



Newsletter

Friday 28th March 2025

Term 4

The weather has certainly taken a turn for the better – and just in time for the Easter break! As we approach the end of Term 4, I want to thank the children for all of their hard work throughout this term. The children continue to exemplify our school values in all that they do and I couldn't be prouder of them all!

There have been lots of exciting events happening in school since the last newsletter: school trips, author visits, special assemblies, Book Week, Science Week and so much more! Please take a look at some of the features in this newsletter to find out more about the events that have been happening in school.

There are also lots of lovely Easter events happening in school next week – the perfect way to end Term 4: our annual Easter raffle, an Easter egg hunt, a special assembly with Reverend Mark, Easter activities, Celebration assembly and our Term 4 Excellence Award assembly!

Finally, when we return to school after the holidays, we also welcome Miss Marle back to school, following her maternity leave. Welcome back to Team Discovery, Miss Marle!

Kind regards,

T. Gobell

Miss T Gobell
Headteacher



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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. Attendance at The Discovery School continues to be good, but we will continue to do all we can to improve this where we can.

Overall attendance so far for the year 2024/25 is 95.1%

Best Class Attendance:

Well done to Thunberg Class (week ending 7th March 2025) – 99.7%

Well done to Einstein Class (week ending 14th March 2025) – 98.7%

Well done Darwin and Einstein Classes (week ending 21st March 2025) – 99.3%

Well done to Gilbert Class (week ending 28th March 2025) – 99.3%



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Super Star Corner

Well done to Olly Farley in Jackson Class who recently achieved his Grade 1 in Karate – great news, Olly!



Congratulations to Myla Park in Jackson Class, who made her debut in the West End, playing Lavender in Matilda – well done, Myla!



Upcoming dates for your diary

Please find below a list of key dates set for the next few weeks:

A full list of dates for the full year has been emailed to all parents and carers. Please contact the school office if you have not received this.

Monday 31st March - Easter Raffle draw

Tuesday 1st April - Galileo Class assembly at 9am

Wednesday 2nd April - FODS Easter Egg hunt

Wednesday 2nd April - KS2 Choir End-of-term show at 3pm

Thursday 3rd April - Winston Class assembly at 9am

Thursday 3rd April - iRock Easter concert at 2pm (Invite only)

Friday 4th April - **End of Term 4**

Tuesday 22nd April - All children return to school for the start of Term 5

Thursday 24th April – Attenborough Class assembly at 9am

Tuesday 29th April – Gilbert Class assembly at 9am

Wednesday 30th April – Born Free workshops

Thursday 1st May – Born Free workshops

Don't Forget...

When we return to school for the beginning of Term 5, we move to our summer uniform for those children who wish to wear it.

Details of the summer uniform can be found by following this link:

<https://www.discovery.kent.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/Discovery-School-Uniform-Sept-23.pdf>

World Book Day 2025



We had a brilliant time celebrating World Book Day! The children made an incredible effort with their imaginative and varied costumes. We shared our favourite books and played 'mystery book', where we read an excerpt, and the children had to guess what the book was. The children are obviously keen readers, because they were able to guess all of the books!

In the afternoon, the older children visited the younger children and enjoyed a 'buddy reading' session.

We look forward to World Book Day every year, and some of us are already planning who to dress as in 2026!



Value Points

All of the children have been working hard to uphold our school values of Honesty, Kindness, Perseverance, Friendship and Respect.

Winning House (week ending 7th March) – Garnet House! 😊

Winning House (week ending 14th March – Peridot and Citrine Houses 😊

Winning House (week ending 21st March – Topaz House 😊

Winning House (week ending 28th March – Citrine House 😊

British Science Week



This term, British Science Week took place from March 7–16. The theme this year was focused on 'change and adaptation'.

During the course of the week, every child participated in a variety of science investigations based on this theme. Many exciting investigations took place during the week, ranging from observing 'water walking' to making pulleys. Year 6, particularly enjoyed investigating how the Peppered Moth has changed in colour over many years, adapting to the changing environment.

All of the children took their height measurements as part of a school-wide study, and the average height of a boy and a girl for each year was recorded and a paper cut out was made for each year showing the results.

A scientific showcase marked the end of this incredible week, during which all of the children celebrated the wonderful learning that had taken place throughout the school.



Early Years

The children in Early Years loved celebrating Pancake Day this term. They learnt the story, 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' and just like the wolf in the story, they mixed the ingredients together and made delicious pancakes! They also had so much fun flipping them in a pan!



Year Two

Year Two recently had the opportunity to take part in Cricket sessions run by a professional coach from Kent Cricket.

The children worked really hard and were able to show-case their new skills!



Year Two Visit Wingham Wildlife Park

Year 2 had a wonderful day at Wingham Wildlife Park. We saw so many animals in the Spring sunshine. The trip completed a unit of Science, learning all about Animals, including Humans. The children were very well behaved and a credit to our school.

