

DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

Attendance and absence

| Days off school add to lost learning | | | | | |
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| 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 |
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| Nursery | 95% | Year 3 | 91% |
| Reception | 96% | Year 4 | 94% |
| Year 1 | 97% | Year 5 | 98% |
| Year 2 | 94% | Year 6 | 99% |

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

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.



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.

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| 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.

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.



**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.**

SENCO drop in for parents

The next SENCO drop in for parents will be on **Tuesday 24th March at 2:30pm – 3:15pm** with Mrs Mayers
Mrs Mayers will have information about Tameside's new sensory pathway to share and if any parents have questions about this or anything else linked to SEN, such as the DfE white paper or support available Mrs Mayers will answer these or note these questions and find the answers for you.



EYFS Week in Pictures



In Nursery it has been action packed this week! We have been building on our prior learning about what we need to grow a plant and this week we have been exploring the different parts of the plant and what they do.



The signs of spring are on the way so what better way to celebrate with our Nursery children than a lovely spring time walk looking for signs of flowers ready to bloom!



This week in Reception we have been improving our independent writing and challenging ourselves in Provision.



Reception have loved retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. This week we have planted our own bean seeds, we wonder if a magic beanstalk will grow

KS1 Week in Pictures



Year 1 made story cubes in RE this week to retell the parable of 'The Lost Son'. They thought about the meaning behind the story and thought it taught us about love and forgiveness.



Year 1 really enjoyed the book swap this week in KS1 and EYFS. It was so nice to see the enthusiasm of all the children as they shared their recommendations for why the book they were swapping, was a 'good read'.



Year 2 had an exciting trip to Manchester Airport this week! The children enjoyed spotting different aircraft and discovering the important roles people have to keep passengers safe and planes moving.



In PSHE, Year 2 explored the different types of families and talked about what make their own families special.



LKS2 Week in Pictures



Year 3 developed their sewing skills this week by learning how to thread a needle and how to tie it to ensure a strong stitch could be formed.



Year 3 have been focusing on improving our handwriting and love showing our new confidence to the whole class on the whiteboard.



In Geography, Year 4 used atlases to find all the countries that make up the Mediterranean.



In Maths, Year 4 recapped the rule when finding a fraction of an amount. We have to divide the total by the denominator and then multiply the answer by the numerator.

UKS2 Week in Pictures



This week Year 5 have been for a walk around the local community. We have been looking at the developments of Hattersley and looking at building designs. We walked our way to the library.



During our visit to the library, we met James who told us all about how they order the books and talked about how we can find books we might like. We discussed the different genres of books and had time to read before heading back to school.



In English this week, we wrote up an activity review of our trip up the Ghyll Scramble!



Year 6 have been learning all about the circulatory system and how our heart, lungs and blood keep us alive.



Parent Governors

Following our recent parent governor vote, we are pleased to announce that Helen Jones and Suzanne Oliphant-Billinge have been appointed to join our governing board.

Thank you to those that voted.

We look forward to working closely with Helen and Suzanne.

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.

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| Nursery | Mila F | For always being kind and polite to others |
| Reception | Nova | For playing well with others and being kind |
| Year 1 | Jaxson | For always trying new foods and eating your dinner |
| Year 2 | Finley | For lining up when asked and being a good friend |
| Year 3 | Lucia | For always including others in games |
| Year 4 | Luca | For trying new things and having lovely manners |
| Year 5 | Honey | For always having beautiful manners and for always being polite |
| Year 6 | Isobel | For always showing the caring value and being helpful to staff |

Mealtime Megastar as chosen by the kitchen staff

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| Matilda – Reception | For being polite and having a lovely smile on your face all week |
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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.

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| EYFS & KS1 | Myla – Year 1 | Myla has been making good choices and following the rules in ASC. |
| KS2 | Leo – Year 4 | Leo has shown kindness and patience this week when helping the younger children with football skills. |

After School Club phone

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

Sports First

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to take the decision to terminate our contract with Sports First coaching.

This will not affect after school sports clubs as these are being covered by staff in school.

We are looking to secure a new contract for the summer term with Active Tameside. As soon as we have more information, we will let you know.



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All abilities welcome!

Contact for info: **07465 249116**



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 | Layla | Layla for her enthusiasm towards our story of Jasper's Beanstalk. Layla has been listening so well to our story that she has learnt it almost word for word. She has been a key voice during class and helped many of her friends remember to story too. |
| | Ronnie | Ronnie comes into class every morning ready to learn! Each day he asks to write his name and is getting better at it each time. He is showing our improving value and we love to see it. |
| Reception | Max | For improving and achieving in his independent learning! Max wrote a sentence to match his playdoh rocket! |
| Year 1 | Tommy | For achieving: Tommy produced some excellent art this week. He studied different feathers and created sketches of them to show their different shapes, sizes and colours. |
| Year 2 | Mert | For being a wonderful member of our class. Your positive attitude and enthusiasm have made such a difference in our class! We are so proud of everything you have achieved and know you will continue to shine wherever you go next. Thank you for being a star! |
| Year 3 | Odosa | For Improving- Odosa has been blowing us away with his fraction knowledge this week and has used the stem sentences to explain his reasoning well. |
| Year 4 | Florence B | For Discovering and Improving: Flo has demonstrated fantastic resilience during assessment week and trying her best to complete each task. Your determination and effort didn't go unnoticed. |
| Year 5 | Eryk | For achieving and improving – Eryk has been thinking about his sentences structure in his writing. He has been reading back his work and looking at making improvements to his vocabulary and presentation. Well done Eryk. |
| Year 6 | Sofia | For improving – This week in our Maths tuition, Sofia worked brilliantly to practice many different skills with decimal numbers! Great work applying yourself so early in the morning! |

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 | Harper | Harper for being aware of her own feelings and being able to communicate them effectively during a circle time activity. Harper told us at school she feels happy, she doesn't miss her grown ups because she is happy learning and having fun. |
| Reception | Reign | For caring and inspiring. She is always showing the class how to be a good friend, listen carefully and make the right choices. |
| Year 1 | Darcey | For inspiring: For being amazing and brave when conquering the challenge of wearing new glasses! |
| Year 2 | Raheel | For showing the Discovery values on our trip to Manchester Airport. You were kind, respectful and responsible throughout the visit. You represented our school brilliantly and made us very proud. |
| Year 3 | Ellie Ann | Ellie Ann showed resilience after visiting the dentist this week. Even though she felt a bit unsure she continued to complete her work and join in with the activities. |
| Year 4 | Ethan | For Caring: For working hard to improve your own well being and showing excellent resilience in wanting to learn new things in a variety of subjects. |
| Year 5 | Year 5 | Year 5 have been playing really well together. It has been nice to see a whole class game where everyone was included. During PE, everyone worked well in some team building games. Well done everyone, keep showing the caring value! |
| Year 6 | Stevie-Beau | This week, Stevie-Beau showed great resilience when completing her assessments. She recognised what she found challenging and spoke with an adult to support her in persevering to the end! Great work Stevie-Beau! |



Discovery Academy
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March calendar dates

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| 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 |

April Calendar dates

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| Whole class photographs | Tuesday 14 th April | 9 – 12pm | |
| St Georges Day | Thursday 23 rd April | All Day | Come to school proud in your uniform: School, scouts, cubs, beavers, brownies, rainbows, guides etc. |