



June 2026

Newsletter

Term 6



It was lovely seeing some of you at this week's Sports Day event and we look forward to welcoming everyone else at the other upcoming Sports Days.

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!

Have a great weekend, everyone!

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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 94.9%)

Best Class Attendance:

Well done to Goodall Class (week ending 12th June 2026) – 99.7%

Well done to Darwin Class (week ending 19th June 2026) – 100%

Well done to Johnson Class (week ending 26th June 2026) – 97.8%



Football News

The Discovery School Girls' Football team proudly represented Tonbridge Angels F.C. in their National League Final against Hartlepool United F.C. at Wembley Stadium. The girls experienced a truly unforgettable moment as they walked out of the Wembley tunnel to a roaring reception from their friends and family.

The girls showed incredible perseverance, determination and team spirit throughout the match, with their hard work rewarded when they scored in the second half. Unfortunately, the clock ran out on us and Hartlepool managed a narrow 2-1 victory. Although the result did not go our way this time, the Team should be immensely proud of everything they have achieved this year - becoming South of England champions and overcoming more than 900 other schools to earn the opportunity to play at Wembley is a truly remarkable accomplishment!



INSET Days 2026 – 2027

Monday 1st September 2026

Tuesday 2nd September 2026

Friday 27th November 2026

Two dates still to be determined for 26/27.

Super Star Corner

Well done to Harry Walsh in Hawking Class, Jack Dales and Logan Older in Jemison Class who recently participated in the School District Football Tour in Barcelona – boys' team won their group cup. A great achievement!



GREEK DAY

Year 3 recently participated in a fully immersive Greek Day workshop.

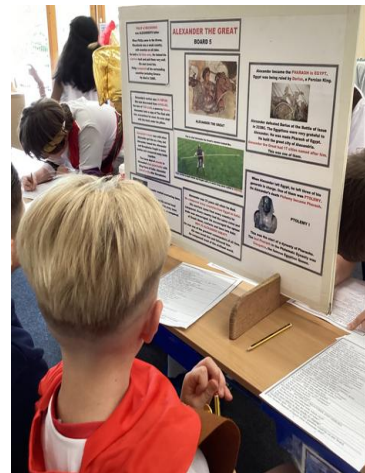
There were lots of activities for the children to engage in.

The children quickly set to work on the ancient Archimedes' Ostomachion puzzle, which is thought to be the oldest puzzle in history, but the children soon solved it!

Next, the children took part in an Ancient Greek quiz, finding out all about mythical creatures, heroes, the Olympic games, Greek Gods, Alexander the Great, City States and Greek philosophers.

A Trojan War game was then played out by the children. Petteia is a strategic game using counters, moving only in straight, lines you have to trap your opponent's warriors so they cannot move.

The children then competed in an Olympic Javelin Class contest, with the day ending with a talk on weapons, food and gruesome Greek Mythology!





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 lots of refreshments available to purchase and stalls to visit.

We will also be drawing the Summer Raffle at the end of the Fayre. Do not miss out on your chance to win one of the great prizes! Raffle tickets will also be sold during the fair, prior to drawing the winners at 3pm.

Tickets are £2.25 each and all money goes to the FODs fundraising efforts.

Please purchase your tickets using the link here: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/summer-fayre-2026-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.

Year 6 PGL

Year 6 pupils recently enjoyed an unforgettable residential adventure at PGL Marchants Hill, where they challenged themselves, built friendships and created some lovely lasting memories.

Throughout the trip, the children took part in a range of exciting activities, including: the trapeze, zip wire, climbing wall, problem-solving challenges and Jacob's Ladder- to name just a few. Their enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork were evident as they encouraged one another to step outside their comfort zones and embrace new experiences.

It was a fantastic weekend that helped develop confidence, independence and plenty of smiles along the way.



Super Star Corner

Congratulations to Alisa Alciauskas in Galileo Class, who has recently attended Jamfest Europe National Cheerleading Championship in Manchester. Alisa came 2nd in the U10 Prep 1 division. Alisa' team also became national champions after coming first in the U14 Prep 2 – an amazing achievement!



Well done to Olive Miller in Gilbert Class, who has passed her orange belt assessment for Karate — a wonderful achievement.



Football News

The Year 5 and 6 Boys' Football Team recently attended the Maidstone Boys' Football Tournament at Oakwood School. Despite scorching hot conditions, the team made a fantastic start, winning their opening two matches before going on to secure a further three victories and one draw during the group stages. Their impressive performances saw them finish top of their group and progress confidently to the knockout rounds.

The Boys' Team continued their excellent form in the quarter finals, comfortably overcoming St Michael's School to book their place in the semi-finals. There, they faced a tough challenge against Jubilee Primary School. After falling 1-0 behind, the boys showed tremendous determination and resilience to turn the game around and claim a superb 2-1 victory.

The final proved to be one step too far as they came up against a strong and unbeaten East Borough School side. Despite battling hard throughout the match, Discovery narrowly lost 2-1, finishing the tournament as worthy runners-up.

The boys should be extremely proud of their efforts, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Value Points

Winning House (week ending 12th June) – Peridot House! 😊

Winning House (week ending 19th June) – Topaz House 😊

Winning House (week ending 26th June – Citrine House 😊



Super Star Corner

Elle and Bella Fowler in Gilbert Class recently had the exciting opportunity of visiting 10 Downing Street to speak to Senior Ministers, including the UK's Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson – what incredible confidence you must have shown! Well done!



Congratulations to Lottie Kemp in Galileo Class, who has been accepted as a Royal Ballet Mid-Associate. She will be training with The Royal Ballet School in Covent Garden once a week from September – well done, Lottie!

