

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 **94%**

Class	Average	Class	Average
Nursery	96%	Year 3	91%
Reception	96%	Year 4	94%
Year 1	95%	Year 5	91%
Year 2	91%	Year 6	97%

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

Driving on site

Under Section 547 of the Education Act 1996, it is a criminal offence to enter onto school premises and cause a nuisance or disturbance thereon to the annoyance of persons who lawfully use these premises.

NO CARS should be coming through the barrier without permission from the school. We are receiving a number of complaints of people speeding on site whilst trying to tailgate staff or those with disability badges. This is not acceptable behaviour. It is a breach of section 547 and as such could result in being banned from the school premises.

Please maintain a slow speed of **5 mph** at all time.

DO NOT tailgate

Park correctly within the lines in the visitor's car park

If you have concerns about driving on site, please make a note of the registration plate, inform school and also contact the police on 101 or online using <https://www.gmp.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>



Discovery Academy Nursery

We offer 15-hour funded and 30-hour funded and paid places for children aged 3 +

If you would like to apply for a place for September 2026 or know anyone that might be interested, please get in touch with the school office.

Our waiting list is also available for start dates beyond September. Please ask for more info.





EYFS WEEK IN PICTURES



Nursery have been very creative this week. We used the junk modelling and created some super vehicles inspired from the story 'The Journey Home from Grandpas'



It was lovely to see so many grown-ups join us for Story Time Maths this week. The children enjoyed completing all the activities and used some great language to sort and categorise.



Reception have been getting better at challenging ourselves to do more independent writing in play learning using our phonics to label our pictures.



In Maths, Reception have learnt about the order of numbers. We made numberblock staircases to help us to know that we step up (or down) one more or less each time.



Year 1 had fun exploring old toys from the past this week in class, ahead of their trip to Portland Basin Museum.



At the museum on Thursday, we were History seekers. We found clues to identify toys and got to experience what life was like in Victorian days. It was so much fun!



This week in Year 2, the children enjoyed learning how to play the note C on the glockenspiel and working in pairs to perform a duet.



In Art, Year 2 explored expressive art, creating their own paintings using a variety of objects found around school.



LKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



Year 3 explored different pieces of art and 'zoomed' in on patterns to explore them in our sketch books.



Year 3 used the abacus sticks to multiply numbers by 10, they recognised how the digits move on a place value chart, when scaling, and when we need a place holder.



In Maths, Year 4 have been using place value counters to help us when we are multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100.



In PE, Year 4 have started a new sport – flag football. We are learning the basics to build up our knowledge.

UKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



Year 5 have been busy writing book reviews this week, lots of us want to apply for the position of reading champion with Mrs Stokes. There are some great recommendations for books.



This week Year 5 have been working hard by adding fractions and converting improper fractions to mixed numbers.



In Music, Year 6 are looking at how technology can support the creation of music and are grateful that we get to use some Ableton equipment just like real DJs!



In Dance this week, Year 6 have focused on formation and how that can have a greater impact on a viewing audience.

Parent drop in

Miss Fitzgerald is launching weekly parent drop in sessions from 15th January. The relaxed, informal sessions will take place every Thursday from 2.30-3.30pm.

Parents are welcome to pop in – no appointment needed -for a friendly chat about anything that matters to you, including parenting, supporting your child’s emotional wellbeing, your own wellbeing finances or any other support you may need.

Breakfast and After School Club Reminders

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

Cut off for a weekly breakfast club booking	4am each Monday	Any bookings not made before the cut off times will now incur the £2 charge per child, per session.
Cut off for After School club bookings	10:45 am each day	Any bookings not made before the cut off times will now incur the £2 charge per child, per session.
Late booking fee	£2 per child, per session for both breakfast and after school club.	This charge will apply for each session where the admin team / school office are required to make your booking for you.
Late pick up charge	£10	

All late booking and pick up fees will be added to your child's Arbor account via invoice. Invoices will require payment within 7 days. Where there is a credit balance on your account the invoice will automatically deduct the amount owed and pay the invoice automatically.

SENCO drop in

Thursday 22nd January - 2pm - 3:15 - OKE will be coming to Discovery Academy - all parents are invited to drop in and find out more about the work of Our Kids Eyes, a parent led charity who offer support, information and activities to families who have children with special needs/disabilities and other support that is available for families



Please can we ask all parents to make choices on Arbor with the children ensuring it is something they like.

Next week is week 3.

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	Harper	For being a kind friend to others
Reception	Nova	For being a kind and caring friend
Year 1	Finley	For listening to instructions and being a good friend
Year 2	Oakley	For bring a good friend and lining up when asked
Year 3	Mia	For being a kind friend at lunchtime
Year 4	Dray	For being kind and having a really positive attitude during football and basketball games at lunch
Year 5	Poppy	For showing our caring value this week being a caring friend
Year 6	Leilah	For always being kind and caring and involving everyone in games

Mealtime Megastar as chosen by the kitchen staff

Zane	For trying new foods that you are normally unsure about
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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	Diego – Year 2	Diego has beautiful manners and is a kind and caring member of ASC.
KS2	Isla – Year 5	Isla has been really kind and helpful towards adults and other children at ASC this week.

After School Club phone

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

Sports star



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



EYFS	Reign – Reception	For brilliant listening skills and working well with others.
KS1	Timothy – Year 2	For brilliant demonstrations and engagement with the lesson alongside supporting others.
LKS2	Zane – Year 3	For great work in pairs, supportive of others with good listening skills.
UKS2	Leilah – Year 6	For great engagement with the lesson, supportive of those who needed help and demonstrate correct techniques.

CHILD OF THE WEEK

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Nursery	Matthias	For improving. Matthias helped Paddington Bear to pack which clothes he needed for his winter holiday. He cut and glued the correct items into the suitcase.
Reception	Parker	Parker is trying really hard to improve his independent learning, he is challenging himself to get better at lots of different things and is listening to grown ups when they help him.
Year 1	Riley	For achieving: Riley has been working very hard in Maths. He has been joining in and answering so many questions correctly. We have now moved him to a different table for even more challenge!
Year 2	Mia-Leigh	For showing the inspiring value through your fantastic attitude to learning. You have shared your ideas in class confidently and have tried your very best in every lesson. Well done, Mia!
Year 3	Ralfy	For Improving- Ralfy has been improving his phonics, writing, maths and letter formation at every opportunity and takes great pride in everything that he does. Keep it up Ralfy!
Year 4	Leo	For Discovering, Achieving and Inspiring: This week, Leo has been showing perseverance in Maths by making effective use of learning resources to support progress and understanding.
Year 5	Hakan	For improving and discovering – Hakan has been fantastic in all his lessons this week but he has shown some great maths skills whilst learning fractions. He is able to reason well and even finds the time to support others. Well done Hakan!
Year 6	Amelia	For improving – This week, Amelia has shared some excellent ideas in our English and Maths lessons. She has supported others in up levelling their work and has explained some tricky mathematical concepts with resources.

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	Millie	For settling into Nursery so well. Millie has shown a good attitude to learning. She enjoys listening stories and is really good at sharing her ideas.
Reception	Nahla	Nahla has tried hard this week to focus on her playing and learning with her friends. She is getting better at sharing her feelings when she needs to.
Year 1	Esme	For inspiring: This week Esme conquered her fear of mannequins on our class trip to Portland Basin. She realised there was nothing to be afraid of and inspired us all with her bravery.
Year 2	Timothy	For showing resilience by bouncing back after making a mistake. Instead of giving up, you stayed positive, tried again and showed determination to improve. Well done, Timothy!
Year 3	Alaiah-Rae	It has been heart-warming to see Alaiah-Rae take on the Random Act of Kindness challenge from the beginning of the week. She has supported her friends, given people compliments and we are sure it will continue!
Year 4	Evie	For Caring: Evie is always being a caring and supportive friend, looking out for others and spreading kindness to everyone around her.
Year 5	Sienna	Sienna is always a good talk partner in class. She has really worked hard in maths this week and then supported her friend when learning fractions.
Year 6	Addison	This week, Addison has blown us away with his confidence when sharing his work with the class. He has read his sentences aloud with great prosody and took feedback from his work brilliantly. Keep it up Addison!



Discovery Academy
BABY AND TODDLER GROUP
 DISCOVERY ACADEMY
 PORLOCK AVENUE,
 HATTERSLEY,
 SK14 3EL
 FRIDAY'S (TERM TIME ONLY) 9:30-11
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 Visit: www.goddies.co.uk

January and February calendar dates

Come and Read - Year 1	Wednesday 21 st Jan	2:30 – 3:15pm	Year 1 parents
PTFA colouring competition opens	Monday 26 th Jan	3:00pm	Whole school
Come and Read - Year 2	Wednesday 28 th Jan	2:45 – 3:15pm	Year 2 Parents
Come and Read – Year 3 and 4	Wednesday 4 th Feb	2:45 – 3:15pm	Year 3 and 4 parents
PTFA colouring competition deadline	Friday 6 th February	9:00 am	Whole school
Come and Read – Year 5 and 6	Wednesday 11 th Feb	2:45 – 3:15pm	Year 5 and 6 parents
PTFA Valentine Tuck Shop	Friday 13 th Feb	3:15 – 4:00pm	Whole school