

# DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

## Attendance and absence

| Days off school add to lost learning |                 |                         |                        |                    |                 |
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| 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 **94%**

| Class     | Average | Class  | Average |
|-----------|---------|--------|---------|
| Nursery   | 94%     | Year 3 | 88%     |
| Reception | 94%     | Year 4 | 91%     |
| Year 1    | 96%     | Year 5 | 93%     |
| Year 2    | 97%     | Year 6 | 97%     |

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.**

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| <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.



**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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



What an EGG-cellent end to the Spring term for our Nursery children. This week we have to Thank the Easter bunnies for coming to school and arranging an Egg hunt! Nursery were keen to find them all and were rewarded with a chocolate egg to enjoy.



Thursday saw us come together and raise money to help raise awareness for Epilepsy - All the children looked lovely in their Lilac, Lavenders and perfect Purples and for such a worthy cause. A great way to celebrate peoples



Reception have enjoyed their Easter activities this week, they have completed and Easter Egg Hunt and made Easter Nests.



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# KS1 Week in Pictures



Year1 were super scientists this week when they carried out an experiment to find out which materials were transparent or opaque. They shone a torch on each material to observe which ones let light pass through or not.



In Maths, Year 1 have been carefully measuring lengths of different objects. We started by measuring length in cubes and quickly moved on to using CM rulers.



This week in DT, Year 2 have been making their own minibus models. They used new tools such as saws to cut axels, enabling their wheels to rotate smoothly.



In Computing, Year 2 have been learning how to present data in different ways. The children collected data about out class and used this to create block diagrams using laptops.



# LKS2 Week in Pictures



Year 3 created their own branching databases using all the skills they have developed over the half-term.



Year 3 really enjoyed playing team building games with Year 4 during PE. They all showed great sportsmanship and resilience!



In Maths Mastery, Year 4 are continue to develop our multiplication facts and practising with our peers on quick fire questions.



On Wednesday Year 4 took part in our Easter Experience with Miss Crosby. We had to create freeze frames for aspects of the Easter Story

# UKS2 Week in Pictures



This week Year 5 had a little visit to reception. We helped the younger children with the Easter egg hunt and then helped them back to the classroom.



Year 5 had another Easter experience this week with Miss Crosby. We looked at the Easter story and discussed the importance of Easter to Christians..



In English, Year 6 have been looking at Kensuke's Kingdom, making predictions about the text and working on our setting descriptions.



Year 6 have been DJs in music this term. We have worked to perform 'Blinded by the Lights' and loved hearing everyone play their parts.



### 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   | Elissa | For always using her manners and being kind to her friends                         |
| Reception | Ollie  | For playing well and being kind to others  |
| Year 1    | Finley | For looking after your lunchtime buddy   |
| Year 2    | Teddy  | For using manners, lining up when asked and helping his friends on the playground  |
| Year 3    | Tairah | For taking care of friends when they have had an injury                            |
| Year 4    | Walter | For being very helpful at lunch and collecting peoples coats that were left behind |
| Year 5    | Poppy  | For always showing our caring value and being                                      |
| Year 6    | Amelia | For being polite and always being kind and helpful                                 |

### Mealtime Megastar as chosen by the kitchen staff

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| Reception | For consistently demonstrating good listening skills and being well mannered |
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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.

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| EYFS & KS1 | Tommy – Year 1 | Tommy has been making good choices in ASC and he loves to help the adults.  |
| KS2        | Evie – Year 4  | Evie is quiet and polite with beautiful manners. She offers to help others and loves to help and support with the younger children. |

### 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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**SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 3PM**  
**PROJECT SOLAR STADIUM - HYDE**

### 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   | Nursery  | For Achieving. Nursery have worked very hard this term and used great oracy. I am very proud of their super listening and the progress they have made throughout the year. Keep working hard and shining like the little superstars you are.          |
| Reception | Parker   | For his brilliant oracy and retelling of the story 'The Seedling that didn't want to grow'.   |
| Year 1    | Kyan     | For achieving: Kyan has worked so hard to improve his handwriting this week. He has made sure all letters are sitting on the line and that his tall letters reach up higher.  |
| Year 2    | Diego    | For showing our Inspiring Value by confidently tackling a challenge and using new tools in DT. You also showed kindness by supporting others on your table, helping them to succeed. Well done!   |
| Year 3    | Kai-Luca | For Improving and Inspiring- Throughout the half term, Kai-Luca has shown true sportsmanship in P.E. and has modelled his skills to his team well.  |
| Year 4    | Noah Bu  | For Improving and Inspiring: Noah has shown superb determination this week in completing Maths with the rest of the class. Whilst Mrs Mayers has been busy in meetings, Noah has used his excellent Maths knowledge to further his own understanding. |
| Year 5    | Katie    | For achieving and improving – Katie is such a great mathematician and her focus this week has seen her understanding statistics and data much easier.   |
| Year 6    | Isla     | For improving – in our maths this week, Isla has persevered with a topic she finds quite tricky. She has been building on her understanding of percentages and working well to link her learning to what she already knows!                           |

### 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.

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| Nursery   | Maya     | Maya has had a positive attitude to learning. She always takes pride in her work and carefully cut out the shapes to make an Easter bunny. Well done Maya for being a superstar this week  |
| Reception | Antonina | For her enthusiasm and excellent singing and dancing when performing our Spring Chicken song.  |
| Year 1    | Casper   | For inspiring: Everyday, Casper comes to school with a positive, well-mannered attitude. He is such a calming role-model to everyone in Year 1 and we are all happy to have him as a friend.   |
| Year 2    | Kalem    | This week you have recognized when you need time to support your own wellbeing. You have made positive choices to return to class ready to learn. Well done Kalem.   |
| Year 3    | Kariebi  | Kari supports her table with ideas during in English and always offers to explain a new idea to her talk partner. A number of staff have also mentioned her manners and how polite she is to everyone around school.                     |
| Year 4    | Alyssa   | For Caring: For working hard on your own wellbeing and showing excellent resilience in wanting to learn new things whilst recovering from your operation.  |
| Year 5    | Honey    | Honey is always such a kind and understanding friend. She works well with everyone and is thoughtful. She really showed her talents this week in dance too, giving a great performance with her team. Well done Honey.                   |
| Year 6    | Israel   | This week, Mrs. Collins was very proud when Israel came to her to tell her about a child that was not feeling 100%! He was mature and sensible when telling her about the problem so they could be supported quickly! Thank you, Israel! |

### READING HERO

Each half term the class teacher will choose a child from their class who has shown our school values in reading both in school and at home.

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|-----------|--------|---|
| Nursery   | Aslan  | Aslan has done some super reading at home and in school. He has been using some super story language in the small world area too.   |
| Reception | Aria   | For consistently reading at home.   |
| Year 1    | Aariz  | For always reading at home and answering lots of comprehension questions each week in his reading group.  |
| Year 2    | Bilal  | You have shown amazing determination in phonics, especially when segmenting longer words. You have been working so hard to improve your reading skills. Keep up the brilliant effort!             |
| Year 3    | Mia    | Mia loves reading a variety of books and sharing them with her friends and the adults in the room.  |
| Year 4    | Sebby  | Sebby has shown a massive improvement in his reading and using his comprehension skills to answer questions linked to his book. Keep it up Sebby!   |
| Year 5    | Sienna | Sienna has worked really hard with her home reading recently, her reading journal is always completed and there has been great improvements with Sienna's comprehension skills. Well done Sienna. |
| Year 6    | Raiyan | Raiyan has improved leaps and bounds with her reading both in class and in her assessments! Keep up the great work Raiyan, and keep telling us about all the things you learn from reading!       |

### WRITING HERO

Each half term the class teacher will choose a child from their class who has shown our school values in writing in school.

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| Nursery   | Elissa | Elissa has been doing some super drawings in class and form all of the letters in her name. Well done.   |
| Reception | Max    | For amazing effort in his independent writing in Continuous Provision!   |
| Year 1    | Demi   | For always including extra details and up-levelling the class modelled sentence to include her own super ideas.  |
| Year 2    | Oakley | For using ambitious vocabulary and always challenging yourself to improve your writing through careful editing. You show pride in your writing which has been lovely to see!   |
| Year 3    | Lennie | Lennie has been focussing on his letter formation and thinking about when he should join his letters. This has made his writing a joy to read!   |
| Year 4    | Luke   | Luke has worked incredibly hard taking on using the advice of the adults and using his purple pen to improve and edit his writing. Super job Luke!   |
| Year 5    | Ryan   | Ryan's writing is going from strength to strength, the content of his writing is always engaging and makes the reader want more. There is always something dark and mysterious in his writing which makes it exciting. He is also working hard on his handwriting. Well done Ryan. |
| Year 6    | Isobel | Isobel has worked hard this past term to improve the independence of the writing. She is becoming more adventurous with her ideas and trying out new sentence types! Keep it up Isobel!  |



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### April Calendar dates

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|--|
| Whole class photographs | Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April  | 9 – 12pm |  |
| St Georges Day          | Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April | All Day  | Come to school proud in your uniform: School, scouts, cubs, beavers, brownies, rainbows, guides etc. |
|                         |                                 |          |  |