

# 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 **93%**

| Class     | Average | Class  | Average |
|-----------|---------|--------|---------|
| Nursery   | 88%     | Year 3 | 96%     |
| Reception | 93%     | Year 4 | 93%     |
| Year 1    | 94%     | Year 5 | 92%     |
| Year 2    | 91%     | Year 6 | 98%     |

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

Please click [here](#) to see if you should keep your child off school.

## New System for gate closure

We will now ring a bell when the gate is closing to ensure that the KS1 and 2 gate is closed at the same time as the Nursery gate and Reception door.

We know this has caused some issues in the past and so hope the new bell will ensure consistency across the school



### July Calendar dates

|                                                         |                           |                  |                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 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<br>9.15am start            | Year 6 leavers assembly   | Year 6           | 3 people per Year 6 student able to attend               |



**CHEADLE TOWN STINGERS**  
**2026/27 SEASON**  
**PLAYERS WANTED!**

➤ CURRENT YEAR 1 GIRLS  
➤ CURRENT YEAR 2 GIRLS

**TRAIN FRIDAYS AT NEW FACILITY**  
**PLAY SATURDAYS IN SMOUL**  
**DEDICATED UEFA QUALIFIED COACHES**  
**DEVELOPING CONFIDENT PLAYERS FOR THE FUTURE**

**E-MAIL: JUNIORS@CHEADLETOWN.CO.UK**



**READ to the BEAT**

**Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!**

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme, **Read to the Beat**, and is powered by Universal Music Group UK. The Challenge will celebrate the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. The Challenge is being brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate.

**Why join?**

- It's FREE! Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- Earn rewards, certificates, and prizes
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read, collect rewards over the summer and receive a certificate or medal when they complete the challenge.

**Visit your local library or go online at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) to get started from 4 July 2026.**

**Help your child start their reading adventure today!**

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### School Meal Price Increase

Please note from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 the cost of a school meal will increase

Old price £2.65 per meal, per day

New price £2.95 per meal, per day

A letter has been emailed out to parents this week, please take time to read this for the full details

## 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.

## Should I keep my child off school?

### Yes

#### Until...

|                                                |                                                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chickenpox                                     | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over                                                          |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting                         | 48 hours after their last episode                                                                                                            |
| Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo                                       | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics                                                              |
| Measles                                        | 4 days after the rash first appeared                                                                                                         |
| Mumps                                          | 5 days after the swelling started                                                                                                            |
| Scabies                                        | they've had their first treatment                                                                                                            |
| Scarlet Fever                                  | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics                                                                                               |
| Whooping Cough                                 | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics                                                                                               |

### No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice            | Tonsillitis     |
| Threadworms          | Slapped cheek   |



SCAN ME

**Advice and guidance**  
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

# 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](https://www.activetameside.com)



## Tesco fruit and Veg grant

Discovery would like to get our pupils involved in growing our own produce and use the fruit and vegetables grown to help with eating healthier.

**Our project will be in the below stores blue token voting unit.**

2571 Glossop Superstore SK13 8HB

2712 Hyde Stockport Express SK14 5RF

6544 Denton Mancunian Road Express M34 7NP

6553 Hattersley Extra SK14 6QA

6676 Hadfield Station Road Express SK13 1AR

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction.

Please share this with your friends and family and encourage as many people as possible to vote for our project.



## **Clubs – September '26**

Please see the below forms for the Autumn term clubs for the next academic year.

Please note all the below forms close on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

For those that complete the forms payment will go live on Arbor on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Payment will be due by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Once I have received payment, I will email confirmation of place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Please see the forms for all details.

Please note the below years are for the year group your child will be in in September.

DJ Club – Monday (Year 5 and 6)

[DJ club Autumn term '26 – Fill out form](#)

Boxing Club – Tuesday (Year 4 to 6)

[Boxing Club Autumn term '26 – Fill out form](#)

Multiskills Club – Wednesday (Year 1 to 3)

[Multiskills Club Autumn term '26 – Fill out form](#)

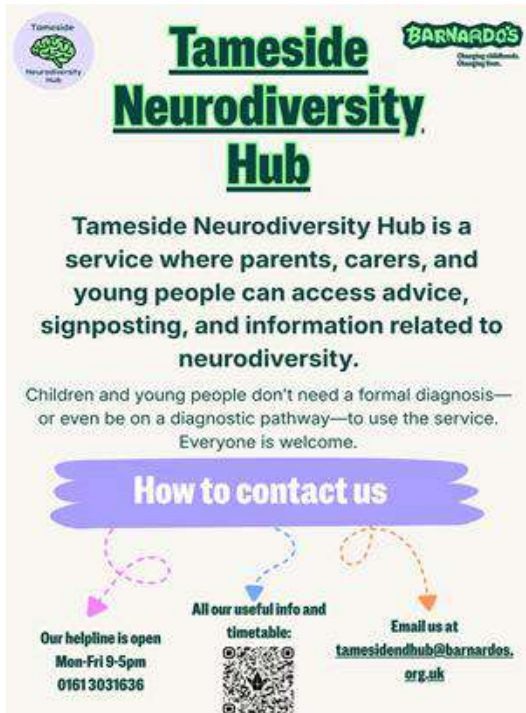
Running Club – Wednesday (Year 3 to 6)

[KS2 Running club Autumn term '26 – Fill out form](#)

Cheerleading Club – Thursday (Year 4 to 6)

[Cheerleading club Autumn term '26 – Fill out form](#)

## 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 3031636

All our useful info and timetable: 

Email us at [tamesidendhub@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:tamesidendhub@barnardos.org.uk)



**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

## 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.



Discovery Academy  
**BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

DISCOVERY ACADEMY  
PORLOCK AVENUE,  
HATTERSLEY,  
SK14 3EL

FRIDAYS (TERM TIME ONLY) 9:30-11

£2 PER SESSION

## Princess Trust

Lucia will be having her hair cut live by Mrs Oldham **NEXT FRIDAY!**

If you would like to sponsor Lucia then please use this link to do so!

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/luciashairdonation?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/luciashairdonation?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

### 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   | Matilda   | For always using her manners                                                                     |
| Reception | Nova      | For trying school dinners and having super manners                                               |
| Year 1    | Josie     | For helping tidy the writing shed and using her manners                                          |
| Year 2    | Kaylan    | For telling me when another child was upset Kaylan always has excellent manners                  |
| Year 3    | Kariebi   | For taking care of her friends wellbeing when they were not feeling well                         |
| Year 4    | Harley    | For inspiring – Despite Harley's knee injury he was still able to show off his basketball skills |
| Year 5    | Brodie    | For always being a kind and caring friend                                                        |
| Year 6    | Maisie Mc | For always being kind and caring towards children and staff                                      |

### Mealtime Megastar as chosen by the kitchen staff

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|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Josie – Year 1 | For using your kind words to tell us when you don't want something on your plate. You always remember your lovely manners and speak so politely |
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### After School Club phone

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

### 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 | Mia – Year 2   | Mia always makes good choices in ASC. She's always using her caring value and asking grown-ups about their day and helping with tidy up.           |
| KS2        | Honey – Year 5 | Honey is always making good choices in ASC. She is very creative and taught us a great dance routine to show the rest of the children in the club. |

### 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.



### **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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| Nursery   | Jacob and Alexander | For Improving their focus and concentration when listening to our Ten Little Pirates story. The boys join in with the words & actions everyday.                                                                                          |
| Reception | Jemila              | For improving and achieving. Jemila has tried really hard with her Maths and knowing one more or less than a number to 10.                                                                                                               |
| Year 1    | Sophie              | For achieving: This week, Sophie used her imagination to turn her expressive watercolour painting into a coastal scene. She added birds and waves with her brush, then used pencil to add details. The overall effect was very pleasing. |
| Year 2    | Jorgie              | For showing our inspiring value by making excellent choices and setting a brilliant example to others, encouraging those around you to make positive choices too.                                                                        |
| Year 3    | Freddie             | For Improving- Freddie listened and participated brilliantly during our cricket session this week and his improvements in batting in the session were fantastic!                                                                         |
| Year 4    | Selyn               | For Improving: This week, Selyn has shown a fantastic attitude towards her learning. She has tried her best in every subject and thought carefully before sharing her explanations.                                                      |
| Year 5    | Harrison            | For achieving, discovering and inspiring – Harrison is really focused on his work in class, he has some really great ideas and likes to share them with the class. Keep up the great work Harrison.                                      |
| Year 6    | Dolly               | For achieving and discovering – Dolly has had a cracking couple of weeks! She has been adding to classroom discussions and sharing ideas well with her friends in our PSHE lessons!                                                      |

### **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   | Otis       | For always looking after his friends and playing nicely with all our Nursery children.                                                                                               |
| Reception | Milo       | For always showing care and concern for others.                                                                                                                                      |
| Year 1    | Esme       | For inspiring: Esme entered into National Sports Week in the best of spirits this week. She cheered on her friends, clapped their efforts and encouraged everyone to try their best. |
| Year 2    | Raheel     | This week you have stepped outside your comfort zone. You have confidently shared your ideas and have joined in with new activities. Keep it up!                                     |
| Year 3    | Alaiah-Rae | Alaiah-Rae has kindly offered to support her talk partner with gathering the items they need in the classroom whilst they are unable to. Thank you for being a supportive friend.    |
| Year 4    | Elliot     | This week, Elliot has been a supportive friend and looking out for his peers. Elliot has also made sure he maintained on task when there were distractions nearby.                   |
| Year 5    | Poppy      | Poppy has shown the caring value on our school trip, constantly checking in with staff, listening well to instructions and helping others.                                           |
| Year 6    | Ava-Ann    | For being an absolute ray of sunshine on our trip this week! She had a smile on her face all day and gave us all a good chuckle on the train, all while being sensible and safe!     |