



# DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

Victorious Voyage is a Trust-wide values inspired challenge week designed to get children active, creative, and engaged both in school and during the Whitsun break.

During the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> May, all classes will take part in an enhancement week, kicking off with a school experience to INSPIRE the week.

- Nursery and Reception will be visited by
- Year 1 and 2 will visit Cockfield's Farm
- Year 3 and 4 will visit Sea Life centre Blackpool
- Year 5 and 6 will visit Blackpool Zoo

All learning that will take place that week will revolve around the value CARING taking particular care of the world we live in. Each day will also focus on one of our values:

**Monday – Inspiring**

**Tuesday – Discovering**

**Wednesday – Caring**

**Thursday – Improving**

**Friday - Achieving**

During the Whitsun holidays, all children will come home with a Victorious Voyage Passport – some of which will have been completed in school.

## What children need to do

- Take part in **as many recommended activities as they can during the holidays**
- Each activity completed = **take a photo or bring it to school**
- At the end, **send all photos together** to your class teacher

All passports should then be returned to school.



### 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	95%	Year 3	92%
Reception	98%	Year 4	98%
Year 1	97%	Year 5	100%
Year 2	95%	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.



### May Calendar dates

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Wishbone Day	Whole school	Wear something Yellow
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS WEEK	Year 6	Tests start at 9:00am prompt
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Victorious Voyages Week	Whole school	Trip on Monday – please see email and complete form
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Victorious Tea Party	Whole school	Special tea party menu

### June Calendar dates

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonic assessment week	Year 1	Whole class will be assessed for the DfE
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplications assessment week	Year 4	Whole class will be assessed for the DfE
Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Daily Mile challenge in partnership with Not Really Here Media	Whole School	Every day the children will run a mile in support of the Tour of Tameside
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 9:30am	EYFS and KS1 Sports morning	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2	Parents invited. All children need PE kit in school
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 9:30am	KS2 Sports morning	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	Parents invited. All children need PE kit in school
Week beginning 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Assessment week	Whole school except Yr 6	Tasks and test to inform end of year reports

### July Calendar dates

Week beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Nation School Sports week	Whole school	PE/Sport activity each day PE kits required every day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports sent to parents	Whole school	Report sent via Arbor
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 6 – 8pm	Year 6 leavers party	Year 6	Year 6 children – dress to party!
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	SEND end of year meetings	Pupils with SEND	Parents will receive notification to make an appointment
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers assembly	Year 6	3 people per Year 6 student able to attend

**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.



**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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**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](mailto:tamesidendhub@barnardos.org.uk)



# Neurodiversity Hub Launch Events

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

What is the hub? Who works there? How is it different to other services? How does the phone line work? Can I see them in person? 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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



# EYFS Week in Pictures



Nursery have been feeling the love for the work of William Shakespeare this week and have had a wonderful visitor to our class. They were inspired by our visiting actor who told them the tale of A Midsummer Night's dream.



Nursery have been scrunching, and squeezing and rubbing our costumes together in our 'washing' up bowl, we then pegged them out on our washing line!



Reception have had fun in the sunshine today building houses, they used super vocabulary to describe their house 'the plank are to keep it stable'



Reception enjoyed Shakespeare Day on Monday, they joined in with great enthusiasm!

# KS1 Week in Pictures



Year 1 enjoyed the Shakespeare workshop in school this week. We made body sculptures to represent the seven ages of Shakespeare's life. We showed great team skills and imagination.



There was a Royal Coronation day in Year 1 this week as we continued finding out all about Queen's from the past. We loved waving our flags and singing along to the National Anthem as the King arrived in his Royal carriage.



This week in RE, Year 2 explored a range of artefacts linked to Jewish homes. The children observed each item and asked questions about what it might be used for.



In Science, Year 2 have been learning all about food chains. The children discovered that living things are connected and how animals and plants depend on each other for food.



# LKS2 Week in Pictures



Year 3 did some Character Modelling as part of our Shakespeare Workshop on Monday and loved learning about the characters in Romeo and Juliet.



Mrs Collins has been teaching us how to play notes on our recorders in Music and the importance of staying in time with one another. Today we read music and played Biker Ben!



This week during our Shakespeare workshop we focused on the story of Macbeth and acted out scenes including the 3 witches.



For our Roman History topic, we went on our class trip to Chester where we became Roman soldiers and marched through the city centre.

# UKS2 Week in Pictures



Year 5 started the week with a fantastic workshop on the work of Shakespeare. Year 5 have looked at the play The Tempest. We have been really engaged with the story.



With the weather getting nice, Year 5 have taken the perfect opportunity to do art outside. We have looked at the architectural structure of our school and discussed what makes a good design.



Year 6 have been looking at the Shakespeare classic, Hamlet. We discussed the thoughts that would be going through Hamlet's head when he sees his father's ghost.



In History, Year 6 have explored some key moments linking to the progression of Women's rights. The children discussed which they believed were the most influential and presented their arguments to their peers.

### 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	Hezekiah	For always having lovely manners
Reception	Reign	For playing well and sharing with her friends
Year 1	Darcey	For playing nicely with her friends in the playground
Year 2	Finley	For being calm and kind with his friends and always helping when needed
Year 3	Ellie Ann	For having a positive and caring attitude when playing with friends all week
Year 4	Luke	For lovely manners during lunchtime and during playtime
Year 5	Bobbie-George	For helping referee the younger children's football match
Year 6	Lillie	For being helpful and tidying away the chairs

### Mealtime Megastar as chosen by the kitchen staff

Year 1	For being polite and remembering your manners all week – keep it up 😊
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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	Lucas – Year 2	Lucas always makes good choices in ASC and is a good team player during team games.
KS2	Freddie – Year 3	Freddie is a super role model whilst at ASC. He always makes good choices and has beautiful manners.

### 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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Nursery	Matilda	For being inspired during Shakespeare week and creating a masterpiece of art work! Her attention to detail was excellent.
Reception	Reign	Reign for achieving. She has done super independent writing. Reign used her own ideas to retell parts of our Trouble at the Dinosaur Café story.
Year 1	Sophie	For achieving: Sophie throws herself into every lesson with great enthusiasm. This week, she has particularly impressed us with her prosody and drama skills in our reading sessions and at the Shakespeare workshop. She's a budding actress!
Year 2	Timothy	For Improving: You have impressed your teachers by writing brilliant sentences and using some wonderful vocabulary. Well done!
Year 3	Lucia	For Caring- Despite Lucia's injury, she has ensured she has invited a different friend at break and lunch to play with. No one has felt left out and Lucia gets to spend time with all of her friends across the week.
Year 4	Year 4	For all the values: This week on our school trip to Chester all of Year 4 represented Discovery superbly. The children demonstrated every value throughout all our activities on what was a busy and warm day. Well done Year 4!
Year 5	Isla	Isla has been working hard in maths, she has got a good understanding of decimals and fractions and looking at challenging herself more. Well done Isla.
Year 6	Molly	For improving and discovering – This week, Molly has delved deep into algebra! She is using her reasoning skills to explain how to find missing values and is demonstrating the steps brilliantly to others!

### 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	Hezekiah	Hezekiah always shows his caring side in class however this week he has gone above and beyond in communicating and playing with his class friends, which has created a very lovely moment for us to witness.
Reception	Fedora	For inspiring others with her enthusiasm and participation in whole class learning. She is a smiley shining star!
Year 1	Demi	For discovering: Demi has opened her mind to new tastes and flavours this week by trying sandwich fillers and breads in our DT lesson.
Year 2	Oakley	For being a calm, kind and supportive friend. You have inspired other children to have a positive view when things get tricky. Well done!
Year 3	Mankirat	Mr Squires passed on the lovely message of Kiki offering to help when he was really busy cleaning the corridor. Thank you for being so caring Kiki!
Year 4	Walter	Walter has improved his own well-being this week by being a good role model on our Chester trip. He was resilient in his learning and focused on the tasks at hand.
Year 5	Brodie	Brodie always shows our caring value by thinking of others. She always includes others in her games and is kind. Well done Brodie on being a fantastic role model for others.
Year 6	Esmae	Every day this week, Esmae has come into school with a smile on her face. She is sharing positive news about home and is showing great levels of compassion in class! Keep it up Esmae!