



Thursday 2nd April 2026

Newsletter

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 this term - please take a look at some of the features in this newsletter to find out more about the things that have been happening.

The children have enjoyed an 'eggcellent' end to this term, with an Easter Egg Hunt on Monday, an Easter assembly on Tuesday, as well as the annual Easter raffle - many thanks to the FODS for organising the Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle.

Finally, as we approach the end of this term, we say farewell to Mrs Stiff, one of our much valued Teaching Assistants. After ten years at The Discovery School, Mrs. Stiff s taking up an exciting new opportunity, working with Dandelion Time, a nature-based charity that supports children and their families in overcoming difficulties. We will all miss Mrs. Stiff, but wish her every success and happiness in the future.

Kind regards,

Miss T Gobell
Headteacher



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Attendance

The Government is continuing its drive to improve school attendance, making good school attendance a priority. The Government is placing more and more emphasis on parents ensuring their children attend school regularly and expects schools and Local Authorities to take ever more robust steps to reduce absence levels. This includes stricter rules related to authorising leave during school time and expecting schools to work with the Local Authority on the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) for continuously condoned parental absence.

Overall attendance so far for the year 2025/26 is 95.5% (nationally, primary school attendance is 94.8%)

Best Class Attendance:

Well done to Gilbert Class (week ending 13th March 2026) – 98.7%

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Super Star Corner

Well done to Stanley Dobinson in Attenborough, who has achieved his Grade 1 in ice hockey in under just four weeks – an incredible accomplishment – great news, Stanley!



Well done to Lucas Yu in Thunberg Class, who was recently selected to represent Kent in the U9 LTA County Cup. Lucas and his teammates competed against some very strong opponents during the tournament and performed extremely well, finishing as runners-up in their qualifying group. Great news, Lucas!



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.

Thursday 2nd April – **End of Term 4 2026**

Monday 20th April – **Start of Term 5**

Tuesday 21st April – Thunberg Class assembly at 9am

Tuesday 21st April – Hawking Class Parent Consultations

Thursday 23rd April – Hawking Class Parent Consultations

Thursday 23rd April – Book Fair begins

Tuesday 28th April – Darwin Class assembly at 9am

Thursday 30th April – Goodall Class assembly at 9am

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.pdf>

Save the Date!

The Travelling Book Fair is coming to school from 23rd - 28th April!

Please try to visit, to raise some much valued funds to buy books for our school library.



World Book Day 2026



We recently 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 2027!



Value Points

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

The winning Houses for Term 4 are Topaz and Citrine Houses – a tie! 😊

Citrine and Topaz Houses will have a non-uniform day to celebrate on 22nd April.

British Science Week



Last month, children across our school were busy celebrating British Science Week. Each class took part in a variety of exciting investigations, culminating in a fantastic whole-school 'Science Showcase'. Each year group enjoyed a range of hands-on practical activities. From watching real butterflies emerge in EYFS, to Year 5 exploring how water resistance works - it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for science throughout the school.

As part of our whole-school enquiry, each class took on an important mission: to discover which biscuit is best for dunking in tea! Pupils tested ginger nuts, digestives, and rich tea biscuits and, to everyone's surprise, the rich tea biscuit came out on top!

A special scientific showcase marked the end of an incredible week, with all of the children celebrating the wonderful learning that had taken place throughout the School.

Football News!



Congratulations to our Upper Key Stage 2 girls' football team, who once again showed our school value of perseverance to reach the final of the

South East Regional tournament held at Maidstone United's Gallagher stadium. The girls scored 17 goals and only conceded 1 goal in the group stages representing Tonbridge Angels FC.

After a really close final, the team finished as runners-up, and now progress to the Southern Regionals' Final - an incredible achievement! Well done Team Discovery!



School Council

The School Council successfully held a Mother's Day Primrose sale, raising £84.30 for our school. The primroses, lovingly grown at Spadeworks, a local charity, were carefully prepared and sold by council members, who gained valuable experience along the way. Thank you to all of you who bought a Primrose and supported our school.



Super Star Corner

Congratulations to Max Creech in Gilbert Class, who has passed his Taekwondo grading for his 8th Kup, receiving his new yellow belt – a great achievement, Max!



Thank You!

We have taken delivery of a fantastic new office post box topper - made by the amazing Mrs. Simpson (Lydia and Ivy's mum). Thank you, Mrs. Simpson!



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