



Newsletter

Wednesday 23rd July 2025

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 2024. 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 **Wednesday 3rd September 2025**.



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 has improved this year and reached 95.5% by the end of Term 6.



Thank you: to the children who recently worked incredibly hard to raise money for some books for

our new outdoor Reading House. Thanks to their hard work and your generosity, we raised an incredible **£4,562**. This money will prove invaluable in ensuring a steady stream of new books for the children to enjoy over the coming months.

INSET Days 2025 – 2026

Monday 1st September 2025
Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Friday 28th November 2025
Friday 22nd May 2026

One INSET date still to be determined for 2026.



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Staffing news:

Hopefully, you will have seen my staffing letter which was sent out earlier this week. In case you missed it, we say farewell to the following staff members and thank them for their hard work and commitment during their time at The Discovery School:

Mrs. Garwood who is retiring, Ms. Coleman who is moving on to an exciting new teaching post and Mrs. Chambers who has decided to take some time away from working for personal reasons. We wish them the very best for the future.



We also welcome some new additions to our staff team in September: Mrs. Kingston, our new Year 6 teacher, Miss Evans and Mrs. Phillips, our two new Teaching Assistants and Mrs. Boyd, our new Pupil Support Manager. We also congratulate Miss Baker, who will be returning to school in September as Mrs Oakes, following her wedding in the summer break.



AED fundraiser:

Mr. Shorter, one of our parents, is fundraising for AEDdonate – a very important cause that is close to the hearts of The Discovery School community. Below is the link to the Just Giving page, if you'd like to help: https://www.justgiving.com/page/chris-shorter-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA

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!'



Bikes and Scooters:

As we begin the summer holidays, your children are likely to be out and about on their bikes and scooters.

Recently, we sent home a flyer from Kent Police regarding the use of e-scooters; we attach it to this newsletter again, in case you haven't had a chance to look at it. We also held an assembly on Monday, reminding the children about the importance of road safety and the wearing of a helmet when using bikes and scooters.



I am also delighted to let you know, that our Non-Uniform Day, held earlier this week, raised an AMAZING £800 for the community fundraiser in aid of one of our ex-pupils. Thank you so much for your generosity!



A message from the Chair of Governors

I cannot believe that another academic year has finished - it has flown by! I would like to congratulate all of the children on a fantastic year filled with amazing learning, excellent behaviour and great achievements all round.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I want to take the opportunity to say thank you to the wonderful staff for their continued dedication and hard work. To our Year 6s, I would like to wish you well as you start at your new schools and begin the next stage of your education; I am in no doubt that you will all be successful and have the brightest futures.

As governors, we too have had a busy year with highlights being Science Week, a Governor Day that included having lunch with the pupils and celebrating with the children their achievements in the various celebration assemblies.

Following our recent governor elections, I am delighted to announce that Conor Tobin and Leanne Edwards are our new parent governors. With their skills and desire to help The Discovery School strive to 'be the best it can be', I am excited to see what next year will bring.

Lastly, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your continued support; I wish you a restful summer break.



Mrs Annabel Cornall
Chair of Governors

Super Star Corner

Congratulations to Olivia Gorman in Berners-Lee Class, who recently took part in the Gymspire Gymnastics competition at the Weald of Kent School. Olivia finished in first place and also received an amethyst crystal award for her floor and vault routines - well done, Olivia!



Congratulations to Alisa Alciauskas in Jackson Class, who recently won first place at the Gymfest competition, in the Floor & Vault category – a great job, Alisa!



Sports Day 2025



Our youngest learners in EYFS had a fantastic time completing their very first Sports Day! With smiles on their faces and energy to spare, the children took part in six exciting activity stations, showing off their growing coordination, perseverance, and determination.



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



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

Sports Day

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. 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!



Year 4 learn about living things!



As part of their Science topic, 'Living Things and their Habitats', Year 4 attended a Zoolab workshop and recently visited WildWood Trust in Herne.

The Zoolab workshop which took place on Friday 11th July, enabled the children to meet and touch a variety of animals where they were able to learn how animals can be classified.

Then on Wednesday 16th July, Year 4 visited Wildwood where we learnt about some of our native species. The trip was a great success, and the children represented the school beautifully, showing curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the whole day.

What an exciting end to the school year!



Year 6 Fun 2025!

Year 6 have had a fantastic end to their Discovery School journey, with lots of fun and excitement throughout their final few weeks at Primary School.

The children put their entrepreneurial skills to the test, by planning and creating products as part of the Year 6 Young Enterprise project. The children were tasked with designing a product or an experience linked to the theme of 'Eco Entrepreneurs'. During the project, the children learnt some life-long, transferrable skills of teamwork, decision making, leadership, product development and marketing. By the end of the Enterprise Sale, the children had raised an incredible £1,987, which funded an exciting Leavers' Day at the end of term.

The Year 6 children also put their incredible drama skills to the test and delivered a terrific performance entitled Neverland Awaits! The children put their heart and soul into their performances and they should be incredibly proud! Finally, the year concluded with the traditional Year 6 Prom - what a great way to end their Primary School adventure!



Our School Fundraiser



On Wednesday 9th July, we held our Sponsored Event!
The children completed their circuits of hurdles, skipping, step ups, stilts and running on a lovely, sunny day. There was a fantastic atmosphere and the children all rose to the challenge.

We raised a total of £4562!

Thank you all, so much!



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