



Discovery News

Summer 2, 2026



Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, we would like to take a moment to reflect on all that we have achieved together as a school community. This year has been filled with memorable experiences and outstanding accomplishments.

We were especially proud of our Year 10 and Year 11 students who took part in the Duke of Edinburgh residential experience. The instructors commented that they were the best-behaved group they had ever worked with—a wonderful testament to the character, maturity and values of our young people. We have also enjoyed a fantastic programme of shows, performances and family events throughout the year. These occasions have brought our community together, showcased the incredible talents of our students and created many lasting memories. This year marks a particularly significant milestone as our school celebrates four years since opening. For the first time, we have all year groups in place and a school that truly feels complete. Our classrooms, corridors and playgrounds are full to bursting with energy, ambition and kindness, and it genuinely feels like one big family. This year has also brought a special personal milestone. In June, Luci was honoured to receive an MBE for services to education. Luci would like to thank everyone for the many kind messages and good wishes received. This recognition reflects the collective efforts of so many colleagues, students, families and partners who have supported and contributed to the journey. It is a reminder of what can be achieved when a community works together with a shared commitment to improving opportunities for young people. Finally, we would like to thank all our students, staff, parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement, partnership and belief in our school make all the difference. We wish you all a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting year ahead.

With best wishes,

Mrs Windle
Executive Headteacher

Mr D Shirazi
Head of School



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We know life can get challenging at times and understand that families will have frustrations and questions. We welcome polite, friendly conversations and are always ready to hear how we can improve our work. We are all on the same team and want the best for all our #DiscoveryCrew members. Abuse (physical or verbal), however, will not be tolerated by our staff.

Sports week

Sports Week was a tremendous success providing pupils with an exciting week of physical activity, teamwork and achievement. The celebrations began with a whole-school trip to Kimberworth Superbowl, followed by a fantastic My Personal Best Day where pupils worked in house teams to complete a range of fun and engaging challenges.

The week concluded with our annual Sports Day, which saw a wonderful turnout from families and carers who joined us to celebrate pupils' efforts and successes. Throughout the week, students demonstrated resilience, sportsmanship and enthusiasm, creating lasting memories and showcasing the strong sense of community that makes Discovery such a special place.



TT Rockstars Day

On the 9th July, we had a Times Tables rockstars day. We worked in our new class teams to conduct some fantastic times table based activities. We had some active times table games, some arts and crafts and participated in battle of the bands using TT Rockstars. Everyone did amazingly on the day and showed off their awesome times table skills. We had lots of certificates for the most valuable players and the winners of battle of the bands. It was great to see everyone get involved and strengthen their times table skills.

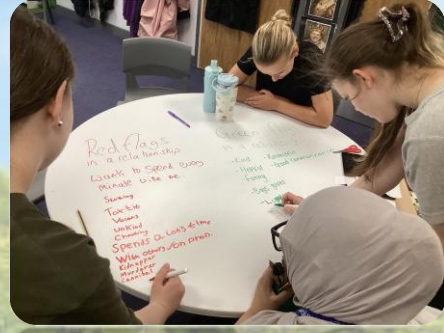


RSE Day

This year's RSE Day theme was "It Begins With Me" - a reminder that every positive change, every act of kindness, every moment of growth starts with you.

RSE Day was all about celebrating who we are as humans. Throughout the morning, we took part in activities designed to help us better understand ourselves, build confidence, strengthen relationships, and recognise the power that we have to shape our own life and the world around us.

We used RSE Day as a chance to pause, reflect, and enjoy being you.



Pride Disco Celebration

Our Pride Disco was a fantastic celebration of inclusion, equality, and belonging. Pupils enjoyed an evening filled with music, dancing, and fun while embracing the importance of respecting and valuing one another.

It was wonderful to see our school community come together in such a positive and welcoming atmosphere, demonstrating our shared commitment to kindness, diversity, and acceptance. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a memorable success.



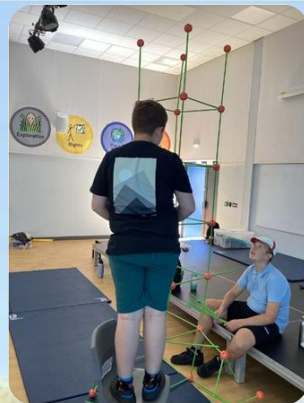
Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair was a wonderful celebration of our school community, bringing together pupils, families, staff and friends for an afternoon full of fun, laughter and memorable experiences. From exciting games and activities to delicious refreshments and fantastic stalls, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The event showcased the amazing spirit of our school, and we would like to thank everyone who attended, volunteered and contributed to making the afternoon such a tremendous success. We are incredibly proud of the sense of community and togetherness that made the Summer Fair such a special occasion.



Change Maker Day 8th July 2026

Discovery Academy recently began its journey towards becoming a Sheffield Hallam University Change Maker School, giving pupils the opportunity to take part in exciting STEAM activities that promoted creativity, problem-solving and teamwork. Working alongside Duke of Edinburgh Award students, who demonstrated excellent leadership and support throughout the day, pupils followed the design cycle to plan, create, test and improve their ideas, developing resilience, independence and innovation. A huge thank you goes to the Friends of Discovery Academy for their invaluable support in helping to make this inspiring learning experience such a success.



Post-16 Transition Information

As our older pupils prepare for the next stage of their education and adulthood journey, we would like to remind parents and carers that a range of helpful post-16 transition information is available on our school website. This includes guidance on education, training, employment pathways and support services to help families make informed decisions about the future. We encourage all parents and carers to explore these resources over the summer.

Discovery Academy - Careers Learning <https://www.discoverysheffield.org/page/?title=Careers+Learning&pid=38>

Staffing updates

We are delighted to welcome several new members of staff to the Discovery Academy team: Mrs Nalubega (TA, Twilight), Mr Bolger (TA, Nebular), Miss Butcher (TA, Stars) and Mr Brown (Well-being Team). We are also very pleased to welcome back Mrs Meyrick following her maternity leave as she returns to her role as Assistant Headteacher in Lower School. As we look ahead to the new academic year, we would also like to take this opportunity to thank those colleagues who are moving on to new adventures. Our sincere thanks go to Mrs Evans, Miss Harrison, Miss Jabeen, Mrs Morris, Miss Hooper, Mr Ali and Miss Pelekanou for their valuable contribution to Discovery Academy. We wish them every success and happiness in the future.

From all of us at Discovery Academy, thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you have a wonderful, restful summer and look forward to seeing you again in September.

Cleethorpes

Our recent trips to Cleethorpes were a fantastic success, providing pupils with the opportunity to enjoy new experiences, develop their independence and create lasting memories with friends and staff. From exploring the seaside to taking part in a range of fun activities, pupils represented Discovery Academy brilliantly, demonstrating excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and teamwork throughout. We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part and would like to thank our staff and families for helping to make these special experiences possible.

Key Dates and Yellow Pages

Key documents to support your child next year can now be found on our website. Our key dates outline the enrichment events happening in school and our yellow pages are a helpful guide to communication.

Links can be found here:

discoverysheffield.org/site/data/files/DC91BB0792EF3A7FD6E29E33F7C99ED8.pdf?pid=28

[Discovery Academy, Yellow Pages 2026-27](#)

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