



July 2026

Newsletter

Term 6

I cannot believe that we have reached the end of another academic year – where have the last 12 months gone! This term has been busy with school visits, Sports Days, a Summer Fayre, workshops in school, music concerts and lots of Year 6 leaver's events.

As we end the year, I would like to congratulate all of the children on their hard work since September 2025. The children really are a credit to our school and the values they exhibit on a daily basis a reflection of their supportive and loving families.

I would also like to thank the staff and governors for their hard work and commitment throughout the last twelve months. Finally, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support throughout this year.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer break!

With kind regards,

T. Gobell

Miss T Gobell - Head Teacher



A Reminder...

The children return to school following the summer break on **Thursday 3rd September 2026.**



Attendance:

School attendance has continued to feature prominently in the Department for Education's (DfE) priorities for improvement, and the evidence that good school attendance leads to better educational outcomes is irrefutable. As such, our school will continue to promote good attendance as a key feature of our work to support our children. Overall, attendance was 95.4% at the end of Term 6.

Well done!

Year 6 Enterprise Sale:

Our Year 6 pupils worked incredibly hard to make Enterprise 2026 a huge success, raising over **£1,500!**

Throughout the event, they demonstrated fantastic teamwork, creativity, resilience and entrepreneurial spirit. After weeks of planning, designing and preparing, they delivered a brilliant range of stalls and activities for everyone to enjoy. There was beautiful handmade jewellery, a fantastic remote-control car competition, the ever-popular Name the Teddy, colourful pom-pom creations, exciting football skills challenges and even the chance to soak a teacher! With so many crafts, games and prizes on offer, there really was something for everyone.

We are incredibly proud of the effort, enthusiasm and determination shown by every member of Year 6. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and helped make it such a memorable success!

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Staffing news:

As is the case in all schools, at this time of the year, we say farewell to some staff. This year we thank the following staff members for their hard work and commitment during their time at The Discovery School.

Farewell to Miss Randle and also to Miss Harris, who is leaving to teach in a school for children with additional needs.



We also welcome two new additions to our staff team in September: Mrs. Trennary, our new EYFS teacher and Mrs Boswell, our new Teaching Assistant.

We also send our congratulations to Miss Aiston, who has just got married. She returns to school as Mrs Shanahan-Aiston, but will be known as Mrs Aiston to the children.

INSET Days 2026 – 2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Friday 27th November 2026

Two INSET dates still to be determined for 2027.



cricket news

Our Year 2 Cricket team attended the Kent finals in scorching conditions after winning their district tournament. The step up in quality from the other teams was clear to see and despite a tough start against two of the strongest sides, the children really found their stride, going on to win 5 of their 8 matches. Every member of the team played their part brilliantly, showing excellent teamwork, determination and resilience throughout the day. Their fantastic performances earned them an impressive 4th place overall - an incredible achievement for a newly formed team competing at county level.



Year 6 Prom!

A HUGE 'thank you' to our Year 6 parent volunteers who helped to give the Year 6 children a memorable end to their time at The Discovery School – the children had a fantastic time and took away lifelong memories from their special evening!



A message from the Chair of Governors

As another successful year at The Discovery School comes to a close, it is a pleasure to reflect on all that has been achieved by our pupils, staff and wider school community.

This year, we have seen our school values shine through in so many ways. From the incredible achievement of our girls' football team reaching Wembley, to our wonderful music showcases, the fantastic work of the Eco Committee, inspiring visits from authors, and the many trips and experiences that have enriched learning beyond the classroom, our pupils have continued to impress us with their enthusiasm, resilience and ambition.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank our dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment, my fellow governors for their support and our parents and carers for the vital role they play in school life. Together, we help create the positive and nurturing environment that makes The Discovery School such a special place.

To our Year 6 pupils, we wish you every success and happiness as you move on to the next stage of your journey. We are incredibly proud of all you have achieved and that you will continue to flourish at your new schools.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our pupils, families and staff a happy and restful summer break. We look forward to another exciting year ahead in September.



Mrs Annabel Cornall
Chair of Governors

Super Star Corner

Congratulations to Brooke Taylor in Gilbert Class who recently won the gold medal in the vault section of her gymnastics tournament – great news!



Well done to Mason Barnard in Berners-Lee Class for achieving his orange belt in Karate – a great job, Mason!



Sports Day 2026

It was lovely to see you all at our recent Sports Day events. There were three Sports Days in total – one for EYFS, one for Years 1, 2 and 3 and one for Years 4, 5 and 6.

Well done to **Topaz** House who won the Key Stage 1 Sports Day.

Well done to **Peridot** House who won the Key Stage 2 Sports Day.

The children had a great time participating in a range of team sports and sprint races, whilst displaying the very best in teamwork and perseverance.

Well done to all of the children for their great sportsmanship!

Good Luck!



Good luck to all of our Year 6 children as you prepare to move on to the next phase of your lives. Each and every one of you has played a special part in making our school a happy and exciting place to learn. We wish you all every happiness for the future – and always remember to be the 'best that you can be!'

Super Star Corner

Congratulations to Felita Kurian for achieving her Level 8 swimming award and to Irene Kurian for achieving her Level 3 swimming award – great news!



Value Points

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

Congratulations to this term's House winners – Citrine House!

Eco-Council News

We had a special assembly to celebrate Earth Day with the theme Plastic vs Planet. We discussed what this might mean and how it can affect the planet. We then thought about what we could do as an individual to make a difference, such as; reduce, reuse and recycle, reduce car travel, eat seasonal fruit and vegetables as well as reduce the amount of single use plastics. The story 'Someone swallowed Stanley' was also read to the children to highlight the plight of plastic pollution in our oceans.

The children then continued their learning and understanding through class activities.

Our Eco-Council also created a piece of activism (activism through art), by upcycling a pallet, collecting a variety of single-use plastic lids then working collaboratively to paint, arrange and stick to create an undersea picture. The finished piece was unveiled to the School's Chair of Governors, Mrs Cornall and is now visible outside by the school office. So, take a look and 'Save our Seas, go plastic free!'

