

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%

We would like to remind all families that it is the responsibility of parents/carers to inform the school of any pupil absence. **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.

If you have not reported a child's absence by **9am** 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**. Prompt communication helps us fulfil our safeguarding responsibilities and maintain accurate attendance records.

Please contact the school office by telephone or email when your child is unable to attend. You can email Miss Oldham on admin@discovery.victoriousmat.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.

This week's attendance is **95%**

Class	Average	Class	Average
Nursery	90%	Year 3	91%
Reception	98%	Year 4	95%
Year 1	98%	Year 5	96%
Year 2	100%	Year 6	93%

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.

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	Gracie – Year 1	For playing nicely with her friends and treating everyone with kindness and respect every day.
KS2	Freddie – Year 4	For being a great role model who inspires everyone around him by consistently demonstrating our school values.

After School Club phone

For emergency use only:
07780 208 909

October Calendar dates

EYFS/KS1 Family assembly	Friday 23 rd October	Nursery - Year 2	9-9.30am
KS2 Family assembly	Friday 23 rd October	Year 3 - 6	2.30-3pm

November Calendar dates

SEND parent consultation	Tuesday 10 th November	Families of SEND pupils	1-3.30pm
Odd sock day	Monday 16 th November	Whole school	Wear odd socks for Down syndrome awareness
Children in Need	Friday 20 th November	Whole school	Wear something spotty for £1 donation

December Calendar dates

Victorious Voices	Wednesday 9 th December	KS2 Choir	In school time
KS1 Performance	Friday 11 th December	Year 1 and 2	9.15 (approximately 45 minutes)
Christmas fair	Friday 11 th December		2.30-4.30
KS2 Church	Monday 14 th December	Year 3,4,5and 6	Year 5 and 6 - 9.30-10.15 Year 3 and 4 - 10.45 – 11.30 At St Barnabus 2 adults per child
EYFS Performance	Tuesday 15 th December	Nursery and Reception	9.15 (approximately 45 minutes)
Christmas dinner day	Thursday 17 th December	Whole school	Select hot meal on Arbor – dietary requirements catered for
Christmas jumper day	Thursday 17 th December	Whole school	Wear a Christmas jumper
Christmas party day	Friday 18 th December	Whole school	Party clothes

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all the children and parents who attended the Scholastic Book Fair this week. It was fantastic to see so much reading enthusiasm and appreciation of books! By taking part in the fair, we have raised a huge £ 699. 29 to buy books for our school!

SEND reviews Parent/carer voice

If you have recently received an email from Mrs Mayers titled 'SEND reviews Parent/carer voice' please could the form included within that email be completed by 15:30 on Monday 19th October. Thank you.

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 breakfast club booking	Paid - Can be booked up until 06:50 on the same morning Free - Until 07:45 on the same morning	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

Don't miss out... ...on a school place for your child



Primary School

High School

If your child will be 4 before 1 September 2027

- ★ You should put your child's name down at any Tameside Primary School.
- ★ During October the school will send you the information you will need to make your application.
- ★ If your child attends a school nursery they are NOT guaranteed a place in Reception. You will need to make a new application for a Reception place.
- ★ You must apply for a Primary School Reception place online through the Tameside MBC website at www.tameside.gov.uk
- ★ The online application facility will open for new Reception applications **early November 2026**.
- ★ The closing date for Primary School applications is **15 January 2027**.
- ★ Any application received after 15th January 2027 will be dealt with as a 'LATE' application and considered after those received on time.

If your child will be 11 before 1 September 2027

- ★ You should apply for a High School place through the Local Authority where you live.
- ★ Extra district residents will receive information on how to apply from their own Local Authority.
- ★ You must apply for a High School Year 7 place online through the Tameside MBC website at www.tameside.gov.uk
- ★ The online application facility will open for new Year 7 applications **early September 2026**.
- ★ The closing date for High School applications is **31 October 2026**.
- ★ Any application received after 31st October 2026 will be dealt with as a 'LATE' application and considered after those received on time.



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

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



**** Breakfast Club Funding Opportunity ****

We're delighted to let you know about a new Kellogg's and Tesco initiative that could provide additional funding for our school's breakfast provision. Through the Kellogg's x Tesco Breakfast Club Grants activation, 300 eligible schools across the UK will each receive a **£500 grant** to support the running of their breakfast club.

The promotion is open to state primary and secondary schools that already operate a breakfast club or similar breakfast provision. Members of the public can nominate schools during the promotional period, with successful schools selected at random from all valid nominations received.

Nominations are open from **29 September to 26 October**.

For full details and to submit a nomination, please visit: https://www.kelloggs.co.uk/en_GB/our-story/breakfast-club-grant.html

ROUTE ONE
JUNIOR PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT
Enhancing School Opportunities to perform

October Holiday Camp Dates
FULL DAY 9AM-3PM*

Tuesday To Friday

Denton West End
AFC

Ages 6-13 Boys & Girls

Contact Liam Hogan - 07969433767

27th 28th 29th 30th October

*Half Day Option 9-12 Available

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.

EYFS	Renzo	For trying school dinners
Year 1	Maya	For showing Caring value and looking after her friends when they were upset
Year 2	Myla	For helping a friend when they had an accident
Year 3	Timothy	For improving – Timothy has used adults around him this week to help co-regulate during tricky moments on the playground
Year 4	Aryas	For showing his caring value in the dinner hall, giving up his seat for a friend
Year 5	Dray	For improving – Dray is speaking to adults to make positive changes during lunchtimes and when lining up
Year 6	Poppy P	For being helpful and tidying up the hall

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	Coen	For achieving. He has done some super story telling. Coen really enjoyed Going on a Bear Hunt
Reception	Wamaka	For Caring: Wamaka always shows great kindness to others and has the most beautiful manners.
Year 1	Max	For inspiring: This week, Max used super oracy in our English lesson by turning picture clues into full spoken sentences.
Year 2	Darcey	For Achieving- Darcey has been making positive choices to complete her work and to share her ideas in the classroom.
Year 3	Kaison	For achieving: Kaison is a fantastic member of Year 3. He always works hard in lessons and thinks deeply about our questions. Keep it up Kaison.
Year 4	Eliza M	For Inspiring and Improving: This week, Eliza has had a positive attitude to her work. She has been trying her best by following the expectations and produced some fabulous work.
Year 5	Elliot	For inspiring and caring – It has been great to see how Elliot has been supporting others in class this week. He is using talk partner time to develop his ideas and then sharing both his and others' ideas with the class.
Year 6	Isabella	For Inspiring and Achieving: Isabella has produced some lovely writing and worked hard in maths to solve tricky long division and multi-step problems. She is kind, caring and always has a smile on her face!

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	Elliot	For always making is smile and always being busy learning in Nursery!
Reception	Osman	For improving Osman has been working so hard. He is getting better at writing his name because he never stops trying
Year 1	Finlay	For caring: For showing such amazing courage and confidence with dinner time! It has been wonderful to see you overcome your worries and now enjoy dinner with a much calmer and happy manner.
Year 2	Gene	Gene is always a supportive member of the class and always does the right thing. He is helpful and supportive and Year 2 is lucky to have him!
Year 3	Luna	Luna has shown great resilience this week and has been really helpful in the classroom – even tidying my desk!
Year 4	Caleb	For Caring: This week Caleb has taken on advice from parents consultations and been using the regulation areas appropriately and when necessary. He has also supported his own well-being in communicating more with adults.
Year 5	Dray	This week, Dray has been working on different ways to communicate with Miss. Goodson and has shown that he can work well with a team and model great leadership skills! Great
Year 6	Harrison	Harrison is always displaying our caring value. He is helpful, works hard to support his friends and sets a positive example to others.