



Newsletter

Friday 27th June 2025

Term 6

It was lovely seeing so many of you at this week's Sports Day events. We were very lucky that the weather was agreeable – fortunately, even the rain during the EYFS event held off for much of the morning! The weather forecast continues to predict some very sunny weather for the days ahead. Hopefully, you have seen my email asking you to decide which uniform to select during any very hot spells.

As we approach the end of the school year, I want to thank the children for their continued hard work – even though many of them are starting to show signs of end of term tiredness! During the final few weeks of term, the children will be preparing for their move to their new classes, with some carefully planned transition activities. If any of your children show signs of anxiety about their move, please do let your child's class teacher know.

As Year 6 approach the end of their time at The Discovery School, we have lots of fun events planned for them to enjoy: Leavers' Assembly, Leavers' Day, Prom, Enterprise and their much anticipated Fun Day. We hope these events will help your children to form some special, lasting memories of Year 6.

Finally, I hope to see lots of you at our Summer Fayre tomorrow (midday to 3:30pm). The forecast is for lots of sunshine, so it should be a great event!

Kind regards

T. Gobell

Miss T Gobell - Headteacher



Attendance

With school attendance continuing to feature prominently in the Department for Education's (DfE) priorities for improvement, our school continues to promote good attendance as a key feature of work to support our children. As such, we will continue to do all we can to improve this where we can. Overall attendance so far for the year 2024/25 is 95.5%

Best Class Attendance:

Well done Jenner Class (week ending 6th June 2025) – 99.7%

Well done Goodall Class and Newton Class (week ending 14th June 2025) – 97.7%

Well done Jenner Class (week ending 20th June 2025) – 100%



Helpful Reminder:

Please can we remind parents that conversations with staff on the gates in the mornings are difficult. The staff need to focus on the children, to make sure that they have entered safely through the gates, so it is important that distractions are kept to a minimum. Messages for class teachers can be passed via the front office or by email. Thank you!

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Super Star Corner

Well done to Lindy Turner in Earhart Class who recently took her Rainbow promise and has already earned three interest badges - Construction, Drawing, and Family Tree.



Well done to Lucas Yu in Seacole Class, who recently won the East Kent Tennis Championship in the 8U category in Canterbury. He also competed in two 9U London & South East Tennis Tournaments in Croydon and Rochester, and was the runner-up in both events.

Finally, he proudly represented Kings Hill Tennis Club in the Kent Youth League in Bromley, where he and his teammates won their division in the 8U group. Great news, Lucas!



Upcoming dates for your diary

Please find below a list of key dates set for June:

Saturday 28th June – Summer Fayre (midday to 3:30pm)
Thursday 3rd July – Whole-school transition day
Friday 11th July – Year 6 Collaborative School's Transition Day
Friday 11th July – Year 4 ZooLab workshop
Tuesday 15th July – Year 6 Performance
Wednesday 16th July – Year 6 Performance
Wednesday 16th July – Year 4 trip to Wildwood
Friday 18th July – Berners-Lee Class Assembly at 9am
Friday 8th July – Year 6 Fun Day
Monday 21st July – Year 6 Prom
Tuesday 22nd July – Year 6 Leavers' Parade
Tuesday 22nd July – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 22nd July – **Last day of Term 6**

INSET Days 2025 – 2026

Monday 1st September 2025
Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Friday 28th November 2025
Friday 22nd May 2026

One INSET date still to be determined for 2026.



National Book Tokens Competition:

By logging on and nominating our school, you could help us to win £1000 for our school library.

https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize?utm_medium=email&utm_source=nbt&utm_campaign=20250604-schools&utm_content=schools-prize

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Year 3 visit Brogdale Farm

On Tuesday 24th June, Year 3 visited Brogdale Farm, where they learnt all about plants and mini-beasts as part of their science topic on living things.

The children enjoyed a wonderful tractor ride around the farm, observing the different fruit trees that grow there. They also had the opportunity to pick and taste a variety of delicious cherries.

Later, they learnt about the vital role bees play in pollination. One of the guides from Brogdale explained the importance of supporting bees in their natural habitats.

After lunch, the children went pond dipping and identified a range of fascinating mini-beasts living in the water. As a special memento of their day, each child created a clay model of one of the mini-beasts they had seen.

Everyone had a fantastic time and came away with lots of new knowledge and happy memories!





Summer Fayre

Tomorrow is the annual FODS Summer Fayre. The fun begins at midday and ends at 3:30pm.

As part of the Fayre, the school choir will be performing at 12:30pm and there will be a Karate demonstration at 1pm. There will be lots of refreshments available to purchase and stalls to visit. We will also be drawing the Summer Raffle at the end of the Fayre.

If you would like to purchase tickets, then please follow the link below to view the full list of prizes and to purchase tickets.

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/summer-fayre-2025-raffle>

Finally, I would like to extend a huge 'thank you', to the FODS and all of the volunteers that have helped to organise this year's Fayre.



Sweet treats:

Please can we remind parents and carers that sweets and cakes should not be sent into school on birthdays or given out to children at the end of the school day on the playground or by the gates. We have a number of children with very serious food allergies and if the wrong foods are handed to them, it could have very serious consequences. Thank you for your cooperation.



Lunchboxes:

Please can we remind parents to check our school's Food Policy to check what is and isn't allowed to be included in school lunchboxes. Thank you!

<https://www.discovery.kent.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/TDS-Food-Policy-September-2024-v3.pdf>



Super Star Corner

Well done to Freya Templeton in Curie Class and Darcie Tilly in Nightingale Class on their win in the Under 9 Medway Queen of the Town tournament. This is their third silverware win from three tournaments!



Well done to Harry Butler in Attenborough Class who recently competed in a football tournament held at Charlton Athletic football stadium. His team won the final and lifted the trophy – Harry scored the winning goal!



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Well done to Freya Templeton and Olivia Lovell in Curie Class and Violet Lovell and Darcie Tilly in Nightingale Class on their double win in the Under 8 and Under 9 Girls Kings Hill FC tournament!



Super Star Corner

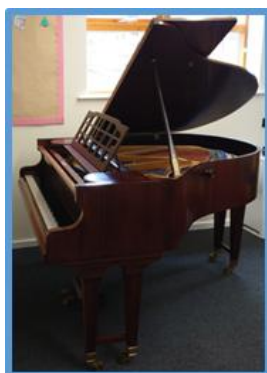
Well done to Amelia Axhija; Amelia has achieved her red and white belt in kick boxing – great news, Amelia!



Well done to Darcie Tilly in Nightingale Class who recently competed in the King's Hill football tournament – winning the trophy competition.



Music at The Discovery School!



The Discovery School has recently acquired a Baby Grand piano! Music plays an important role at The Discovery School. It is a universal language that embodies imagination and creativity. For many children,

music will be part of the narrative of their lives and bring enrichment to the experiences that shape them. The piano is a 1926 Lechleiter - the likes of which has been designed for grand concert halls and even the Vatican! Our children are very privileged to be able to play on, and learn about, such a beautiful instrument. We are looking forward to hearing their performances in many music concerts to come!