



Friday 8th May 2026

Newsletter

Term 5



We hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend with your children – even the sun was shining for a change!

Since the last newsletter, there has been lots of activity in school: curriculum workshops, dress up days, class assemblies, sporting fixtures and much more. As we head into Term 5, we start our busy assessment period. The children in Year 6 have been working exceptionally hard and I've no doubt they will all strive to be the 'best they can be', throughout their Key Stage 2 SATs next week.

Finally, our Girls' Football Team is heading to Wembley on Sunday to play in the National League Trust U11 Cup Final – we wish them the very best of luck. Whatever the result, they are already winners in our eyes!

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 95.6% (nationally, primary school attendance is 94.8%)

Best Class Attendance:

Well done to Johnson Class (week ending 24th April 2026) – 100%

Well done to Einstein Class (week ending 1st May 2026) – 99.3%

Well done to Goodall Class (week ending 8th May 2026) – 100%



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Super Star Corner

Well done to Spica Tam in Berners Lee Class who recently passed his piano grade 2 exam with distinction – great news Spica!



Well done to Esmail Patel in Nightingale Class who recently won two gold medals and a silver medal at her spring gymnastics competition today - great news, Esmail!



Staffing News:



Good luck to Mrs. Repsch who will be leaving The Discovery School at the end of this academic year. Mrs. Repsch is leaving teaching to focus on her own fitness business. We will miss Mrs. Repsch, but wish her every success for the future!



Upcoming dates for your diary

Please find below a list of key dates set for the next two 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 11th May – Key Stage 2 SATs Week begins

Monday 18th May – Year 3 Greek Day

Tuesday 19th May – Johnson Class assembly at 9:00am

Wednesday 20th May – Numeracy Day

Wednesday 20th May – Year 5 Secondary Transfer and 11+ meeting for parents at 9am

Thursday 21st May – Year 5 Sleepover

Friday 22nd May – INSET Day (school closed for children)

Friday 22nd May – End of Term 5

Monday 1st June – Start of Term 6

Super Star Corner

Congratulations to Jean-Luc Laubscher in Jemison Class, who recently won the regional final of the Junior Premier League with his football team, qualifying for the National Championships to be held at Warwick University next month – great news, Jean-Luc!



South of England Champions!

After winning the local Tonbridge and Malling Girls' Football Tournament and progressing through the South East finals in February, the girls' football team recently travelled to Surrey to represent Tonbridge Angels FC in the South of England Regional Finals.

The girls started strongly, picking up a 1-0 victory in their opening game against Torquay United. Next up was Southend United, and despite going 1-0 down, the girls showed incredible resilience to turn the game around and secure a 2-1 victory. Their perseverance and refusal to let their heads drop proved the difference.

The third match against Truro City saw a tough defensive battle. Despite finding it difficult to break them down, the team earned a hard-fought 0-0 draw.

From there, the goals began to flow. A 2-0 win over Slough Town was followed by another 2-0 victory against Woking FC.

With four wins and a draw, the girls topped their group and advanced to the semi-finals.

Facing Woking FC once again, the game ended 0-0 and went to penalties, with our girls scoring every penalty, sending us through to the final.

The final brought a rematch with Torquay United. After another tense 0-0 draw, the game went to penalties and then sudden death, with victory secured after three rounds!

After three tournaments, The Discovery School girls' team can officially call themselves the best team in the South of England.

Next stop - Wembley Stadium on 10th May, where the team will compete in the National Finals!
What an incredible achievement – well done all of you; we are so proud of you!



Key Stage 2 Choir

Our Key Stage Two Choir recently performed with the East Malling Singers (EMS) at a prestigious Spring Concert at East Malling Church. Our children joined together with the East Malling Singers in a spectacular rendition of 'Carmina Burana' by Carl Orff. The Latin choral work, accompanied by an orchestra and impressive percussion section, sounded incredible echoing around the church rafters.

'It was an amazing experience that I will never forget!' Lucy commented.

Elaine Gordon, Chair of EMS said that 'all the children had obviously worked incredibly hard... the performance on the night was simply amazing.'

In addition to the choral work, the choir got to sing their own choice of song to the packed church. The children sang 'Don't Stop Believin' by Journey, which the audience really enjoyed rocking out to!

Despite the excitement of the event, Elaine Gordon commented that 'the children's behaviour on the night was as impressive as their singing. They were – and are – excellent ambassadors of The Discovery School.'

Well done children for participating in a truly memorable experience – we are so proud of you!



Key Stage One Cricket

On Wednesday, a group of Year 2 children took part in the Maidstone and Malling Rapid Fire Cricket Festival, delivering an outstanding performance throughout the day.

Team Discovery made a strong start to the tournament, easing to impressive victories over More Park and Aylesford to build early momentum. Carrying that confidence into the final, they faced a tough challenge against Palace Wood Primary School in a thrilling contest.

In a nail-biting finish, our children showed amazing perseverance to edge the final 97–96 and secure the winners' medals and cap off a fantastic team performance.

Their success means they now progress to the Kent County Finals in July - an exciting next step for a group of talented players!



Super Star Corner

Congratulations to Skylar Beaument in Nightingale Class who recently competed in the Kent County Floor and Vault gymnastics competition – Skylar won the gold medal for Vault and Floor. Skylar also won the 'Magic Moment' award in the Under-8s category at the Tiger Challenge Rugby tour, competing against clubs from all over England - great achievements, Skylar!



Well done to Hermione Marshman in Thunberg Class for achieving the Brownies Gold Award - this impressive milestone reflects her commitment and enthusiasm — a wonderful achievement.



Value Points

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

The winning House for the week ending 24th April is Topaz House.

The winning House for the week ending 1st May is Peridot House.

The winning House for the week ending 8th May is Topaz House.

Super Star Corner

Well done to Jack Upton, Amy Sugihara, Henry Martin and Sidney Lyons in Nightingale Class who have all recently successfully made their pledge to join the Cubs!



Congratulations to Peter Martin in Newton Class who has recently passed his Stage 1 swimming – well done, Peter!



Super Star Corner

Well done to Irene Kurian in Nightingale Class who was recently awarded runner-up in the Kings Hill Rotary Club's 'Happiness in Nature' art competition – great news, Irene!



Congratulations to Felita Kurian in Galileo Class, who won gold medals in both the Under-12 Girls' Singles and the Under-14 Girls' Doubles categories at the Kent Future Badminton Tournament – a great achievement, Felita!

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