

DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

Pupils with SEND

Each term we meet with parents whose children have Special Educational Needs which require school intervention and targets.

This term, we are going to try a new way to ensure that all parents are able to share their voice on their child's outcomes.

On **Friday 21st March**, we will send home the SEND review report which highlights what we are pleased about, what works well, what concerns we have and what we will do to support your child over the next term.

Parents will be asked to complete the Parent/carer box and return the paperwork to the class teacher, signed by **Friday 28th March**.

If you have received paperwork on Friday 21st March and would still like an appointment to discuss the report with the teacher, we will have a **SEND parent session on Monday 31st March** between 8:30 – 11:30am. If your child has had a SEND report sent home, you will be able to can book an appointment on Arbor between Friday 21st March – Thursday 27th March by 5pm.

If you are unable to book an appointment this means we have no further information to share with you at this time. This tends to be for children who we are awaiting support/advice or diagnosis for.

We are hoping that this will mean we will have more parental feedback regarding your child in a way that is more convenient to you.

Attendance

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%

This week's attendance is **94%**

Class	Average	Class	Average
Nursery	94%	Year 3	93%
Reception	95%	Year 4	95%
Year 1	97%	Year 5	92%
Year 2	92%	Year 6	96%

Reminder

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



Calendar dates

Club payments due	Tuesday 1 st April		
PTFA Easter Egg Hunt	Friday 4 th April	9:30 – 11:30	Each class will have an egg hunt and all children will receive a small prize.
SEND parent session	Monday 31 st March	8:30 – 11:00	Only invited parents through the Arbor portal
Easter Holidays	Monday 7 th April – Monday 21 st April		Whole school
St Georges Day	Wednesday 23 rd April	All day	Come to school in your uniform – School, cubs, beavers, brownies, rainbows
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May		Whole School Bank Holiday
VE Day	Thursday 8 th May		Celebration on Friday 9 th
VE Day celebrations	Friday 9 th May		Children wear Red, White, Blue and donate £1 to veteran's charity
KS2 SATS week	Monday 12 th May – Friday 16 th May	All week	Year 6
Whit Holidays	Monday 26 th May to Friday 6 th June		Whole school
Year 1 phonics test	Monday 9 th June – Friday 13 th June	All week	Year 1
KS2 Sports Day	Wednesday 11 th June	9:30am	School field
Year 4 multiplication checker	Monday 16 th June – Friday 20 th June	All week	Year 4
EYFS/KS1 Sports Day	Wednesday 18 th June	9:30am	School field
School end of year assessment week	Monday 23 rd June – Friday 27 th June	All week	Whole school – Nursery to Year 5
Transition Day	Thursday 3 rd July		Whole school
SEND Parent meetings	Wednesday 16 th July	1:30 – 4:30	Whole school

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	Antonina	We can always count on Nina to be a good and kind friend to everyone. Nina is very helpful and is always one of the first to tidy, follow instructions and reminds her friends of the class rules. Well done Nina for being a superstar this week!
Reception	Reception	For working as a team, taking care of and inspiring each other on our visit to the theatre and our performance to families.
Year 1	Ellie	For caring: This week Ellie has been a patient and caring learning partner. She has been a super listener but also shown her partner how to turn take and explain their thinking using oracy.
Year 2	Mia	Mia has been kind and caring this week. She has been helping Mrs Wood and Mrs Parkinson in class this week and also shown the caring value in the playground. Well done Mia.
Year 3	Alana	Alana has a positive attitude towards all lessons and is always the first to suggest solutions to problems so that every is able to achieve their best.
Year 4	Year 4	You have shown resilience when we have had a disruptive week that hasn't followed our usual timetable. I have seen come fantastic work done in our assessments and the writing we started half way through the week.
Year 5	Zeko	For handling tricky situations with resilience and determination.
Year 6	Hallie	This week, Hallie out her worries aside and knuckled down when it came to our assessments! She worked hard to show off what she knows and showed great resilience and determination! Keep it up Hallie!

PTFA baby group

GIGGLES & GROW

AGES 0 TO 4 WELCOME

£2 PER CHILD

DRAWING - PAINTING - SINGING

REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS

FRIDAYS 9.30 TILL 11AM

@ DISCOVERY ACADEMY
PORLOCK AVENUE SK14 3LE

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF LOCAL PHARMACY SERVICES IN TAMESIDE

WHAT SERVICES DO YOU USE?
WHAT SERVICES DO YOU NEED?
HOW CAN WE MAKE PHARMACIES BETTER IN THE FUTURE?

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Our survey is short, but it really matters.
The feedback you give us will be included in a report that will help us decide how best to improve future pharmacy services in Tameside.



SCAN ME OR CLICK HERE

COMPLETE THE SURVEY BY FRIDAY 21ST MARCH 2025

Click the link or scan the QR code to complete the survey

<https://www.gmcconsult.org/communications-and-engagement-team/pharmacy-services/>

Printed copies are available on request. Results available by 31st October 2025.

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	Willow	For lovely manners and eating all of her lunches
Reception	Josie	For being polite and kind to her friends
Year 1	Mert	For being a kind friend by opting out of playing football so that his friends got a chance
Year 2	Caleb	For playing nicely with friends
Year 3	Year 3	For being an amazing class and always using your manners. Keep it up! 😊
Year 4	Isabella	For always being a good friend and polite with everyone
Year 5	Zeko	For always being polite to the ladies behind the counter
Year 6	Lylah	For always being polite and making some amazing shots in the basketball hoop

Disabled parking

When using the disabled parking spaces, please ensure you are displaying your disabled badge.

Local Governing Board



As advertised in our last newsletter we are looking for **one** Parent Governor to join us in April 2025 (after Easter) and **one** Parent Governor to join us in September 2025.

An email has been sent out today to all parents for the **April governor start date**. Please check your emails and if you have any questions, please contact the school office or our chair of governors as indicated on the letter emailed out.

Further correspondence will follow in May regarding the September vacancy.

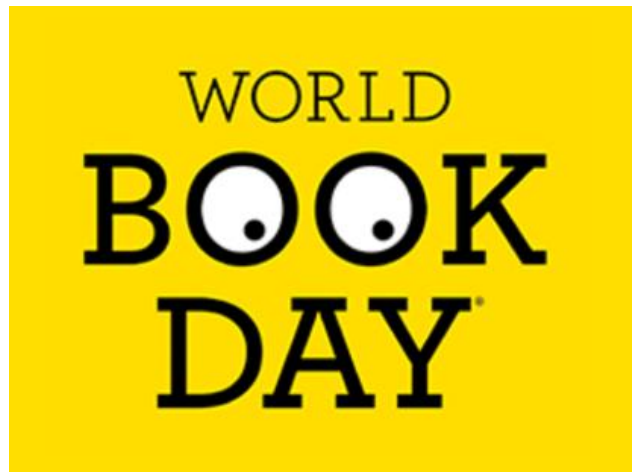
After school club Child of the week.

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EYFS & KS1	Mia – Year 1	Mia is quiet, gentle and kind and is a positive role model.
KS2	Noah G – Year 3	Noah works really hard to make good choices and always makes us smile.

World Book Day Sponsored Read-a-thon

Thank you to everyone who participated in our sponsored school read-a-thon. So far, we have raised a total of **£719.72**. This will be used towards organising future author visits and reading for pleasure activities and experiences. If anyone still has some sponsorship money, please return it to the office next week. Thank you again for supporting us in reading at Discovery Academy. Mrs Collins.



CHILD OF THE WEEK

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Nursery	Nova	For Inspiring. Nova made a giant beanstalk for her home learning. She used the beanstalk to re tell the story 'Jaspers beanstalk' and made up new characters in the story.
Reception	Kyan	For Improving and achieving: wonderful writing. Using his phonics and tricky words to rewrite the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.
Year 1	Finley	For Inspiring: This week Finley has shown how hard he has worked in Phonics with an amazing Phonics score! Keep it up Finley!
Year 2	Eliza M	For Achieving & Improving – Eliza has worked really hard on her quizzes this week and then continued to work hard back in class. Well done Eliza.
Year 3	Florence B	For Achieving- Even though Flo felt apprehensive about the quizzes we have done this week, she gave each one her all and did them with a positive attitude.
Year 4	Hakan	For Achieving – Although Hakan was off ill at the beginning of the week and missed some assessments, he has come back to school with a fabulous attitude and just got on with completing everything with a smile on his face.
Year 5	Maisie F	For achieving: Maisie has been focused, determined and resilient in all lessons and the quizzes we have done this week.
Year 6	Ebony	For achieving and Improving - Throughout this year, it has been great to see Ebony grow in the classroom (not just in height)! She is becoming more confident to share ideas in class and is working well in her assessments to show off all that she has learned in Key Stage Two! Well Done Ebony!