



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 **95%**

Class	Average	Class	Average
Nursery	93%	Year 3	92%
Reception	100%	Year 4	91%
Year 1	99%	Year 5	100%
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 great time visiting the library this week. They listened to stories, danced and played games.



Nursery have been working hard using 1 to 1 correspondence in maths. We used maths vocabulary to talk about the different amounts we had.



Reception have loved this week's invitation to draw and paint daffodils. We also had a go at writing the word daffodils. Our Gallery looks very bright and ready for Spring coming!



Reception have been getting better at independent writing in all areas of provision. We are becoming super writers.

KS1 Week in Pictures



Year 1 had a big task on their hands this week when a landfill truck left some rubbish in the classroom! They used their knowledge of materials to sort through the waste and make groups that could be recycled.



We were shocked to see there was blurb thief in Year 1 this week! The children had to write the missing blurbs so other children could decide if they wanted to read the book or not.



In Computing, Year 2 practised their typing skills. The children worked on using the correct fingers, improving their speed and accuracy, and becoming more confident when typing simple sentences.



In English this week, Year 2 explored synonyms using thesauruses. They enjoyed finding alternative words to make their writing more interesting and ambitious, and used their new vocabulary in their sentences.



LKS2 Week in Pictures



This week, Year 3 had their come and read session. It was lovely to be able to share some of our favourite books with our adults!



Year 3 used the laptops to research Skara Brae for our English brochures.



In English, Year 4 acted out scenes from Hercules and pretended to be witnesses of the event for our newspaper report.



This week Year 4 had a special assembly with former Olympian Beth Tweddle. She shared all about her fantastic career in gymnastics.

UKS2 Week in Pictures



In History, Year 5 having been looking at Anglo-Saxon jobs and villages. We created our own Anglo-Saxon village, discussing how they lived and why they settled in certain areas.



This week, Year 5 worked outside for art. We have been sketching landscapes, and we have the perfect view of a fantastic landscape.



In PSHE, Year 6 have been discussing human rights and how they are and are not met sometimes. We voted on which we believe are the most important.



In History, Year 6 compared the ancient civilisation of Baghdad and Anglo Saxon Britain. We explored how they valued education, cultural differences, and the role of women at these times in History.

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.



Sports star

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



EYFS	Layla – Nursery	For supporting others in team games
KS1	Jorgie – Year 2	For working well in small groups and using advanced skills well
LKS2	Olivia, Jonah and Ralfy – Year 3	For brilliant engagement and showing good improvement on motor skills
UKS2	India – Year 6	For great use of skills on the lesson's focus and following instructions

After School Club phone

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



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.

School dinners

Next week's menu has been slightly changed due to issues with suppliers and deliveries.

We will ask children to clarify their choice in school on the day.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday Roast Day	Thursday Chinese New Year	Friday Fish Friday
Hot meal	All day breakfast	Chicken Goujon Wrap	Roast beef Yorkshire and gravy	Chicken Chow Mein	Sausage Rolls
Veg hot meal	All day breakfast	Bean and Cheese Wrap	Quorn Fillet Roast	Vegetable fried rice	Cheese Rolls
	Baked Beans Bread	Potato Wedges Peas and sweetcorn	Green Beans Carrots Creamy Mash	Spring rolls / Veg spring rolls Salt and pepper chips	Beans Chunky Chips
Jacket potato	Beans Tuna Cheese	Beans Tuna Cheese	Beans Tuna Cheese	Beans Tuna Cheese	Beans Tuna Cheese
Sandwich	Turkey Cheese Tuna Egg	Turkey Cheese Tuna Egg	Turkey Cheese Tuna Egg	Turkey Cheese Tuna Egg	Turkey Cheese Tuna Egg



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	Violet	For always having lovely manners and always being kind
Reception	Aria	For sharing with others and being helpful
Year 1	Kyan	For always eating his dinner and using his manners at the counter
Year 2	Mert	For being kind and polite to his friends and staff
Year 3	Ellie Ann	For eating most of her dinner every day
Year 4	Noah G	For showing our cring values with a new member of the Discovery family and taking him under his wing and showing him the ropes
Year 5	Ryan	For always including everyone in his lunchtime games and for always being polite
Year 6	Rowyn	For always playing nicely and including others in games

Mealtime Megastar as chosen by the kitchen staff

Hakan	For always smiling when at the counter and for using your manners all the time
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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	Maya – Reception	Maya is a quiet, kind and polite member of ASC who always makes good choices.
KS2	Ava-Ann – Year 6	Ava-Ann has worked hard in ASC this week to make good choices and help the adults and the younger children.

January and February calendar dates

PTFA colouring competition deadline	Wednesday 11 th February	4pm	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	Kiki -Beau	Kiki -Beau has listened well and used good vocabulary to talk about the different emergency vehicles we see in the community.
Reception	Ava	For improving and caring: Ava is making an extra effort to talk about her feelings and extend her friendship groups. She has been a kind and caring friend to a new child in Reception.
Year 1	KJ	For achieving: For showing excellent dedication while practising the line for our family assembly next week.
Year 2	Jorgie	For shining in English this week by discovering new vocabulary and confidently using ambitious words in your writing. You inspired othered by confidently modelling how to up-level your sentences. Great job!
Year 3	Aryas	For Discovering- Aryas has had a brilliant first week in Year 3! He has been contributing in all of our lessons and has been talking to his new friends about what we have been doing.
Year 4	Dray	For Discovering and Achieving: This week, Dray demonstrated strong oracy skills and effective use of prosody when performing scenes from Hercules, bringing the character's actions and emotions to life.
Year 5	Blake	For improving, discovering and achieving – Blake has settled in well at Discovery Academy and Year 5. He has made some new friends and already showing determination with his handwriting and reading. Well done Blake.
Year 6	Nieve	For improving – Nieve has worked tremendously hard on the presentation of her work this half term. She is realising areas for improvement in her writing and is working to tackle them quickly! Great work Nieve, keep it up!

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	Nursery	I was very proud of each and everyone of the children this week. They walked to the library on a very cold and windy day. They all joined in the story session and shown impeccable behaviour. Well done everyone you have shown all of our Discovery Values this week.
Reception	Jemila	For settling in so well in her first week in Reception at Discovery.
Year 1	Aariz	For caring: For two weeks, Aariz has been a caring playtime buddy to a friend in class. He has made sure they have felt included and happy each day on the playground.
Year 2	Oakley	For returning to school with such positivity after feeling poorly. You've given 100% effort in your learning while still listening carefully to your body and knowing when to take things steady. Well done, Oakley.
Year 3	Sophia-Grace	Sophia is a kind friend to everyone in our class. She always has a lovely attitude towards our work and regularly wishes that the adults in the room have a lovely lunchtime. Thank you for your kindness!
Year 4	Flo R	For being a supportive and caring friend both in the classroom and on the playground. You have also been a fantastic role model, showing all adults that you are always ready to learn.
Year 5	Tobias	Tobias has shown great resilience and determination in maths this week. He always works hard and even when things are a little tricky, he never gives up. Well done Tobias.
Year 6	India	These past couple of weeks, India has been working on regulating her emotions in a quick and calm. She is explaining to her teachers how she is feeling and is accepting advice from adults and peers about how to regulate! Keep it up India!



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

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 FOR PARENTS!
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 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