



A message from Mrs Windle...

Dear Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. I know many of you will be getting ready for the festive period visiting family and friends so I hope you are managing to take some time to yourself. This half term has been a packed one with visits all around the city as part of our newly developed life skills curriculum. It was an absolute joy to take the children to the pantomime as a school and I know so many of them had a wonderful time there. It has been wonderful to see so many of you in school for the Christmas fair, the upper and lower school shows and various parent/carer events.

It has also been a very humbling experience reading so many of your staff kindest feathers that you have emailed in or written yourself. So many of your experiences have been different to each other and I feel very proud that the personalisation that we strive for in education extends beyond our school gates. Thank you again for your kindness.

I do hope you have a wonderful Christmas when it arrives and you enter into and experience 2025 with kindness, hope and joy.

As always,
Take Care
Mrs Windle

Staff Changes

We are very much looking forward to another new arrival as part of our Discovery family as we wish Mrs Unwin a farewell as she begins her maternity leave for the rest of the school year.



Many of you will know Mrs Bell is currently on maternity leave after safely delivering a beautiful baby boy.

I know you will join me in wishing both new mummies all our love and best wishes. Replacing Mrs Unwin will be Mrs Lazenby who previously worked at Abbey School. I know you will all welcome her into our school.

Upper School Christmas Show

The 2024 Upper school Christmas show was a massive success and this was purely down to the hard work that the students put in. It was amazing to see how confident they all were on stage and the collective effort was evident to see in the performances. Thank you to all the family members that attended the show, your support is most appreciated.



Check our 2024-25 events calendar on the school website.

Lower School Christmas Show

On Wednesday, Lower School welcomed families to celebrate their Christmas performance. We saw beautiful gymnastics from our fantastic gymnastic team. L1 gave us a wonderful Nativity followed by some cheesy jokes from L2! L3 and L4 worked together to tell us all about the Christmas Truce and then L5 treated us to their hand written poems. My personal favourite was our mix of beautiful vocal performances.



Anti-bullying week

This Anti-bullying week we turned the school yellow! We wanted to raise awareness of what bullying is, how we can stop this and where we can go for support. On odd sock day we created our own sock puppets which were used to create class videos. We took part in a whole school kindness activity and had the opportunity to make a memory jar moment together and ate a class breakfast. On Friday we had a celebration assembly where we all enjoyed 'I'm a teacher get me out of here!'



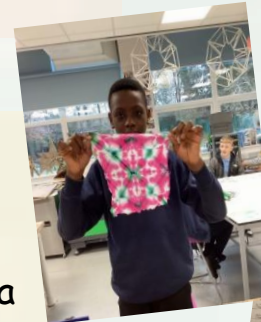
Panto!

This year we were lucky enough to spend a day out as a whole school at the Panto! We went to Rotherham Civic to see Robin Hood and his merry men. Our favourite moment was when our very own Emmie had a moment to shine on the stage!



Design and Technology

In DT we have been looking at tie-dying with chemical dyes and natural dyes. We went for a walk to find flowers and leaves to boil to make the natural dyes. To find out which were the brightest dyes, we tested each of the dyes by making prototypes of different techniques and using different coloured fabrics.



Girl Power Day

During November we celebrated Girl Power Day where we empower each other and celebrate women's equality, independence, confidence and strength. The Discovery girls showcased their independence and confidence through sport as they led and excelled in a number of activities.



A sad but proud goodbye

This term we say a very sad but incredibly proud goodbye to a member of Lower School. In January Zack is taking the brave step to go back to mainstream after making fantastic progress here at Discovery. #DreamBelieveAchieve.

