



2026 Newsletter

Friends of the Discovery School



Summary of 2025

2025 was a very successful year for our school fundraising efforts. Throughout the year, we hosted a wide range of events that brought our school community together and raised valuable funds.

In June, we held our Summer Fair, which offered a variety of activities for children to enjoy, including inflatables, a craft area, and an adopt a teddy area. The event also featured numerous craft stalls and a wide selection of food, ensuring there was something for everyone.

In November, we hosted our spectacular Fireworks Night. Fortunately, the weather was on our side, and the event sold out. We were especially proud to be the first display to showcase the new colourful fire pyrotechnics, making it a truly memorable evening.

We concluded the year with our festive Christmas Fayre in December. The event included a range of Christmas themed stalls and activities, along with our popular Santa's Grotto, which was enjoyed by many children.

We would like to thank everyone who attended and supported these events. Your participation and continued support are what make them such a success.

Message from your Chairs

We rather nervously took over as Joint Chairs from Selina and Sophie in March 2025, fully aware that we had big shoes to fill and a great deal to learn. Thank you to them both for being incredibly supportive while we have been finding our feet, we are extremely grateful.

With the help of our amazing FODS committee members and invaluable volunteers, we successfully ran the Summer Fayre, Fireworks night and the Christmas Fayre as well as some smaller events such as the café for the choir concerts and the Year 6 plays. Last year, FODS also funded and organised the East Egg Hunt for the whole school. Not only have these events helped raise vital funds for the school they have been incredibly fun and memorable for us to organise.

We hope everyone had just as much fun attending them. We are proud to announce that, across all our events in 2025, we raised a total of **£9,500** for the school.

These funds have been used to purchase the beautiful new Reading House many of you will have noticed on the playground. The House will be an incredible resource for all the children for many years to come. We were also delighted to transform the House into Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Fayre, and we hope that everyone who visited agreed it was a wonderful setting for the children to meet Santa.

Warmest regards. Amy & Lou





Get involved ! Join the committee



Sadly we are going to be losing a lot of committee members this year as their children leave for secondary school in the summer.

We will be holding our **AGM** at the school on **Wednesday 18th of March**. We warmly invite anyone interested in joining the committee to come along and hear more about our exciting plans for 2026.

The committee plays a vital role in supporting the school by organising events, raising funds and helping to create memorable experiences for all the children. The money raised goes directly back into the school to benefit every pupil.

Our goal for 2026 is to raise funds for an Imagination House to sit alongside the Reading House. To do this we **NEED** volunteers to join the committee and help with the events. With just a little help from parents we can do this.

Being part of the committee does not require any special skills or a huge time commitment – just enthusiasm and a willingness to help when you can. Whether you enjoy organising events, helping behind the scenes, sharing ideas, or lending a hand at events, every contribution makes a real difference.

Message from Miss Gobell

On behalf of the governors, staff and children, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Friends of Discovery (FODS) PTA committee for their incredible dedication, hard work, and fundraising efforts. Over the last financial year **£17,000** has been raised; some of this has been used to purchase and build our amazing Reading House. The money raised during last years sponsored event has allowed us to purchase books and soft furnishings, which will make the Reading House an inviting and exciting space for children to enjoy during playtime. We expect the final coat of paint and varnish to be applied shortly, and once the furniture we have purchased arrives, we will be able to officially open this wonderful resource. Some of the funds raised for reading books have also been set aside to replenish our book stocks later this academic year, ensuring our children continue to enjoy a plentiful supply of new books. The Committee is now busy fund raising for the next stage of our play village, which will include an imaginative play area for the children.

In addition, FODS are hoping to fund our new school sound system, which was demonstrated to great effect during the numerous music events over the Christmas period. These amazing projects would not be possible without the tireless efforts of the FODS Committee and ongoing support of parents and school community. We are extremely grateful for their hard work and generosity.