



October 2025

# Newsletter

Term 2

We hope you all had a great half-term break with your children – the weather was reasonable for a change!

As we begin Term 2 of this academic year, there is much to look forward to: our annual firework display, parent consultations, school trips and workshops, the FODS Christmas Fayre, Christmas parties and lots, lots more!

I look forward to sharing details of these events with you and to enjoying a fun-filled term with the children!

Kind regards,



Miss T Gobell  
Headteacher



## Kings Hill Cricket Club:

In partnership with the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB), Kings Hill Cricket Club are running an 8-week cricket programme exclusively for girls aged 8-11 years. Each session will focus on a different cricket skill to build confidence and ability, before playing in a match. Each session runs from 6:30 to 7:30 on consecutive Thursday evenings. Please email [juniors@kingshillcricketclub.com](mailto:juniors@kingshillcricketclub.com) for more information.



## Attendance

No doubt you will have seen much reporting in the national media regarding the Government's continued drive to improve school attendance. The Department for Education continues to make good school attendance a priority, with the Government placing more emphasis on parents ensuring their children attend school regularly and increased expectations that schools and Local Authorities take ever more robust steps to reduce absence levels. This includes issuing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) for continuously condoned parental absence and the taking of holidays during term-time. Attendance at The Discovery School continues to be good, which is something to be celebrated, but still remains below pre-COVID levels. As such, we will continue to do all we can to improve this where we can.

Overall attendance so far for the year 2025/26: 96.2%

## Best Class Attendance:

Well done Newton Class (week ending 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025) – 100%

Well done Goodall Class (week ending 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025) - 99%



# School Council

Our School Council proudly led this year's Harvest Collection, gathering generous donations for the St. Gabriel's Food Bank. We have had so many thoughtful donations, including tins, packets, and hygiene products. The children worked hard to organise, sort, and pack all the items, showing wonderful teamwork. We are incredibly grateful for everyone's kindness and support, which will make a real difference to local families. The School Council would like to thank everyone who donated and helped make this year's Harvest a huge success.



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## Christmas Cards:

A polite reminder that orders for your child's card design can be placed via the below link:

[Click here to access the website](#)

Username: **TheDiscovery**  
Access Code is: **zt89gvyc**



## Super Star Corner

Well done to Hudson Sargent and Carter Sargent for recently running in the RBC Race for the Kids charity race in London, in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital. They both did a great job and got a medal and a teddy bear for completing it - congratulations to you both!



Well done to Skylar Beaument in Nightingale Class, who competed in her club's first Rugby festival of this season, winning three games and drawing in one – fantastic news, Skylar!





## Upcoming dates for your diary

Please find below a list of key dates set so far for the rest of Term 2.

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.

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|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> November                     | Pupil Flu vaccinations                   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> November                     | Year 5 trip to Wildwood                  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> November                     | New Parents' Tour                        |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> November                     | Topaz/Garnet non-uniform day             |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> November                     | EYFS Taster Session                      |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> November                     | FODS Firework Display                    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> November                    | Anti-bullying Week                       |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> November                    | Remembrance Day assembly                 |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> November                    | New Parents' Tour                        |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> November                    | EYFS Taster Session                      |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> November | Book Fair                                |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> November                    | New Parents' Tour                        |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> November                    | EYFS Taster Session                      |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> November                    | Parent Consultations                     |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> November                    | EYFS Taster Session                      |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> November                    | Parent Consultations                     |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> November                    | FODS Non-uniform Day                     |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> November                    | <b>INSET Day (no children in school)</b> |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> December                     | Year 1 Nativity                          |
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| 4 <sup>th</sup> December                     | Author Visit                             |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> December                     | FODS Christmas Fayre                     |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> November                    | Christmas Dinner Day                     |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December                    | Christingle Assemblies                   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> December                    | Christmas Party Day                      |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> December                    | EYFS and KS1 Carols on the Playground    |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December                    | KS2 Carols on the Playground             |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December                    | <b>End of Term 2</b>                     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2025                 | <b>Start of Term 3</b>                   |

# Elmer Workshop!



The children in EYFS recently enjoyed a colourful and creative Elmer craft workshop! They listened to heart-warming Elmer stories, made their very own tissue paper Elmer puppets, and danced joyfully to lively jungle music. It was a wonderful celebration of individuality and self-expression. Just like Elmer, we are all special and unique – and that's something to be proud of!

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## Reading House update:

Our fantastic new Reading House is almost complete – we are just waiting for a change in the weather so that it can be painted, ready to be filled with some lovely new books, furniture and cushions!



[www.discovery.kent.sch.uk](http://www.discovery.kent.sch.uk)





## FODS Annual Firework Display

We are excited to invite you to our spectacular Fireworks Display on Saturday 8th November 2025!

This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever, featuring live music, delicious food, warm popcorn, desserts, drinks, a tea cup ride- and of course, a breath-taking fireworks display, perfectly choreographed to music.

**Please note, this is a ticketed event only, and tickets sell fast!**

With last year being a sell-out, we expect the same this year, so don't wait until the last minute—secure your tickets now to avoid disappointment!

Ticket prices have remained as per last year

Adults £9

Children £6

Under 3's go free

Tickets are available for purchase at:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/fods/t-pqaddmd>



# Puppet Workshop

Year 1 recently had a wonderful time taking part in a **Puppet Making Workshop** with Liz from 'Teach it through Drama'. The children learned about different types of puppets, including finger, hand, and string puppets, and explored how each one can be used to tell stories. They discussed how puppets can show different emotions through their faces, voices, and movements. Everyone had the chance to create their own unique puppet, using lots of creativity and imagination. The children were so proud of their finished characters!



### Value Points

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

Well done to Topaz and Garnet Houses for being the overall winners of last term's Value Points!

You will have a non-uniform day on 6<sup>th</sup> November to recognise your achievement!