



Discovery Special Academy Newsletter Summer 2025

As we come to the end of a fantastic year at Discovery, we want to take a moment to reflect on the many memorable experiences we've shared. It has been incredibly rewarding to see our pupils grow in confidence, develop new skills, and rise to challenges with maturity and resilience.

From deepening their learning and strengthening friendships, to taking on new responsibilities and showing real independence, their progress has been outstanding. Our pupils have embraced the school year with curiosity, determination, and a strong sense of community.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to support them on their learning journey. We are so proud of everything they have accomplished and look forward to seeing them continue to thrive in the next stage of their education.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.





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Core Values

We recently launched Discovery Core Values, and you may have heard your children talking about them or seen the stickers they've proudly brought home. These values - **Independence, Collaboration, Resilience, and Respect** - were carefully chosen through feedback from both pupils and staff, reflecting what we believe is most important in our school community.

As we move into the next school year, we will continue to embed these core values into every aspect of academy life, helping our pupils to live them out both in and beyond the classroom.



Sports Days

How wonderful it was to host our first Sports Days with parents, families, and friends in attendance. The sessions were filled with excitement and positivity as pupils took part in a range of activities with energy and enthusiasm.

It was a joy to see pupils engaging in each event, showing determination and celebrating one another's efforts—all supported by our dedicated staff and the encouragement of their families. Events like these highlight not only the importance of physical activity for our pupils' health and wellbeing, but also the value of shared experiences and community involvement.

We hope the enthusiasm for being active continues over the summer break, and encourage pupils to stay moving and enjoy the outdoors wherever possible.



Enterprise Fayre

It was fantastic to enjoy our recent Enterprise Fayre, a brilliant event that showcased the creativity and teamwork of all our pupils. Every student played a part in this joint venture - from designing and making products to developing marketing strategies and selling their items on the day.

The Fayre provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to build their business skills while working collaboratively and thinking creatively. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, hard work, and the success of what turned out to be an enjoyable event for pupils and those who attended the fayre.

Official Opening of Discovery

This term marked a very special occasion as we celebrated the official opening of Discovery, which was proudly opened by the Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire. As many of you know, Discovery was created from a heartfelt desire to support further local children and families - and it has grown into a vibrant, nurturing, and inspiring place to learn and grow.

We are incredibly proud of the entire Discovery community, and it was wonderful to come together on this special day to celebrate everything Discovery represents. Thank you to everyone who has been part of the journey so far — we look forward to all that lies ahead.



Retirement Wishes

This term, we say a fond farewell to David, who has made the decision to retire. David has had a lasting impact on both pupils and staff throughout his time with us, and he will be greatly missed by all.

We thank him for his dedication, care, and contribution to Discovery, and we wish him a happy and fulfilling retirement.

Attendance/term time holidays

As we look ahead to the next school year, we'd like to take a moment to highlight the importance of good attendance. Attending school regularly plays a vital role in supporting pupils' learning, social development, emotional wellbeing, and in helping to establish strong daily routines.

Consistent attendance helps children feel more connected, confident, and ready to engage fully with school life. Please note that we are unable to authorise holidays during term time, as time away from school can significantly impact a child's progress.

We greatly appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day, ready to learn and thrive.

We look forward to pupils returning to the academy on

Tuesday 2nd September

Have a lovely summer