



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 **93%**

Class	Average	Class	Average
Nursery	86%	Year 3	93%
Reception	96%	Year 4	92%
Year 1	91%	Year 5	97%
Year 2	92%	Year 6	98%

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

REMINDER

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

It is vitally important that all children have a parent attend our parent consultations on Tuesday 10th January.

Please sign up for an appointment today on Arbor



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.



Sports First Half Term Holiday Camp

Greswell & Flowery Field Primary School - Football, Multi-Sports, Dance & Crafts, sibling discount and extended hours available, with 40 FREE places for children entitled to Free School Meals.

We will be offering early bird discount, which expires for everyone on 31/01/2026, so don't miss out! Keep your child active, safe & social this half term.

FOR ALL CAMPS - <https://sportfirstcoaching-sessions.classforkids.io> (EARLY BIRD SICOUNT CODE - (UEW439)

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBLE LINKS -

<https://eequ.org/book/sports-first-holiday-camp-greswell-with-sport-first-coaching-ltd-14806>

<https://eequ.org/book/sports-first-holiday-camp-flowery-field-with-sport-first-coaching-ltd-20496>

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/>



EYFS WEEK IN PICTURES



Nursery had a special visitor this week. Chloe our school cook came to visit us and we asked her lots of questions about her job.



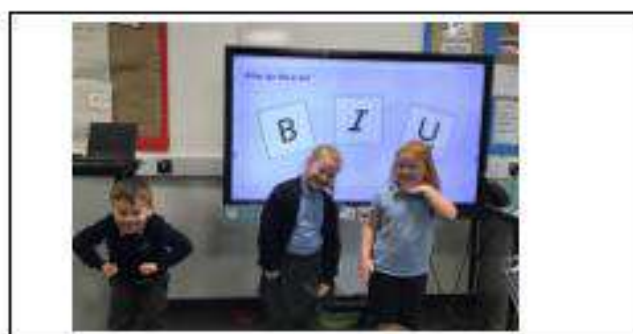
Nursery have been down on the farm this week in maths. We have been helping the farmer to load up his tractor with the animals. We compared different groups of animals.



This week Reception have been writing sentences to retell the story of The Three Little Pigs. They have also been doing their own independent writing in Continuous Provision



In Maths, Reception have been exploring composition of 6 and 7. We used Numicon, Die Frames and Ten Frames to show how we could make the numbers in different ways.



Year 1 have been learning what the 'Bold' 'Italic' and 'Underline' buttons do on their laptops this week. They made super posters using these skills afterwards.



Year 1 started to make their kites in DT this week. They followed their designs and used tape and sticks to make sure they were strong enough for a gust of wind.



This week in PSHE, Year 2 explored what is fair and unfair. The children discussed different scenarios, voted, and used excellent oracy skills to debate their opinions.



In English, Year 2 have been writing poems about themselves. The children gathered ideas about what makes them unique and used these to create thoughtful poems.



LKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



Year 3 have been exploring how templates are used to publish magazines and what editors need to consider to make them attractive to the audience.



In Science, Year 3 tested the permeability of different rocks. We used pipettes to drop water on to the rocks so we could observe which ones were permeable and impermeable.



In PE, Year 4 pretended to act as different animals around the hall. We worked individually and in partners.



In PSHE, Year 4 discussed all about the different emotions and that we all have our own unique ways of showing these.

UKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



This week in Geography Year 5 have been looking at Viking and Anglo-Saxon artefacts. We then used the laptops to do further research.



In Maths this week Year 5 have used the area model to multiply 2-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers. We found this tricky last week but now we are finding it easier.



In History, Year 6 presented their research about The House of Wisdom in the ancient city of Baghdad. We discussed the reliability of sources from the time, and debated what is true and what may have been fabricated.



In English, Year 6 have had a look at how our practice skills can impact how we present a speech, using our very own poetry competition winner as an example.

Parent drop in

Miss Fitzgerald's parent drop in sessions

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.



**Please can we ask all parents to make choices on Arbor with the children ensuring it is something they like.
Next week is week 2.**

After School Club phone

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

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	Millie	For always being kind and polite
Reception	Thomas	For sitting nicely with his classmates everyday
Year 1	Kayetan	For always showing lovely manners
Year 2	Mia	For supporting her friend when they were sad
Year 3	Freddie	For being a super kind friend
Year 4	Nicholas	For being a super helper and helping to collect all the equipment at the end of lunch
Year 5	Nancy	For being a kind and caring friend
Year 6	Raiyan	For helping to referee basketball games

Mealtime Megastar as chosen by the kitchen staff

Cem	For always being polite and helping out with the dinner trays
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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	Jorgie – Year 2	Jorgie is a kind and quiet member of ASC who always makes good choices.
KS2	Eliza J – Year 3	Eliza is kind and polite and has really enjoyed helping the adults in ASC this week.

January and February calendar dates

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
KS1 Family Assembly	Friday 13 th Feb	9- 9:45	Year 1 and 2 parents
PTFA Valentine Tuck Shop	Friday 13 th Feb	3:15 – 4:00pm	Whole school

Additional FEB date added

Year 6 SATS and Residential meeting	Wednesday 25 th March	2:30pm and 4:00pm	Year 6
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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	Cooper	For discovering new facts about the role of our school cook. Cooper thought of different questions to ask Chloe when we interviewed her this week.
Reception	Fedora	For excellent story telling of the Three Little Pigs using lots of vocabulary from the story.
Year 1	Jaxson	For achieving: Jaxson has joined in with every lesson this week. His hand is always up in the air, to offer suggestions and share his good ideas. Keep it up Jaxson!
Year 2	Freddie-James	For working incredibly hard to memorise your line for our family assembly and practising your confident speaking voice in the hall. Your positivity has really shone this week, well done Freddie!
Year 3	Eliza J	For Discovering and Improving- Eliza focussed on improving her Spanish oracy this week. She ensured that she listened to the audio clips and repeated them back improving her skills every time!
Year 4	Lottie-Rose	For Discovering and Achieving: This week, Lottie has shown fantastic independent maths work using the formal method to multiply 2- and 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. You showed great focus and effort!
Year 5	Brodie	For improving, discovering and achieving – Brodie has shown great determination in maths this week. She is able to spot errors and work back to fix them. Well done Brodie for showing great perseverance.
Year 6	Ava-Ann	For Improving - Ava-Ann has worked very well this week with our Ratio learning. She has recognised the difference between multiplicative and additive relationships and can explain how that can influence a number sequence.

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	Renzo	Renzo has had a great attitude to learning this week. He has made great choices where to sit and in return his listening has improved. He has been trying hard to improve his handwriting too.
Reception	Albie	For understanding, talking about and showing what makes a good friend.
Year 1	Sophie	For caring: Sophie has been an excellent learning partner this week. She always listens and shares ideas with her partner in a supportive and caring way.
Year 2	Elijah	For showing brilliant resilience when tackling tricky words in writing. You have grown so much in confidence and are now asking for help when you need it. Well done, keep believing in yourself!
Year 3	Tairah	Tairah kindly offered to read a book to a friend in our reading area this week and they both enjoyed having the quiet time to share the story and to talk about the pictures. Thank you for being such a kind friend!
Year 4	Joshua	For Caring: Joshua is consistently showing care and consideration for others and being a supportive and reliable friend to all members of the class.
Year 5	Coby-James	Coby-James has had a great week in class, he has asked for help when he needs it but shown real perseverance. You have a good attitude to learning. Well done.
Year 6	Kaya	This week, Kaya faced a small personal challenge and showed great resilience when faced with something that could be upsetting. Great work Kaya! Be sure to keep the conversation going!



Discovery Academy
BABY AND TODDLER GROUP
 DISCOVERY ACADEMY
 PORLOCK AVENUE,
 HATTERSLEY,
 SK14 3EL
 FRIDAY'S (TERM TIME ONLY) 9:30-11
 £2 PER SESSION

FREE DELIVERY OFFER
 FOR PARENTS!
 PLACE AN ORDER VIA YOUR SCHOOL'S ONLINE STORE FOR A MINIMUM VALUE OF £50 AND RECEIVE FREE DELIVERY!
 Gooddies can supply all your schoolwear, sportswear and accessories for schoolchildren. Visit our website today for full details of available products.
 Email: theteam@goddies.co.uk
 Visit: www.goddies.co.uk

March calendar dates

World Book Day celebrations	Monday 2 nd March	All day	Wear your pyjamas or dress as a book character
Year 6 Residential	Weds 4 th – Fri 6 th March	3 days	Additional info shared at Parent consultations and meeting
Whole school Assessment week	Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th March	All week	All classes
SEN Consultations	Monday 23 rd March	9 – 11 am	Make appointment on Arbor
Epilepsy Awareness Day	Thursday 26 th March	All day	Wear purple and donate £1