

DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

Everyone at Discovery Academy would like to wish you all a fabulous Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 6th January.

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 **93%**

Class	Average	Class	Average
Nursery	87%	Year 3	88%
Reception	92%	Year 4	93%
Year 1	97%	Year 5	98%
Year 2	93%	Year 6	94%

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



Edition 18 of Discovering times can be found on our website [here](#) and on Google Classroom. Take a look at everything we have achieved this Autumn term.



EYFS WEEK IN PICTURES



The children have a super fun week in Nursery this week. They especially enjoyed having their Christmas dinner in the hall and said it was delicious.



Nursery have completed lots of fun challenges this week. We managed to fix our little elves back together again.



This week Reception made gingerbread men. We enjoyed mixing the dough and smelling the spices.



This week Reception have been testing how fast their mobile cars can go! They got the ramp and drew a race track to find out who which car was the winner.

KS1 WEEK IN PICTURES



Year 1 have been getting festive this week, making a very sparkly, moving Christmas card with a slider or lever mechanism.



Year 1 loved performing our Christmas Concert to parents this week too and we hope you all enjoyed it! We are all so proud of them!



Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Christmas dinner day together! It was lovely to see them chatting happily with friends and embracing the festive atmosphere.



Year 2 worked incredibly hard in the rehearsals for their Christmas concert. They sang beautifully, remembered actions and lines, and performed with pride for their families.



LKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



This week, Year 3 made their own little bob hats out of wool. They had to be patient and showed out improving value by practising their fine motor skills.



Year 3 and 4 performed beautifully at church on Monday! It was also lovely to see Year 3 choir perform for the first time too!



In Maths, Year 4 used their multiplication knowledge to create a multiplication Christmas tree.



In PE, we got to create our own rules for a game of dodgeball. This involved coach Aiden being a ballerina to start the game.

UKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



This week Year 5 have been chopping, peeling and dicing vegetables to make a curry.



During our DT session this week, Year 5 have enjoyed frying the vegetables, making naan breads and curry. Everyone was safe and sensible.



Year 6 performed beautifully at St. Barnabas Church and in Tesco's this week to bring some festive spirit to the local community!



Year 6 have been working on their Christmas crafts this week using their sewing and threading skills to create some really unique decorations.

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 1.

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	Xander	For always eating his lunch and playing nicely with others
Reception	Reception	For having a fantastic Christmas dinner day
Year 1	Year 1	For making the best end of 2025
Year 2	Lucas	For lining up when asked and helping to put the equipment away
Year 3	Sophia-Grace	For always having beautiful manners and a lovely smile!
Year 4	Selyn	For super manners and lovely conversation during the Christmas dinner
Year 5	Coby-James	For making good choices and being creative during wet play
Year 6	Hunter	For organising some basketball trick shot games for all the children to join in

Mealtime Megastar as chosen by the kitchen staff

Amelia – Reception	For picking different choices this week and giving them a good try
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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	Jaxson – Year 1	Jaxson makes good choices in ASC. He is kind and helps to tidy away after activities.
KS2	Sebby – Year 4	Sebby is always kind to others and makes good choices whilst at ASC.

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	Otis – Nursery	For great listening skills and engagement
KS1	Sophie – Year 1	For working well in groups and following instructions well
LKS2	Kai-Luca – Year 3	For great use of skills and supportive of teammates in team scenarios
UKS2	Bridget – Year 6	For great knowledge of learnt sport & using multiple advanced skills

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	Carter	For improving. Carter has worked hard on his pencil grip. He is now able to mark make and copy some shapes independently.
Reception	Finlay	For developing his confidence and relationships with adults in class and improving his oracy skills.
Year 1	Year 1	For Inspiring: For an outstanding performance in our KS1 Christmas concert and spreading Christmas cheer for all!
Year 2	Year 2	For inspiring us all with your dedication and fabulous effort in our Christmas performance. You all showed confidence, teamwork and enthusiasm, learning your lines, songs and actions so well. You should be incredibly proud of yourselves for putting on such a wonderful performance for your families.
Year 3	Eliza M	For Achieving- Eliza has been speaking more openly about school life, including sharing her positive views on her learning and experiences on the lead up to the end of term!
Year 4	Cem	For Discovering and Caring: Cem has adapted to his new school really well and follows all the routines. He comes in ready to learn, tries his best and is willing to discover new ideas.
Year 5	Fabiola	For showing all values – Fabiola has been a fantastic member of Year 5, she always works hard and we are going to miss her. Good luck in Spain and enjoy your new school. Well done on a fantastic end to Year 5 at Discovery.
Year 6	Addison	For achieving and inspiring – This week, Addison has focused really well on all of our craft activities and has offered some great advice to his peers! Keep it up Addison!

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	Kiki-Beau	Kiki-Beau has been a good team player this week. She has followed the rules and waited her turn when playing the game pairs.
Reception	Reign	For always sharing her stories and making the grown ups in class laugh.
Year 1	Luca	For keeping positive and well -mannered even when he is facing big changes. We will miss him very much.
Year 2	Teddy	For being a super teammate by stepping in for your friend in our Christmas performance. You delivered your line with confidence and prosody. Thank you!
Year 3	Henry	Henry has shown resilience and perseverance during a crafting session that required a lot of patience and when taking part in the Santa Dash this week.
Year 4	Leo	For Caring: This week, Leo has persevered with his learning despite not feeling 100% well. He has engaged in lessons, asked for help when he needs it and supported his peers.
Year 5	Year 5	Year 5 were amazing during our cooking session this week. They were caring towards each other and always remained safe whilst using sharp equipment. Well done Year 5, we are proud of you!
Year 6	India	This week, India has adapted well to all the changes in the timetable and has thrived when singing at church this week! Well done India for being so sensible!

Writing hero

Each half term the class teacher will choose a child from their class who has shown our school values in writing in school.

Nursery	Mila C	For improving. Mila has word hard to form the letters correctly in her name.
Reception	Tommy H	For improving his letter formation and practising independent writing.
Year 1	Josie	For working so hard to improve her pencil control
Year 2	Tallulah	For working exceptionally hard on improving your handwriting this half term. You have shown dedication in forming letters correctly, use clear spacing and take pride in your written work. Your effort has made a real difference. Well done!
Year 3	Freddie	Freddie has been deepening the moment at every opportunity this half term and takes great pride in his written work. He also shared his work with the class with excellent prosody.
Year 4	Florence R	Florence is a lovely independent writer who takes an idea and up levels it to make it even better. She has written fantastic pieces of writing including a short poem about the magic of Christmas.
Year 5	Jenson	Jenson has blown us away with his creative writing. He is using more mature vocabulary and really thinks about adding the readers voice to his writing. We can't wait to watch your writing develop more. Well done.
Year 6	Israel	For his amazing submission to the St. Bede's poetry competition, which he performed so well that it earned him first place!

Reading hero

Each half term the class teacher will choose a child from their class who has shown our school values in reading both in school and at home.

Nursery	Hezekiah	Hezekiah loves to read at home and school. He has a great imagination making up his own stories in the small world and enjoys inviting his friends to join him.
Reception	Maya	For achieving and improving. Maya read at home every week and self corrects when she reads.
Year 1	Lottie	For giving well thought out answers in our comprehension lessons and finding evidence in the text.
Year 2	Paige	For making fantastic progress in phonics this half term. You have used your sounds confidently to blend words and tackle tricky spellings. Well done!
Year 3	Timothy	Timothy takes great pride in his reading journey and documents what he has read beautifully in his reading journal. It is always a delight to flick through the pages and listen to Timothy talk about which books he has enjoyed.
Year 4	Cobe	Cobe always has his reading journal and willing to pick up a book to learn more facts. He reads fluently and with prosody which he demonstrated with his reading at church.
Year 5	Maxwell	Maxwell is a fantastic reader and is always seen with a book in his hand. We are going to miss your love of reading and learning. Good luck in your new school Maxwell.
Year 6	Maisie Mc	Maisie has been working really hard on her independent reading this year. She is reading lots at home and we are seeing a real improvement in her fluency and comprehension. Keep it up!

January and February calendar dates

Come and Read - Nursery	Wednesday 14 th Jan	9:00 – 9:15	Nursery Parents
Come and Read – Reception	Wednesday 14 th Jan	2:45 – 3:15pm	Reception parents
Come and Read - Year 1	Wednesday 21 st Jan	2:45 – 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