



# Discovery Primary Academy

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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that you had a lovely bank holiday weekend. Though it has been a short week, there have been exciting things happening across the academy.

**Foundation Stage Trip-** Foundation Stage went on a trip to West Lodge Farm and had a fantastic time. The children went on a tractor ride, bottle fed lambs, fed sheep and goats from the palm of their hands, stroked baby rabbits and guineapigs and even saw piglets racing!

**VE Day Celebrations-** Our choir visited Bishopsfield Court Care home and sang songs as part of their VE Day celebrations. Thank you to Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Barnes for taking the children and for helping them to rehearse.

**Britten Sinfonia-** The Bitten Sinfonia orchestra visited Discovery on Wednesday. They put on an amazing performance of Geoffrey Gets The Jitters. Not only was it a wonderful opportunity for the children to see and listen to live music, but they were also able to join in with some parts of the performance, after rehearsing in music lessons with Mrs Barnes.

**Spare Shoes-** If your child has any school shoes, trainers or pumps that they have grown out of or no longer need, please donate them to Discovery so that we can use them as spare shoes or give them to children who need them.

**Drop Off-** Following an incident at the drop off circle yesterday both Queen Katharine Academy and Discovery Primary Academy have taken the decision to close the drop off circle today. This facility will be unavailable this afternoon and will **not** be open in the near future. In taking this decision both academies would ask that all parents/carers park sensibly and safely within the surrounding area.

## Can you help us?

**Clothes Donation:** If anyone has any spare navy, grey or black trousers, joggers or leggings foundation stage could have, please pass on to the foundation teachers. Thank you.

**Donations for our gardening club:** We are looking for vegetable plants for our gardening club students. The favourite seems to be tomato or cucumber plants. If this is something you can help us with, please pass them on to Mrs Kennedy by Thursday 15th May. Thank you.

## Attendance Matters!



This week the overall academy attendance was **93.03%**. Well done to **Carpathia** who achieved the highest at **97.74%**!

### Dates for Your Calendar

**Monday 26th May – Half Term**  
**Monday 2nd June – Training Day**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1:45-3:00 – Sports Day year 3 & 4**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 9:15-10:30- Sports Day year 1 & 2**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 1:45-3:00-Sports Day year 5 & 6**  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 1:45-3:00 – Foundation Sports Day**



## Favourites Day!



Discovery will be having a favourites day menu on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May for our children. Attached to this newsletter you will find the menu for that day for your child to have a look at.

## 📖 Read for Good Readathon – What a Week! 📖

Last week, we took part in a Read for Good Readathon! Children across the academy were grabbing every chance to read – in the playground, between lessons, at the end of the day and even lining up for lunch! Best of all, their reading has helped raise money to provide books and storytellers for children in hospitals and we receive 20% of the money raised to buy books for the library!



A big thank you to everyone who supported the Readathon! Our current total:

**£643!!**

Remember you can still donate online at <https://readathon.my.salesforce-sites.com/sponsor> (search for Discovery Primary School!) by Friday 16th May. Unfortunately, we cannot take any cash donations.

🏆 As part of this, the classes in each key stage with the most minutes read have won an afternoon treat! Well done to the winning classes:

**Pyramids – 5420 minutes**

**Zeus – 5185 minutes**

**Invaders – 6660 minutes**

**Goliath – 5226 minutes**

**As an academy, we read for**

**66,580 minutes!!**

Thank you again for all your support! Keep reading!

👩 Mrs Canham 👩

## Parents and Carers:

### Keeping Our Children Safe Workshop

“This course really gave me a real life insight and the information that could help keep my own and other children safe.”

#### Topics Include:

- Understanding knife crime from the perspective of young people
- The signs and stages of child exploitation
- Gangs and gang-life
- Exploring the link between trauma and exploitation
- Consider online harms, social media, slang and gang-related music
- Having meaningful conversations about safety
- Helping our children stay safe, the SAFE ‘T’s’ approach
- Further support and resources available

#### Workshop Details

##### Where?

Online via Zoom

##### When?

Monday 12th May 6-8pm

##### How Much?

FREE!

### Informative and Empowering

Parenting children and young adults is hard, sometimes it can be scary and overwhelming with news stories and social media influencing how safe we feel our children are and the risks they may face in today’s climate.

**Register in advance for this meeting:**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/Rt9Tx\\_5kRtKfQeOKtoeTuA](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/Rt9Tx_5kRtKfQeOKtoeTuA)