



Dobcroft Newsletter

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Wraparound care – Larks and Owls

Larks and Owls is now up and running in the newly refurbished caretakers house, which we have christened "The Den". We have ad-hoc availability, so if you are struggling for childcare on any given day, please contact wraparound@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk to make an enquiry. You can also use this email to book a permanent place. Our wraparound care details are as follows:

	Times	Cost	Notes
Breakfast club Larks	7.45–9.00am	£7.50 (ad-hoc: £8.50)	Breakfast included
After School club Owls	3.30–6.00pm	£14 (ad-hoc: £15.00)	Snack included

Art curriculum – bring in junk modelling for your class

As part of our art curriculum, the whole school will be model making using the following themes as a stimulus:

Y2: architecture
Y1: sculpture
FS: cardboard creations

Please bring in clean, empty boxes (no bigger than a large shoe box please) and materials such as bottle tops, kitchen rolls, yoghurt pots etc for your child to use in their creations. We will be making from week 2.

Staffing update – Squirrels

Please [click here](#) for further information.

Celebration Newsletter

At the end of each term we send out a celebration newsletter. If your child does something that is amazing and that you feel very proud of, please send a photo and some blurb to deputy@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk.

SEND Coffee Morning

On **Tuesday 20th May** between 9 – 10am we will be holding our next coffee morning for parents of children with SEND. Alice Shepherd from the Autism and Social Communication Team will be joining us. The focus of the meeting will be around supporting your child in their communication. **All members of the school community are welcome.** Although this event is aimed at parents of children with SEND, you might feel that discussions on the topic of autism or communication would be useful for you in relation to your child, and you would be very welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available (and if anyone would like to bring cake this will be gratefully received!) This will be an informal event and younger siblings etc. are welcome.

On **Tuesday 8th July** at 9am we will also be holding an additional coffee morning with Hayley Little, the SENCO from Dobcroft Junior School. She will be there to meet parents and answer any questions you may have if your child will be starting at the Junior School in September, or if your child is not in year 2, any questions you may have for the future.

[Click here for term dates 24–25 and 25–26](#)

April 2025

w/c 21st
Bring in junk modelling

16th
Y1 Dress up as an animal day

25th
Yorkshire Sculpture Park trip

28th
Ladybird parent consultations

29th
Y1 Phonics screening check meeting for parents, 3pm

May 2025

1st
Ladybird parent consultations

8th
FS2 trip to the woods to look at seasonal changes

13th
FS2 Tropical Butterfly House trip

Stan and Mabel and the Race for Space

A musical story – the perfect introduction to the orchestra for ages 3+.

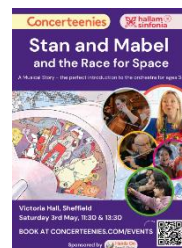
Saturday 3rd May, 11.30 or 13.30.

Victoria Hall (Norfolk St, Sheffield City Centre, Sheffield S1 2JB)

This 55-minute concert features the musical story with music by composer Paul Rissmann and based on the story by Jason Chapman. It combines story-telling, projected illustrations, quality music and plenty of audience participation. This is a perfect opportunity to introduce children to the orchestra with bonus performances by the wonderful Hallam Sinfonia orchestra of Mozart, Elgar, Tomlinson and the Dr Who Theme! The concert is presented and narrated by Polly Ives and is conducted by Helen Harrison.

Tickets are available via [Concertteenies' website](#).

Why not learn the songs before by watching [this film](#)?



May 2025

12th & 13th
Road Safety
workshop

12th May
Year 2
Skateboarding
workshop

15th
Class Photos

Y1 Assemblies,
9.15am

14th – Faxes

15th – Hedgehogs
16th – Squirrels

20th
SEND Coffee
Morning, 9–10am
(Autism Team attending)

20th
KS1 Girls Football
Festival

23rd
Green Day

Ladybird Parent Consultations – 28th April or 1st May

You have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher on Monday 28th April and Thursday 1st May.

Morning will be in person/afternoon will be virtual. Please ensure you have booked your appointment using School Spider.

Courtside Tennis Offer

Courtside are offering a new Parent and Child session at Millhouses Park on Fridays, aimed at children aged 2–4. The session lasts 45 minutes and is pay-as-you-go. It starts at 9:30am and finishes at 10:15am. Dobcroft has been an exclusive promotion. With the code below, parents can book their first session (only) for 25% off. This would make the cost of the first session just £4.50, reduced from the usual price of £6. Code: DOBINF25. [Click here](#) to book.



Junk modelling for Art unit – Sculpture

This term we are learning about sculpture and the children will be making a small animal sculpture.

For this, please send in any spare junk modelling, such as scraps of cardboard, clean yogurt pots, fabric, cardboard tubes, beads, straw, string etc – please bring this in from Tuesday 22nd April.

Year 1 Phonics Screen Meeting – 29th April

Year 1 parents are invited to attend a meeting about the Year 1 phonics screening check. This is a statutory national check that will take place in Summer 2. We will be sharing how you can help your child practice reading the phonics sounds that they have learned during Read Write Inc lessons. Please see this [letter](#) for more information.

Yorkshire Sculpture Park – Friday 25th April

We are going to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Friday 25th April for our Art unit on Sculpture. We will be walking around the park to look at the different sculptures and having an interactive workshop with an artist.

We will be leaving earlier than usual and registering at 8.20am.

Please ensure that your child has provisions in case they usually suffer with travel sickness.

If you have any questions please contact Miss Minors (Fox teacher) – minorbs@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Please click [here](#) for further information.

Board Games / Dress Up Clothes

Our toys for our Friday Time to Talk sessions are looking a little well-used! If you have anything at home that you no longer use (e.g. dolls, board games, fancy dress clothes) and are able to donate to the Year 2 classes, we would be very grateful!

Foundation Stage Outdoor Classroom

Foundation Stage are learning about staying healthy in PSED and we will be continuing to talk about how we can keep our bodies healthy. Can you please bring in a photograph of your child doing a sport or exercise outside of school ready for next weeks lesson on Wednesday 23rd April. Thank you in advance!

Second hand school uniform

As part of our drive to be an environmentally aware school our Eco Team sell good quality, second hand uniform at school events. You can now also contact Gemma Bottery (a parent member of our Eco Team) on ecoteam@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk to request specific items. Gemma will monitor this email on a weekly basis, so if you have suddenly realised that you need more school jumpers, please get in touch with her. You can also buy school logo badges from the office which can be sewn onto garments of the appropriate school colours at a cost of £3.50.

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance target 2024–25: **97.5%**. Currently school is at **96.6%** (96.6% last week).

Remember reduced % means '**Learning time lost**'!

A reminder that the chief medical officer encourages children to attend school if they have a cold, however if they have sickness, or diarrhoea, they need to remain absent for **48 hours** after the last time this occurs. If your child has a temperature, they need to remain off school. Attendance as often as possible is important for your child.

Punctuality: It is important that you aim to be in school for the start time. This is **8.55am** in Foundation Stage and **9am** in Y1 and Y2. This is the time your child needs to be on the carpet, things put away ready for register and to learn, not when you are arriving at the entrance. Arriving late is disruptive to both your own child and the rest of the class. It is also likely your child will have missed some key learning for the day. This week **0.75%** of children were marked as late.

Ask me about...

Each week your class teacher will update this area with information about what your child has been learning during the week so that you can ask them questions about it.

Ladybirds

It has been lovely to hear all about the lovely activities that the children have been doing over the spring holiday. This week we have been busy making Easter Cards using bubble art eggs, and have enjoyed filling and emptying eggs in the mud kitchen.

As Growing and Changing is our new topic for this half term, the children have been planting some grass to create grass heads. We are looking forward to watching them grow!

We have been thinking about staying healthy in PSED and have been voting for our favourite ways to move our bodies. The children enjoyed asking their friends which method is their favourite and marking it on a tally chart.

For our Growing and Changing topic this half term, please could the children bring in a photograph of them as a baby or toddler to spark discussion and notice how they have changed.

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

All the children have returned to school with enthusiasm and have enjoyed seeing their friends and teachers. We have been creating Easter chicks and bunnies in the making area using lollipop sticks to make them into puppets. We have also been collaboratively working on spring pictures.

In maths we have been learning teen numbers and using ten frames and part-part whole models to talk and record our maths. In literacy, children have drawn and written about the fun things they have been doing during the holidays.

We have been learning about staying healthy in PSED and children have been thinking about their body parts and which adults help them to keep safe. We have also been learning new songs and rhymes from The Poetry Basket and have begun reading the story The Very Hungry Caterpillar as our focus text for this half term.

Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

English – We have read the book One Day on our Blue Planet in the Savannah by Ella Bailey. We talked about what we liked about the book and looked at new vocabulary words.

Maths – We have recapped about to represent numbers within 50 with different resources. We have also used dienes to help us solve addition number sentences within 20.

Computing – We have learned how information can be grouped or labelled.

PE – Gymnastics and invasion games.

Geography – We recapped using compass points and used these to direct ourselves to certain places.

Science – We have learned about animals and the groups they belong to, such as mammals, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds.

Art – We have started to look at sculpture and had a go at drawing our own sculptures.

Year 2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

English – We have been reading our new class text The Njabread Man, and have generated some expanded noun phrases and similes to describe the main character.

Maths – We have been learning about how to find a $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of shapes and numbers.

RHE – We have discussed the benefits of staying active to keep our brains and bodies healthy.

Science – We recapped the Year 1 knowledge of the different parts of a plant, and identified different garden and wild plants that we have around school.

Computing – This half term we are focussing on photography! This week we have been learning about how to take a good photograph.