

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	87%	Year 3	92%
Reception	98%	Year 4	93%
Year 1	98%	Year 5	94%
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.

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.

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 3.**

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 Maths our Nursery children have been looking at differences in size. We read the Enormous Turnip story and have been sorting through our farmers vegetable patch and ordering in size from biggest to smallest.



Nursery have loved the spring sunshine this week and have done P.E outdoors. We have focused on balance and core stability when using the climbing frame and finding different ways to move our body when playing the Pirate



The Reception children have been busy retelling Jack and the Beanstalk with the story sack.



As part of our Science week activities, Reception planted a sunflower seed. We learnt about the life cycle of a sunflower. The whole school are having a competition to see who can grow the tallest sunflower. 🌻

KS1 Week in Pictures



In PE this week Year 1 had a great time playing parachute games. They had to listen carefully to the colour and move swiftly to swap over with the opposite colour.



Year 1 used their best oracy skills and weather vocabulary this week in Geography, when they were weather forecasters!



This week, Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic science afternoon where the children experienced a range of experiments. Year 2 showed great curiosity and enthusiasm as they explored new ideas.



In PE this week, Year 2 worked together to complete an obstacle course, practising communication skills and fantastic teamwork.



LKS2 Week in Pictures



Year 3 had a fabulous Science Afternoon exploring different enquiries in the different classrooms. Everyone contributed their ideas and worked well with each other.



Year 3 have started their sewing in DT, they have been trying different stitches independently and applying the skill to their projects.



In DT, Year 4 used clay to make our modernised Greek perfume bottles.



On Monday, Year 4 celebrated Science Day by completing different experiments in the different classrooms.

UKS2 Week in Pictures



Year 5 enjoyed the science afternoon, we went to each classroom to complete a science investigation. In Year 5 we looked at reversible and irreversible changes.



With the weather getting warmer Year 5 did PE outside. We played some team games and had time for a game of football at the end.



In PE, Year 6 played a brilliant game of bench ball with great teamwork and sportsmanship!



In Guided Reading, we have finally had chance to sit down with our World Book Day book and explore the amazing world of Skandar the Unicorn Rider.

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.

Nursery	Cooper	For always eating nice and playing kindly with others
Reception	Jemila	For using her manners and being kind to her friends
Year 1	Harlym	For always eating his lunch and being polite
Year 2	Harley	For lining up when the whistle is blown and always using her manners
Year 3	Lennie	For always using his manners and helping his friends and midday assistants
Year 4	Isla	For having such lovely manners
Year 5	Sienna	For great sportsmanship and teamwork during girls' football
Year 6	Ashley	For always showing the caring value and being helpful

Mealtime Megastar as chosen by the kitchen staff

Milo – Reception	For always being so bubbly with a smile and having exceptional manners
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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	Harper – Nursery	Harper is quiet and kind to others and always makes good choices in ASC.
KS2	Brodie – Year 5	Brodie is quiet, gentle and has beautiful manners. She is always willing to help others.

After School Club phone

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

PE provision

Our PE provider from next half term will be Active Tameside.

Active Tameside will also provide two after school clubs, one on a Tuesday and one on a Wednesday.



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GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSION!

TUESDAY 7 - 8PM
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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.

Nursery	Cooper	For excellent talking during our PSED sessions and being able to express himself well in all aspects of school life.
Reception	Tommy H	For inspiring and achieving in his independent learning! Tommy has shown great scientific knowledge about life cycles. He is beginning to challenge himself more in provision.
Year 1	Callie	For achieving: Callie has worked so hard to improve her handwriting this week. She has made sure her letters are sitting on the line and that her capital letters are taller.
Year 2	Finnley	For showing our Inspiring Value by confidently sharing excellent science knowledge Throughout our Animals topic. You have been confident and enthusiastic in every lesson! Well done.
Year 3	Lucia	For Improving: Lucia has blown us away with her handwriting this half term and has even been practising at home. This has allowed her to join a lot more than she used to and we are sure it will continue to go from strength to strength!
Year 4	Luke	For Inspiring: Luke has shown excellent resilience in his learning. Despite being in a boot, he has shown super determination in wanting to try his best in all of his work.
Year 5	Tommy	For achieving and improving – Tommy has worked really hard this week in class. He has really got the hang of multiplying fractions and finding fractions of an amount. Well done Tommy.
Year 6	Ethan	For caring – Ethan is regularly on hand in our computing lessons to support with explaining tricky concepts to others and modelling things brilliantly. Thank you for the tech support Ethan!

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	Harper	For recognising and celebrating differences in herself and her friends
Reception	Fedora	For always showing our Discovery values. She is kind, patient, works hard and is always positive.
Year 1	Harlym	For inspiring: Harlym's confidence is improving every day. He happily joins in with every class discussion, sharing his thoughts and ideas. It is lovely to see him really find his voice!
Year 2	Finley	For being a kind and caring friend, showing random acts of kindness and supporting others when they need a smile. Thank you for being such a thoughtful friend!
Year 3	Olivia	Olivia showed resilience towards changes with the usual time table this week and asked well thought questions to support her with her understanding.
Year 4	Ruby	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	Harrison	Harrison was showing lots of encouragement to his team during PE games this week. He works well in a team and shows the caring value. Well done Harrison.
Year 6	Amelia	This week during a fiery game of bench ball, Amelia's had a small injury and sought support from an adult. She assessed the situation and recognised that it was not intentional and did not let it upset her. Great work Amelia!



Discovery Academy
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March calendar dates

SEN Consultations	Monday 23 rd March	9 – 11 am	Make appointment on Arbor
PTFA easter egg hunt	Wednesday 25 th March	9.30	All children will partake in a free Easter egg hunt organised by the PTFA in school hours funded by money raised in previous events
Epilepsy Awareness Day	Thursday 26 th March	All day	Wear purple and donate £1

April Calendar dates

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.