



# Discovery Primary Academy

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

## The Reading Retreat is Officially Open!

The children in Key Stage 2 were absolutely gripped when Guy Bass led an assembly about his books and life as an author! Then alongside our Reading Champions, he officially opened our "Reading Retreat" library. A huge thank you to Mrs Canham and Mrs Bowman for everything they have done to make our library such a wonderful place for the children to feel inspired and develop a love of reading. Thank you to Mr Pinfold for all his hard work in managing the renovation of the room. We would also like to give a big thank you to Dane Robertson who created the murals for the library.

## Rain Garden Celebration

Children from across the academy, who were involved in planting the Rain Garden, helped to celebrate its official opening, alongside guests from Anglian Water. Thank you to Ms Siequien and Mr and Mrs Pinfold for working closely with Anglian Water to coordinate the project. As well as a vibrant garden filled with wildlife, our academy now has a sustainable drainage system in place to support the academy and the surrounding community.

## Gardening Club

Our Gardening Club have been hard at work in our outdoor area! As well as cultivating the ground, they have been busy planting onions, beans, raspberries, tomatoes, cucumbers, pumpkins and squash that can be enjoyed later in the summer and into the autumn. They have taken sunflower seeds home to grow and have even grown cress heads!

## Life Education Bus

The Life Education Bus visited Discovery, this week. Through activities, songs, drama and discussion, the children learned about their wonderful body, their feelings, having a healthy body and a healthy mind and making decisions.

## National School Sports Week

It was lovely to see so many children dressed up for Sports Star Friday to promote sport and to celebrate National School Sports Week.

Could we remind parents that temporary tattoos shouldn't be worn in the academy. Please could you make sure they are removed if you child has one. Thank you for your understanding and support.

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July we are very lucky to have a special assembly from NED.

**NED's Resiliency Ride**, is a character education program that centres around three important messages that have lifelong relevance: **Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best.** During the assembly, students will learn about the importance of these three life skills while also enjoying storytelling, magic, humour and yo-yo tricks.



## Attendance Matters!



This week the overall academy attendance was **93.73%**. Well done to **Carpathia** who achieved the highest at **97.65%**!

## Dates for Your Calendar

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – Yr 1 trip to Ramsey Heights  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Party /Disco  
**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – DPA Reading Festival  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Residential  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 6 Leavers assembly  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – End of Term



Discovery completed a survey about Empathy Day and our academy has been awarded a badge to show we took part in Empathy Day 2025. We learned about how to have empathy, be a good listener etc. The Reading Champions and Mrs Bowman made a shelf of books relating to empathy in the Reading Retreat so that children could choose from the books during their library session. In Book Buzz (in class) the teachers were reading books related to the skill of having empathy or putting yourself in someone else's story.

We also watched authors reading their own stories and took part in a Draw with Rob art session.

On Wednesday a group of year 4 children attended an orienteering competition at AMVC. It was the first time we have entered a team into this competition, and we won! A big well done to all the children, they have clearly learned a lot in their orienteering PE lessons.



*We have had a great day celebrating the end of National School Sports Week. Adults and children have come dressed as their sporting heroes - from swimmers and boxers to runners and gymnasts!*



*Join the summer fun...*

# ICE LOLLY SALE

**Next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**



Ice lollies will be for sale at the end of the school day on the playground.

All lollies 50p. Cash only.

