



# 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 Animal Magic Parties
- 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

<b>Days off school add to lost learning</b>					
<b>175 NON SCHOOL DAYS</b>					
<b>Excellent Attendance</b>	<b>Good Attendance</b>	<b>Satisfactory Attendance</b>	<b>Requires Improvement</b>	<b>Persistent Absence</b>	<b>Severely absent</b>
<b>0 days off</b>	<b>4 days off</b>	<b>6 days off</b>	<b>9 days off</b>	<b>15 days off</b>	<b>95 days off</b>
<b>100%</b>	<b>97% and above</b>	<b>Between 95% and 96.99%</b>	<b>Between 90% and 94.99%</b>	<b>Below 90%</b>	<b>Below 50%</b>

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 **95%**

Class	Average	Class	Average
Nursery	<b>91%</b>	Year 3	<b>92%</b>
Reception	<b>97%</b>	Year 4	<b>95%</b>
Year 1	<b>94%</b>	Year 5	<b>95%</b>
Year 2	<b>95%</b>	Year 6	<b>96%</b>

**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.



**Discovery Academy**

**WANTS YOU!**



**CLEANER WANTED**



**HALF PAST THREE TILL SIX**



**APPLY ON THE WEBSITE**

**community sessions**



**COPLEY**

Mondays 5:00-6:00pm



**KEN WARD**

Thursdays 5:00-6:00pm



Our mainstream community sessions take place every day during the week. Children and young people from 6-16 years old can take part in a wide variety of different activities including bowling, swimming, football, multi-sports & wellbeing and much more, from only £2 per session!

**ACTIVE**  
TAMESIDE



[www.activetameside.com](http://www.activetameside.com)

**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

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# EYFS Week in Pictures



This week we have been inspired by our literacy text *The Little Red Hen*. Nursery children have followed the story and this has led to us exploring how bread is made.



Outside our mark making wall has been a hive of activity and has seen many children creating their own masterpiece of the moment. We have seen monsters, houses, family members and a very long snake



Reception have been getting better at their independent writing. We have had a go at writing the names of the fruits in *Handas Basket*.



In Maths, Reception have been identifying doubles and six or not six using the counters to support them.

# KS1 Week in Pictures



Year 1 did an amazing job of making their healthy, colourful sandwiches for the King's visit at our tea party this week! We enjoyed the crunchy grated carrots and sweet tomatoes. It was a lovely celebration.



Year 1 learnt how to build columns and rows in Maths this week at the start of their learning about arrays. They learnt that arrays are made up equal rows and columns and that we could use our counting skills to total them.



This week in art, Year 2 created beautiful enchanted forest scenes inspired by *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



In Dance, Year 2 enjoyed moving their bodies to music and explored how to create dramatic poses using expression and control.



# LKS2 Week in Pictures



Year 3 discussed the dangers of the sun and used ultraviolet bead to see how well sunglasses can protect our eyes.



Year 3 used the abacus sticks to convert pounds and pence. We noticed that the hundred groups gave us whole pounds.



In English we have started our new text which is a Roman diary entry of a young slave. We had to try and sequence the order of the text.



In Maths we have continued our decimals work and begun partitioning decimals. We used counters to make our numbers on a place value chart.

# UKS2 Week in Pictures



Year 5 have been looking at algorithms in computing. We have been coding a character to move.



This week had a visit from the Reading champions. They have told us all about the exciting books that have been bought for us.



Year 6 have been looking at evolution and inheritance in science. We have looked at some of our classmate family photos and have guessed whose family member



In Maths, we are reviewing area, perimeter and volume. We have explored the relationships between rectangles and right-angle triangles and calculated the area of both.

### 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	Mila F	For always having lovely manners during lunch time
Reception	Nahla	For being polite to others and great at sharing!
Year 1	Aariz	For always playing nicely with his friends
Year 2	Diego	For his caring values, he helped a friend when they tripped and hurt themselves
Year 3	Lily	For having a positive attitude and being brave during lunchtime despite her injuries.
Year 4	Lainey	For caring, Lainey is always caring towards her peers but took even more care looking after her sibling after he had an accident
Year 5	Tobias	For always being a good friend and being kind
Year 6	Raiyan	For showing the caring value and taking care of her friend when they were injured

### Mealtime Megastar as chosen by the kitchen staff

Oscar – Year 2	For being caring and considerate towards the kitchen staff. Also thank you for holding the door pen 😊
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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	Jaxson – Year 1	Jaxson has beautiful manners and always remembers to use them without reminders.
KS2	Florence R – Year 4	Florence has been very kind this week, she has been helping and supporting the younger children during activities in ASC.

### 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.



### CHILD OF THE WEEK

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Nursery	Renzo	For challenging himself in different areas of the classroom and doing some fantastic work.
Reception	Isaac	For amazing independent writing! He used his phonics to write the names of the fruits in Handa's Basket.
Year 1	Gene	For achieving: This week, Gene designed a fantastic sandwich for King Charles in our DT lesson. He thought about the design brief and included all the right ingredients!
Year 2	Miya	For improving: you have listened carefully to feedback and worked hard to improve the spacing between your letters. You have produced such lovely handwriting this week! Well done.
Year 3	Jonah	For Improving- So far this half term, Jonah has been engaging really well in whole class discussions during our afternoon lessons and has been putting his hand up to offer his ideas.
Year 4	Sebby	For Achieving: This week, Sebby has shown great resilience in wanting to complete his work in multiple subjects. He has been a role model to his peers meeting all the expectations.
Year 5	Tobias	For achieving and improving – Tobias has shown great understanding during our reading sessions. He has really got involved in the work of Shakespeare and produced some fantastic work. Well done Tobias.
Year 6	Esmee	For improving and achieving – It has been amazing to see the progress Esmee has been making in her writing these past couple of weeks. She is generating her own original ideas for the story of 'Paperman', and is editing her work independently to support her cohesion. Keep it up Esmee!

### 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	Harper	For always being a kind and good friend
Reception	Nahla	For showing herself care and recognising her emotions and how to make herself feel better.
Year 1	Kayetan	For improving: Kayetan has worked much harder to be brave when leaving Mum at the school gate in the morning. He waves goodbye and walks into class with a huge smile on his face!
Year 2	Kalem	For always being willing to help others. You have been incredibly reliable and can be trusted to take on helpful jobs around the classroom.
Year 3	Mia	This week Mia has been supporting the people around her with their good looking, listening and sitting and this has helped them to do their best during lessons. Thank you Mia!
Year 4	Oliver	For Caring: Oliver has improved his own and others' well-being this week by being a kind friend and helping others with their learning. He was resilient in his learning and focused on the tasks at hand.
Year 5	Katie	Katie showed great perseverance during science this week. She got a little bit confused but once she understood, she produced some great work on the life cycle of a bird. Well done Katie.
Year 6	Isobel	Isobel has been working on building her confidence when speaking in class. She is using her oracy skills to project her voice, ensuring that others can hear her, and has taken on feedback well! Great work Isobel!