



September 2025

# Newsletter

Term 1



I am sure you will join me in congratulating the children on their positive return to school. All of

the children have settled back into school life very well and have started the school year in a really positive way. It has also been lovely, welcoming our new Reception children and their parents to The Discovery School.

It has been great seeing so many of you at our recent 'Meet the Teacher' events – hopefully you found them to be informative and a good introduction to the year ahead.

There is lots to look forward to in the coming weeks and months – coming up is our Harvest celebrations and Christmas will be here before we know it...

Have a lovely weekend everyone!



Kind regards,

*T. Gobell*



Miss T Gobell  
Headteacher



## 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%



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### Value Points

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

Winning House (week ending 12<sup>th</sup> September – all four Houses 😊)

Winning House (week ending 19<sup>th</sup> September – Garnet House 😊)

### Super Star Corner

Well done, to Harvey Murrison in Thunberg Class who competed in the U8s Club Championships for Larkfield Swimming Club and came 3rd in the boys 25m butterfly – congratulations!



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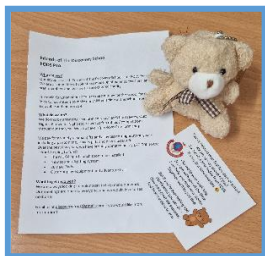
Congratulations to Pippa Murrison in Goodall Class who recently competed in the U8s Club Championships for Larkfield Swimming Club and came 3rd in the girls 25m freestyle – well done, Pippa!



Well done to Henry Martin in Nightingale Class who recently passed his Stage 5 swimming award and for completing the Libraries Summer Reading Challenge – a great job, Henry!



# WELCOME



We would like to say a big "hello and welcome" to our new children who started at The Discovery School this term. We are very happy to welcome you and your families to The Discovery School. Take a look at the cute gifts that were given to all of our new Year R children, when they started school – a gift from our FODS (PTA)!



## Bikes and Scooters

Please can we remind children not ride bikes and scooters on the school site – children should dismount at the school gates. For the safety of pedestrians, this includes pre-school children. Thank you!

## Super Star Corner

Congratulations to Ava Gorman in Goodall class who has been presented with five swimming certificates: Water Safety 1, Stage 3 swimming, water skills 3, 5 metre distance and 5 metre front crawl – an amazing achievement!



Well done to Jude King in Nightingale Class who recently completed swimming Stage 5 award – a great job, Jude!



## Super Star Corner

Well done to Olivia Solimo in Thunberg Class who recently completed the Summer Reading Challenge for the second year in a row – great news, Olivia!



Well done to Phillip Todireasa in Einstein Class. Phillip recently overcame his fear of water to begin swimming lessons – you should be so proud of yourself, Phillip!





## **Parking and the Drop-Off Zone**

Please can we remind parents not to park in the Drop-off Zone whilst waiting for the school gates to open. We have a number of before school activities that parents need to safely deliver their children to, as well as parents wishing to drop their children off, who cannot if the Drop-off Zone is being used for parking. With the new parking restrictions outside of the school grounds, it is more important than ever that the Drop-off Zone is kept free flowing. If you wish to park and wait for the gates to open, please use the designated parking bays or park outside of the school grounds and walk.

When parking outside of the school grounds, please be mindful not to obstruct private driveways.



## **Upcoming dates for your diary**

Please find below a list of key dates set so far for Term 1. 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.

- 29<sup>th</sup> September – School photographs
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- 1<sup>st</sup> October – FODS Meeting 7pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Year R and Year 6 NHS measurement programme
- 7<sup>th</sup> October – New Entrants Tour at 9:30am
- 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest collection
- 15<sup>th</sup> October – New Entrants Tour at 9:30am
- 16<sup>th</sup> October - Kent Test result day
- 17<sup>th</sup> October - End of Term 1
- 27<sup>th</sup> October – Start of Term 2
- 30<sup>th</sup> October - FODS Halloween Raffle

## **Super Star Corner**

Well done to Tony Hudgell in Jackson Class who recently received the judges Special Recognition Award for Champion Fundraiser 2025 at Kent Charity Awards. A great achievement, Tony!



Well done to Ella Clack in Seacole Class who recently took her Primary Ballet Exam with IDTA and achieved a distinction grade – great news, Ella!





### Super Star Corner

Well done to Ella Wigg in Johnson Class, who recently came third in her first gymnastics competition and congratulations to Teddy Wigg in Curie Class who was awarded Player of the Season trophy at his football presentation day. Finally, a huge well done to them both for raising £1,240 for the Asthma and Lung Charity, by completing a 5K inflatable race in memory of their great nanny.



### Super Star Corner

Well done to Elsie Gadson in Thunberg Class who recently completed a 5k Tropical Colour Run for the Wisdom Hospice, raising an amazing £130!



Well done to Lindy Turner in Gilbert Class who had a very busy summer, completing the Kent Libraries Summer Reading Challenge, achieving her Stage 3 swimming certificate and pre-primary ISTD ballet exam, being awarded a distinction!

