adjectives



Year 1 created an art gallery of their snail shell art work this week. They discussed their preferences using oracy and gave some constructive feedback to each other.



In History, Year 2 are learning about Walter Tull. They wrote diary entries in role as Walter, describing his experiences as one of the first Black professional footballers.



In Computing, Year 2 explored how information technology is used in our school. They identified examples of IT from interactive whiteboards to tablets.



## LKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



Year 3 investigated how to create artwork using digital and non-digital devices and compared the processes.



In PE, Year 3 looked at how they could strengthen their gymnastic skills with support from their partners.



In Science, Year 4 constructed our own digestive system. As much as it grossed us out, we loved it!



In English, Year 4 found a diary entry from Jake's Mum telling us about her worries of him at the Football Academy.

## UKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



This week, Year 5 have been using the thesaurus to find synonyms to describe characters emotions and actions.



In Science, Year 5 have been looking further into forces in particular air resistance. What better way to demonstrate the effects of air resistance than a parachute!



In English, Year 6 have used roleplay to explore the feelings and actions of Hansel, Gretel, and the wicked witch.



In Science, Year 6 have been looking at how we can change the direction of light using mirrors and periscopes.



### 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.

|           |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Nursery   | Liyana       | For improving. Liyana has produced a great picture of a scarecrow and talked about the job he does.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Reception | Rauri        | For improving and exploring: Rauri has been improving his independent play and exploring the different learning areas in Reception. He is improving his relationships and confidence with others in class.                                                                          |
| Year 1    | Casper       | For achieving: Casper has launched himself into every subject so far in Year 1. He is making great progress because his enthusiasm shines and he listens so well.                                                                                                                   |
| Year 2    | Bilal        | For improving: This week you have impressed us with your enthusiasm towards your learning, particularly in maths! Great job, Bilal!                                                                                                                                                 |
| Year 3    | Henry        | For Improving and Achieving- Henry has been hard at works in Maths this week and has supported others with finding the sum and difference to answer questions.                                                                                                                      |
| Year 4    | Riley-Martin | For Improving: This week, Riley has been working hard on the presentation of his work. He is beginning to improve his presentation in all of his books and we really hope it is just going to get even better. It was also commented on Riley's superb PE skills during gymnastics. |
| Year 5    | Harvey       | For showing all our values! Harvey has been so focused in class. He is always first to offer an answer and shows that he is engaged in his learning. He has been a history superstar this week by sharing facts and opinions about Gandhi and the British Empire. Well done Harvey! |
| Year 6    | Amelia       | For achieving and improving – This week, Amelia has blown us away with her independent writing! She worked to improve her writing week on week and is challenging herself to use more ambitious vocabulary and punctuation!                                                         |

### 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.

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| Nursery   | Osman    | Osman has shown a positive attitude coming into school. He has left his mummy without getting upset and is beginning to show resilience and becoming more confident every day.                                                                                                             |
| Reception | Milo     | For inspiring and caring for others. Milo is always confident and chatty in class. He always has a smile and kind words for everyone!                                                                                                                                                      |
| Year 1    | Josie    | For achieving: Josie has made such a positive start in Year 1 and we are seeing more of her wonderful sense of humour and smile each day. She has proven that big changes can be positive changes.                                                                                         |
| Year 2    | Luna     | For caring: You are such a kind and caring member of our class! You're always looking out for others and offering a helping hand. We're so proud of how you always try your best, even when things feel tricky — your determination and kindness shine every single day. Keep it up, Luna! |
| Year 3    | Mia      | Mia supports her whole table with being ready for each lesson by organising equipment and modelling learning behaviours.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Year 4    | Isla     | For Discovering: In the last 2 weeks, Isla has started at his new school and beginning to settle in really well. She has learnt the school values and the class rules.                                                                                                                     |
| Year 5    | Isabella | Isabella consistently shows all our values! She also helped Mrs Parkinson out by reminding her to do something. Thanks for always being helpful in the classroom. You will make a great teacher one day.                                                                                   |
| Year 6    | Kaya     | Kaya has started off Year 6 with a real confidence. She is speaking with adults and peers to support herself in the classroom and is often seen looking out for her friends on the playground.                                                                                             |

### **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.

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| EYFS & KS1 | Callie – Year 1 | Callie is a confident member of ASC who has a lovely sense of humour and makes good choices. |
| KS2        | Evie – Year 4   | Evie is quiet and gentle member of ASC who always makes good choices.                        |

### **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   | Matilda  | For always being polite and kind                                   |
| Reception | Rauri    | For always eating all of his food and always being so polite       |
| Year 1    | Darcey   | For always being kind and polite                                   |
| Year 2    | Miya     | For always showing her caring value and being polite with everyone |
| Year 3    | Lennie   | For making good choices at lunchtime                               |
| Year 4    | Sophie   | For always having lovely manners                                   |
| Year 5    | Felicity | For always being polite and a good friend                          |
| Year 6    | Alice    | For being polite and always using her manners                      |

### **Mealtime Megastar as chosen by the kitchen staff**

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| Fedora | For always using her manners and having a great big smile on your face |
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### **Parents Consultations**

**Wednesday 15th October is our parent consultations. Please book your appointment on the Arbor App.**

### **October calendar dates**

|                                                                    |                                   |          |                                                                                 |
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| World Food Day<br>Celebrating 1 Year of Victorious Catering        | Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October | Lunch    | Whole School<br>Special menu day                                                |
| Flu vaccinations                                                   | Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October | 9am-12pm | The children with a returned permission form will receive their flu vaccination |
| Show Racism the Red Card day                                       | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October   | All day  | Come to school in red                                                           |
| PTFA Colouring competition closes                                  | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October   | 9am      | Whole School                                                                    |
| SEND drop in session with Mrs Mayer                                | Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October  | 2:45     | Drop in                                                                         |
| KS2 Family Assemble<br>Celebration of Black History Month learning | Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October   | 9am      | Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents                                                      |
| PTFA Halloween Tuck Shop                                           | Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October   | 3:15pm   | Whole school Large Hall                                                         |

### November calendar dates

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

### December calendar dates

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