



A WARM
THANKYOU
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR
From your PTA



“This New Year may you be blessed with courage and confidence to spread your wings and turn each day into an adventure of learning and fun.”

End of 2024 and the Beginning of 2025: A Year of Achievement and Community Spirit

As we say goodbye to Christmas and welcome 2025, we're thrilled by how much has already been accomplished this academic year at The Discovery School.

From welcoming our new Reception (EYFS) starters in September to hosting two of our best-ever fundraising events—the Fireworks Display and Christmas Fayre—it's been a fantastic start! These events not only raised vital funds for enhancing our pupils' education and wellbeing but also strengthened our school community.

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, or attended—your support truly makes a difference. Together, we've created lasting memories and opportunities for our children.

With gratitude,
The Friends of The Discovery School (FODS)

Message from your Chairs

As we step into **2025**, we hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! We trust the children have enjoyed their first week back at school, reconnecting with friends and settling into the new term.

It's with mixed emotions that we announce that both of us will be stepping down as PTA Chairs due to other commitments. We have thoroughly enjoyed organising these amazing events and working alongside such a dedicated and supportive community.

Since becoming Chairs of the PTA, we've been part of so many memorable events, from our Summer and Christmas Fayres, Fireworks Display and Quiz Nights to the King's Coronation Tea Towels and much more. These events are about so much more than fundraising, they are about creating lasting memories, strengthening our community, and enriching the school experience for our children.

**Together, over the past two years, we are proud to have raised an astounding
£23,000!**

This achievement would not have been possible without the tireless support of the PTA members, families, friends, and volunteers. Your generosity, enthusiasm, and dedication have been truly inspiring. **Thank you** for being part of this journey and for making these events so successful.

Finally, we'd like to thank the school for being so accommodating and for working with us to make all this possible. And to everyone in our community: **THANK YOU.**

You have made this an unforgettable experience for us, and we couldn't have done it without you.

Warmest regards, **Selina and Sophie**





Message from Tina Gobell – Head Teacher

As we've approach the beginning of 2025, I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt *thank you* to our fantastic FODS—a dedicated group of volunteers who make up our PTA Committee.

Thanks to their hard work and commitment, our children have enjoyed so many wonderful 'little extras' over the year: Year 6 leavers' gifts, contributions toward our ongoing work in establishing a multi-use games area, books for our library, lunchtime resources, and so much more.

The FODS' latest project is fundraising for an outdoor Reading Hut. Thanks to the proactive efforts of our FODS Committee, our school recently received a generous donation of £1,500 from Tesco toward this initiative. We are now busy raising funds for books to fill the hut, as well as an outdoor carpet and a sunshade for the children to enjoy during the summer months.

Finally, I would like to extend a huge *thank you* to Selina and Sophie, our current co-chairs, who will both be stepping down in the New Year. Thanks to their leadership and the hard work of the committee, an incredible £23,000 has been raised over the past couple of years. We are so grateful for you!

Tina Gobell
Head Teacher



Keep the Magic Alive: Join Us as PTA Chair(s)!

With regret, if no one steps forward to take on the role of Chair(s), future events will not be able to go ahead. This would be such a loss, not only for the much-needed funds that support our school but also for the wonderful memories these events create for our children.

If you've ever considered getting involved, now is the perfect time! Becoming a PTA Chair is a rewarding opportunity to make a real difference in our school community. We're a fantastic, friendly team, and we're here to guide and support anyone interested in stepping into the role. Don't hesitate to reach out—we'd be more than happy to answer your questions and help you settle in.

We'll be holding an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the coming months to appoint new Chair(s). This is an exciting chance for someone (or a pair!) to bring fresh energy and ideas to the PTA.

Let's keep these amazing events going for the children and our school community!

