

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 **96%**

Class	Average	Class	Average
Nursery	95%	Year 3	95%
Reception	97%	Year 4	94%
Year 1	96%	Year 5	99%
Year 2	97%	Year 6	98%

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

Mrs Kirkbride

Mrs Kirkbride has tendered her notice and will be leaving at Easter after almost an incredible 10 yrs at Discovery Academy. Mrs Kirkbride was one of the original staff that opened Discovery Academy (only Mrs Mayers and myself left) and has given her heart and soul to the children and community here. She is going to be missed greatly but I know you will all join the staff and I in wishing her well as she ventures into creating her own child minding business in Stockport.



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.



Victorious Catering
Fuelling young minds

**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.**



EYFS Week in Pictures



Nursery have been working hard in the finger gym this week. We stretched the elastic bands to create different pictures.



We have enjoyed looking after the zoo animals in Nursery. We have been counting them and sorting the animals into groups.



This week, Reception have been naming and grouping 2D and 3D shapes based on their properties.



This week Reception have been catching readers. Children have been turning pages and telling stories in our own words.

KS1 Week in Pictures



Year 1 conducted some fieldwork in Geography this week. They followed maps around the school to observe different signs of weather. They noticed raindrops, puddles and saw the trees waving in the wind.



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 Geography, Year 2 explored our local area on a walk to spot human and physical features.



This week in PE, Year 2 have been practising control skills by throwing, batting and working in teams.



LKS2 Week in Pictures



In Maths, Year 3 have explored how to measure perimeter and used string to help us measure curved edges.



Year 3 explored the poem, Make it Green, this week in reading and decided on actions to help us remember the important messages it shared.



In Music, Year 4 have been using the recorders and reading music to help us play. We performed Biker Ben beautifully by the end of the lesson.



In Science, Year 4 began looking at grouping things using observable characteristics. We then used Venn and Carroll diagrams to represent the data.

UKS2 Week in Pictures



In DT, Year 5 received an exciting letter asking for our help to redesign the old library building in Hyde. We were shocked to see how the building looks & we started our brainstorming to improve it.



This week Year 5 started our new book 'The nowhere emporium.' We made our own door and used our senses and imagination to describe our feelings and actions.



In Science, Year 6 have been having a look at how we can add variety to a circuit and what impact that will have on the components.



Year 6 found some letters we wrote in Year 2 this week! It was brilliant for the children to see how much they have progressed with their writing since then!

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	Matilda	For always using her manners
Reception	Antonina	For being kind to others, comforting them when they feel sad
Year 1	Lottie	For always using her manners and always being kind to everyone
Year 2	Kaison	For always using his manners and lining up when asked
Year 3	Matilda	For always including everyone in games and being kind
Year 4	Sophie	For always being caring and kind to her peers
Year 5	Sienna	For including others in her games and being a great friend
Year 6	Ethan	Even with an injury, Ethan has still managed to enjoy lunchtime and join in games with his friends

Mealtime Megastar as chosen by the kitchen staff

Rowyn	For choosing different meal choices 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	Cooper – Nursery	Cooper has settled really well and makes good choices whilst at ASC.
KS2	Oliver – Year 4	Oliver has been making good choices in ASC this week. He always has good manners.



Sports star

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



EYFS	Helena – Nursery	For great engagement and instruction following
KS1	Lucas – Year 2	For great work in groups and support of others
LKS2	Noah Bu – Year 4	For great intensity in sessions and positive attitude
UKS2	Masie McW – Year 6	For great endurance and positive work in pairs

After School Club phone

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



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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 Improving. Cooper confidently talked about the human life cycle and the changes that happen as we grow up.
Reception	Matilda	For improving her reading and phonics and keeping on trying with a smile.
Year 1	Jaxson	For achieving: Jaxson has taken much more time and care to complete all his work this week. His work has been well presented, well thought out and is now something to be proud of.
Year 2	Mia	For showing our Improving value by working hard in phonics and becoming more confident when blending and segmenting words. Well done, Mia!
Year 3	Mia	For Improving- Mia has consistently tried to improve her handwriting at every opportunity this week. This has allowed her to start to join up some letters that were difficult to do before.
Year 4	Jacob	For Discovering, Achieving and Improving: This week, Jacob has demonstrated fantastic independent Maths work that has made everyone so proud of him. Also, you are working hard to improve your presentation. Keep up the brilliant work!
Year 5	Poppy	For caring and achieving – Even though Poppy has not felt 100% this week she has still worked extremely hard. She is supporting her new talk partner and showing encouragement to others. Well done Poppy.
Year 6	Lillie-Mae	For achieving and discovering – It has been great to see Lillie Mae contributing to our classroom discussions this week. She has shared her thoughts with care, even when disagreeing with others. Keep it up Lillie

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	Millie	Millie has really shown her caring side this week in the baby clinic. Millie has bathed and fed the babies and used good vocabulary in her role play.
Reception	Tommy W	For keeping on trying and staying positive even if he finds something tricky.
Year 1	Kyan	For inspiring: This week Kyan has inspired us all by working incredibly hard and producing some excellent work, even with an injury to his arm.
Year 2	Ellie	For showing the caring value by doing helpful jobs for your teachers without being asked. Thank you for your kindness!
Year 3	Caleb	Caleb shows the caring value in class every day, from supporting his talk partners, handing out resources and checking in on people in the class. Thank you for being so caring!
Year 4	Alana	For consistently showing the caring value and working brilliantly as part of a team to develop your skills. Your kindness and cooperation make a real difference.
Year 5	Isla	Isla has been more focused this week, she has worked hard and shown great determination in maths. Well done Isla.
Year 6	Maisie Mc	Maisie has been working very hard to recognise her achievements! She is becoming more proud of the work she is completing in class and is understanding how her learning is linking to what she has looked at in the past!



Discovery Academy
BABY AND TODDLER GROUP
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 HATTERSLEY,
 SK14 3EL
 FRIDAY'S (TERM TIME ONLY) 9:30-11
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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