



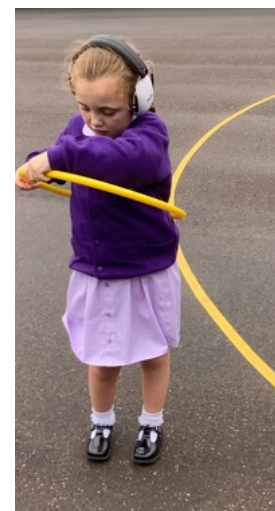
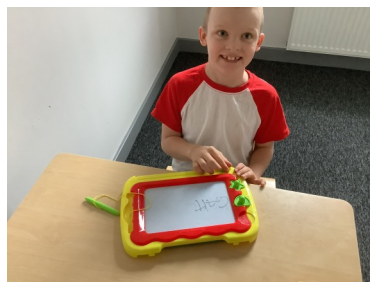
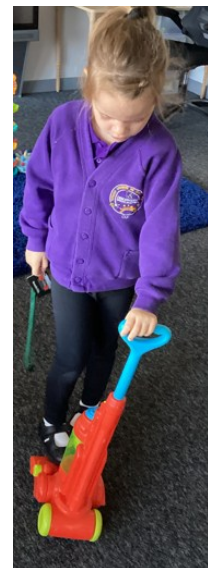
Discovery Special Academy

Newsletter Autumn 2025

Welcome Back

It has been absolutely wonderful to see all of our pupils back in the academy, full of energy, enthusiasm, and ready to learn. The atmosphere around the academy has been vibrant and joyful, with pupils quickly settling into their new classes, routines, and friendships.

We have been so impressed with how smoothly they have adapted and how eager they are to embrace the opportunities ahead. It already feels like a very exciting year in the making, and we look forward to seeing our pupils continue to grow, achieve, and flourish both in and outside the classroom.



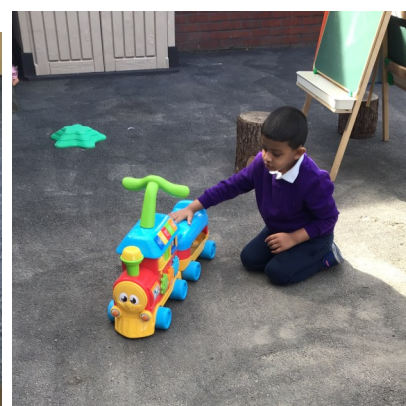
Attendance matters

Regular attendance helps pupils build strong routines, make the most of their learning, and develop important life skills for the future. Every day in school counts toward their growth and success. We are grateful to our families for supporting pupils in maintaining good attendance, helping them to thrive and get the very best from their time in school. Please contact the pastoral team if you need any support with attendance.

Building Update

We are so excited to share some wonderful improvements that took place over the summer! Our brand-new permanent nursery building is now in place, and it looks amazing. It gives our nursery children a bright, welcoming classroom as well as a calming sensory space to enjoy as they take their very first steps on their school journey.

We've also added a canopy to the EYFS playground, which means our children can enjoy outdoor play and learning all year round – rain or shine! These new spaces are already making such a difference, and we're thrilled that our youngest pupils are able to enjoy them every day.



Cleveland Unit

We are delighted to share that Middlesbrough Local Authority's specialist nursery provision is now co-located here at Discovery. This partnership means we can work together to support even more children in our community, providing them with the very best start to their education. We are proud to play a part in helping the local authority extend this important provision to families who need it most.

Our Core Values - At Discovery we are:

Independent

Being independent means trying to do things on your own and making your own choices, as well as knowing when to ask for help. It also means thinking about how your actions affect others and the world around you, such as taking care of the environment.



Resilient

Being resilient means staying positive when things are hard and trying again when they do not go as planned. It also means finding ways to solve problems that are good for you, good for the community and good for the planet.



Respectful

Being respectful means showing consideration, appreciation, or regard for someone or something. It means valuing others' feelings, rights, and boundaries, as well as showing care for our environment by using resources responsibly and protecting the natural world.



Collaborative

Being collaborative means working together with others to achieve a common goal or complete a task. It involves cooperation, teamwork, and finding sustainable solutions that benefit everyone, including our community and the planet.



We are thrilled to see our pupils embracing our core values so enthusiastically! They are demonstrating these values through their learning, play, and interactions around the academy, and it's wonderful to celebrate their achievements. Pupils are proudly wearing stickers as a recognition of the ways they embody our core values each day.

We would love to see these moments beyond the academy too. If your child is showing our core values at home or in the community, please share your photos with us on ClassDojo – it's always a joy to celebrate their efforts and see our values in action wherever they go.

National Autistic Society Autism Accreditation

We are delighted to be welcoming colleagues from the National Autistic Society to the academy on 7th and 8th October. During their visit, they will be assessing the quality of our provision for autistic pupils by spending time in classrooms, meeting with pupils and staff, and gaining a real sense of what it means to be part of our Discovery community.

In the lead-up to their visit, we will be inviting parents to share feedback, which will form an important part of the process. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

If you would like to find out more about Autism Accreditation, further details can be found on the National Autistic Society website: www.autism.org.uk/accreditation

Term Dates and PD Days

	First Day of Term	Last Day of Term
Autumn 1	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Friday 24 th October 2025
Autumn 2	Monday 3 rd November 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
Spring 1	Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Friday 20 th February 2026
Spring 2	Monday 2 nd March 2026	Thursday 2 nd April 2026
Summer 1	Monday 20 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Summer 2	Tuesday 2 nd June 2026	Friday 17 th July 2026

PD Days:

Monday 5th January

Monday 1st June

Monday 20th July

Tuesday 21st July

Keeping in Touch

There are several ways to contact the academy:

- **Academy Office:** 01642 248333
- **Pastoral Team Mobile:** 07718 584084
- **Home-School Communication Books:** Checked daily – let us know anything that will help us support your child.
- **ClassDojo:** For messages and photographs of your child's learning.

And our website has lots of useful information and some lovely galleries and videos:
www.discoveryspecialacademy.org.uk

Parent Consultation Meeting

This term's Parent Consultation Meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th November. More information will be shared nearer the date.

We look forward to a fantastic year ahead and thank you for your ongoing support.