

# 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](mailto: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	97%	Year 3	91%
Reception	98%	Year 4	93%
Year 1	98%	Year 5	98%
Year 2	95%	Year 6	99%

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

## Hyde United

Discovery Academy children have another fantastic opportunity to support their local team Hyde United, this Saturday.

This week each child in school will bring home a free ticket to the match on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March, kick off is at 3pm. Children go free and accompanying adults are £8 each.

We are sure that The Tigers would love your support to achieve their best.

### 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.**

<b>Cut off for a weekly breakfast club booking</b>	4am each Monday	Any bookings not made before the cut off times will now incur the £2 charge per child, per session.
<b>Cut off for After School club bookings</b>	10:45 am each day	Any bookings not made before the cut off times will now incur the £2 charge per child, per session.
<b>Late booking fee</b>	£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.
<b>Late pick up charge</b>	£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.



# EYFS Week in Pictures



This week Nursery celebrated World Book Day by helping Sequencing Suki put her story of Little Red Riding Hood back together in order after the big bad Wolf had messed it up



Nursery have been extremely excited to try and grow their own beanstalk like Jasper from the story Jasper and the Beanstalk and have taken part in a bean plating activity.



In Maths Reception have been comparing numbers and saying much number is greater or bigger and which number is fewer.



Outdoors Reception have been building castles for Giants and acting out the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.

# KS1 Week in Pictures



It was great to receive a letter from an ex-classmate in Year 1 this week. We loved hearing about his new school and replying with our own class news.



Year 1 produced some excellent bird sketches this week and enjoyed sharing their art and offering constructive feedback in our classroom art gallery.



This week in PE, Year 2 looked at wellbeing through sport, practising good manners, teamwork and encouragement during games. We talked about how supporting each other makes us feel confident and proud.



In Science, Year 2 have been learning about adults and their offspring. We compared young animals with adult animals and discussed how they change as they grow.



# LKS2 Week in Pictures



Year 3 discussed the fossilisation process using a story and we are eager to see if our fossils will have formed next week!



Year 3 began to use attributes to separate objects in our branching databases



On Monday Year 4 for our World Book Day, we used our oracy skills to discuss the different books we studied in the morning.



In PE, Year 4 we played Curling with no ice. Using the quoits, we slid them over the floor to try and hit the cones.

# UKS2 Week in Pictures



This week Year 5 have been making ice cream. We conducted an experiment to investigate reversible changes of state. We made some great predictions and had fun too.



To continue Year 5's world book day celebrations we have been reading our new book called Bear Rescue. We are looking forward to finishing the book.



On Thursday, Year 6 went to Dovestones reservoir and completed the ghyll scramble. Everyone made it to the top and had a great day.



On Wednesday, Year 6 went to The Castleshaw Centre to start their residential. They completed lots of orienteering activities and then fed Manny and Billy the goats.

### 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	Matthias	For always having lovely manners during lunch time
Reception	Matteo	For sharing equipment and being kind
Year 1	Kayetan	For always using his manners and bring nice to everyone
Year 2	Mia-Leigh	For using your manners and lining up when the whistle is blown
Year 3	Kai-Luca	For great teamwork and supporting friends during football
Year 4	Cem	For having lovely manners everyday
Year 5	Nancy	For being so polite and caring with everyone
Year 6	Raiyan	For branching out and trying new foods on residential

### Mealtime Megastar as chosen by the kitchen staff

Rauri	For exploring new foods at dinner time and giving them a really 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	Millie – Nursery	Millie has settled well in ASC, she joins in with the activities and really enjoys snack time with her friends.
KS2	Maisie F – Year 6	Maisie was extremely kind, caring, calm and mature this week when looking after someone in ASC

### After School Club phone

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

### 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.

### 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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**Understanding Sensory Needs: An Introduction for Tameside Parents & Carers (Live Webinar) – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 6:30-7:30pm**

Tameside are pleased to offer a free online evening session for parents and carers, introducing the new **Tameside Sensory Needs Toolkit**.

This one-hour session will support parents and carers to:

- Understand what we mean by *sensory needs* and why some children experience the work differently
- Recognise some common sensory needs at home and at school
- Understand how sensory needs can affect behaviour, emotions, learning and everyday routines
- Learn how the new **Tameside Sensory Needs Toolkit** can be used in a practical, supportive way

The session will be delivered online via Microsoft Teams and is designed to be clear, accessible and reassuring. No prior knowledge or diagnosis is needed.

Delivered by Sadie Charlton, Specialist Occupational Therapist, who has worked for many years with children and young people with sensory and regulation needs across NHS Sensory Pathways, Virtual Schools, CAMHS, and educational settings. Sadie works closely with schools and families to support children whose sensory needs impact behaviour, emotional wellbeing, learning and attendance, and brings a practical, neuro-affirming, trauma-informed approach grounded in real-world experience.

Following the 1-hour presentation, there will be optional time for questions about sensory needs or how the toolkit can be used.

The main presentation will be recorded and made available after the event so families who cannot attend live can still access the information. This session is suitable for parents and carers of children of all ages, including those with SEND, who are neurodivergent, or have emerging SEND needs.

To book a place on the webinar, click on this link [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)



or scan the QR code

### 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	Mila F	For showing great confidence during World Book Day when playing the role of Little Red Riding Hood. Mila Inspired her friends in Nursery to join in acting out the story in our home corner and chose to re tell the story to a grown up too.
Reception	Matteo	For improving and achieving: Great progress in Listening, Understanding and Speaking.
Year 1	Demi	For achieving: Demi really impressed a peer reader from Year 5 this week with her fluent and expressive reading skills. She is a pleasure to hear read!
Year 2	Penelope	For being a fantastic reading star during World Book Day. You supported the younger children in your house team and showed brilliant confidence when sharing your opinions on the stories you had heard. Well done!
Year 3	Lily	For Improving- Lily takes every opportunity she can to rea. She always enjoys visiting the library and reading out loud to the class. She is also a keen Reading Champion, who shares her opinions on a variety of books!
Year 4	Nicholas	For Discovering, Achieving and Improving: This week, Nicholas has demonstrated fantastic independent reading. This includes reading in the reading area, reading aloud to the class and filling out his reading journal. Keep up the brilliant work!
Year 5	Isabella	For caring and achieving – Isabella always works hard in class, this week she has been shining in maths. She has been confidently working towards challenges. Well done Isabella, keep up the hard work.
Year 6	Isobel	For discovering and achieving - For persevering with new experiences on residential and pushing herself to achieve new goals.

### 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	Carter	Carter has really shown his caring side this week when engaging with his friends. Carter helped a friend put her shoes on when she was struggling before doing his own after playing in the mud kitchen.
Reception	Ollie	For developing his confidence to speak out loud and use new vocabulary
Year 1	Kayetan	For inspiring: Every Tuesday, as class librarian, Kayetan makes sure all the returned books go back on the library shelves during our class visit to the school library.
Year 2	Kaison	For showing the caring value by being kind and supporting a friend when they hurt themselves. Thank you for being a wonderful friend!
Year 3	Timothy	Timothy has been thinking about what supports him in school and discussing this with the adults. It has also been excellent to see Timothy develop his understanding of when he needs a fidget and when he can put it to the side.
Year 4	Noah Ba	For Caring: For working hard to show the caring value and working as part of a team to develop your skills. Your kindness and cooperation make a real difference.
Year 5	Harvey	Harvey is always helpful in the classroom, he is kind and caring which makes him a great friend and talk partner. Harvey always helps with little jobs in the classroom. Well done Harvey and thank you!
Year 6	Mia	For not letting a bump in the road stop her from powering through a tricky climb on residential! We are all proud of you!



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**March calendar dates**

Whole school Assessment week	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March	All week	All classes
SEN Consultations	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	9 – 11 am	Make appointment on Arbor
Epilepsy Awareness Day	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	Wear purple and donate £1