

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	97%	Year 3	88%
Reception	94%	Year 4	98%
Year 1	97%	Year 5	98%
Year 2	92%	Year 6	95%

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.

Read-A-Thon

Thank you to everyone who raised money for the Readathon last half term. We raised a fantastic **£360!** Before the holidays our Reading Champions were out and about with a questionnaire to find out what we love to read at Discovery. It was no surprise that lots of people chose 'Roald Dahl books, Horrid Henry books, Dogman, Jacqueline Wilson and David Walliams stories too.

Although we love the enthusiasm, the reading champions would like to broaden people's minds and open up a whole new range of books to our super readers! So, we have decided to spend the **£360** on some 'Branching out books'. These are alternative recommended reads for fans of Horrid Henry, David Walliams, Roald Dahl and many more.

We have completed an order and can't wait for the new stock to arrive. When they arrive the Reading Champions will visit classes to show them off and will then create a 'Branching Out' area in our school library where you can borrow them during your class library slot.

Thanks again and happy reading,

Mrs Stokes and the school reading champions





**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.**

April Calendar dates

St Georges Day	Thursday 23 rd April	All Day	Come to school proud in your uniform: School, scouts, cubs, beavers, brownies, rainbows, guides etc.
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SEND support workshops from Tameside

Tameside Neurodiversity Hub


Tameside Neurodiversity Hub is a service where parents, carers, and young people can access advice, signposting, and information related to neurodiversity.

Children and young people don't need a formal diagnosis—or even be on a diagnostic pathway—to use the service. Everyone is welcome.

How to contact us

Our helpline is open
Mon-Fri 9-5pm
0161 3031836

All our useful info and timetable:



Email us at
tamesidendhub@barnardos.org.uk




Neurodiversity Hub Launch Events

Do you want to learn more about the Tameside Neurodiversity Hub?

What is the hub?

How does the phone line work?

Who works there?

Can I see them in person?

How is it different to other services?

What support can I access?

Join us, meet the team, and get answers to your questions!

Wednesday 22nd April 2-6:30pm
Greenside Children's Centre,
Greenside Lane, Droylsden, M43 7RA

Friday 1st May 2-6:30pm
Ridge Hill Children's Centre,
School Crescent, Ridge Hill,
Stalybridge, SK15 1EA

Online Understanding Neurodiversity Workshop




This workshop will provide a more in depth look at Neurodiversities and helping parents/carers have a better understanding, in partnership with Umbrella Parent and Carer Forum.



email tamesidendhub@barnardos.org.uk for a teams invite



5:30pm-7pm



Weds 29th April 2026





Let's Talk! Speech & Language Drop-In

FREE SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES, A RELAXED SPACE TO ASK QUESTIONS
EACH FAMILY CAN TAKE PART IN ONE DROP-IN SESSION WITH US

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT ...

- How your child plays ?
- Their talking or understanding ?
- Their milestones ?



AT THE DROP-IN, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO...

- Speak with a Speech & Language Therapist
- Get guidance from the Health visitor
- Enjoy the soft play together



JOIN US...

Denton Wellness Centre
Thursdays (term time)
9am- 11am



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EYFS Week in Pictures



This week Nursery have been enjoying our new Play Doh area where they have full control of what they create. It has been a fantastic addition to our classroom and we have seen their creativity really come alive.



On the topic of food we have been talking about where our fruit and vegetables come from, who grows them and which shops we can buy them from. This week we cooked some broccoli and Cauliflower for everyone to try.



Reception have been using their phonics and reading skills to talk and learn about different dinosaurs.



Reception have loved playing and learning in our new outdoor farm shop. Thank you to Mrs Lamb and Mrs Harrison for setting it up for us!

KS1 Week in Pictures



Year 1 kick started their History topic about Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria this week by looking at some Royal artefacts. We discovered they belonged to a Queen who had made promises to protect, raise money and be God's servant for her people



In Science, Year 1 went on a plant walk around school to observe and name plants and flowers growing in our local environment.



This week in PE, Year 2 worked in teams to practise their athletics skills. They focused on speed, teamwork and encouraging their teammates.



In History this week, Year 2 became history detectives! They explored a range of artefacts and used their observation skills to ask questions and make predictions.



LKS2 Week in Pictures



Year 3 used the Numicon to partition parts of a whole.



Year 3 were really excited to take part in the Egyptian Workshop and were fascinated about how they lived!



In, Music, we have started to learn the cornets. Mr Conway is teaching us lots of different notes and how to hold the cornet correctly.



In Maths we have begun our unit on decimals. We had to use our place value knowledge to help us divide 1- and 2-digit numbers by 10.

UKS2 Week in Pictures



Year 5 had fun in PE this week. We have completed some obstacle courses and had fun playing games



This week Year 5 started our tech music sessions. We have used a fantastic piece of equipment to compose our own music.



At the end of last term, Year 6 held an exhibition to show off their work about identity! It was great to have the opportunity to show of our artwork and receive feedback from the rest of the school!



In English, we have been looking at Safety Last, a silent film from 1923 in preparation for us writing up a version of the short silent film, 'Paperman'.

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	Harper	For always using her manners and being polite
Reception	Jemila	For being kind to others and always using her manners
Year 1	Demi	For always showing all of our school values
Year 2	Oscar	For being positive and always making everyone smile with his facts and stories
Year 3	Ralfy	For amazing manners and playing kindly during lunchtime
Year 4	Nicholas	For caring, Nicholas stopped playing to take care of his friend who had been injured during a game of football
Year 5	Darcey	For being kind and polite
Year 6	Ava-Ann	For always having a smile on her face and having a positive attitude at lunchtime

Mealtime Megastar as chosen by the kitchen staff

Oakley	For always greeting us with a smile and having outstanding 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	Violet – Nursery	Violet has been making good choices in ASC. She is happy to join in all of the activities with her friends.
KS2	Eliza J – Year 3	Eliza is polite and always makes good choices. She is always smiling and is a good friend to others.

After School Club phone

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

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.





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HATTERSLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

Simul Vincimus

GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSION!

TUESDAY 7 - 8PM

KEN WARD, HATTERSLEY

For all girls who love football—come along, have fun and improve your skills!

All abilities welcome!

Contact for info: **07465 249116**

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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	Renzo	For excellent independent learning on our Maths table. Renzo was able to use the 5 frame and dice and count the correct number of counters it, it was fantastic to see him so enthusiastic about some new learning resources.
Reception	Jemila	For improving and achieving. Jemila has been trying really hard in phonics. She has joining in with our blending out loud and doing super spelling.
Year 1	Etiosa	For achieving: Etiosa has worked so hard in all lessons this week, even though he has had a few worries and jitters to deal with. We are proud of his resilience!
Year 2	Freddie-James	For showing the Improving value this week, particularly in handwriting. You took your time and persevered even when it was tricky. Keep it up, Freddie!
Year 3	Eliza J	For Improving and Achieving- Eliza has been really focussed in Maths this week and has been using the sentence stems to support her understanding during our fraction unit.
Year 4	Luca	For Inspiring and Caring: Luca has been very resilient this week. After having a couple of accidents on the playground, he has just continued with his work and not let this be a barrier to his learning. Super effort Luca!
Year 5	Lincoln	For achieving and improving – Lincoln has really impressed us this week, he is more focused and working well in maths. He has been flying ahead with his knowledge of decimals and fractions. Well done Lincoln.
Year 6	Zeko	For improving and discovering – This week, Zeko has applied himself brilliantly to his writing. He is sharing great ideas in the class and is asking advice on how to improve his writing. Keep it up Zeko!

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	Matthias	For recognising one of his friends was feeling sad and offering to share the toys to make a friend feel happy. It was great to see Matthias demonstrating our Caring value.
Reception	Finlay	For improving his confidence: Finlay has been participating well and joining in with our story telling. He has loved the story Trouble at the Dinosaur Cafe
Year 1	Josie	For caring: Josie took our class sunflower home for the holidays and did an amazing job watering it and caring for it. It has grown so well!
Year 2	Luna	This week you have come into school each day with a smile on your face and have used helpful strategies to manage your feelings. We are very proud of you, Luna!
Year 3	Aryas	Aryas has returned to school this week with a can do attitude and is working hard to improve in all areas of learning.
Year 4	Harley	For Caring: Harley has improved his own well-being this week by sharing with the class all his knowledge about the Romans. Using his encyclopedia, Harley has already learnt lots about the Romans.
Year 5	Jenson	Jenson is always a good friend but this week has recognised that sometimes it is not always the best idea to sit next to a friend during learning time. Well done for always being so mature and supportive to others.
Year 6	Ashley	This week, Ashley has been more thoughtful when sharing ideas in class and has been giving others the opportunity to share and build on his ideas! Great work Ashley!