



Dobcroft Newsletter

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Wraparound care – Larks and Owls

Larks and Owls is now up and running in the newly refurbished caretaker's 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

Please note, if you are interested in having a look at the provision, you are invited to a drop-in session on 13th May, at 3.30pm.

Visit The Den – 13th May

Immediately after school on the 13th May, parents and carers are invited to have a look around The Den. This is the old caretaker's house, which we have recently renovated, and is now used for Larks and Owls – our wraparound provision.

Please help us build our eco greenhouse – 19th May, 3.30pm

Come along on Monday 19th May after school to help us construct our new eco-greenhouse using the bottles you have been collecting for us. Everyone is welcome, so if a handy relative would like to join, their help would be greatly appreciated. Meet at our forest school. Please note all children must be supervised.



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](#)

May 2025

12th
Year 2
Skateboarding
workshop

13th
FS2 Tropical
Butterfly House trip

15th
Class Photos

Y1 Assemblies,
9.15am
14th – Faxes
16th – Squirrels
22nd – Hedgehogs

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

20th am
KS1 Girls Football
Festival

22th & 23th
Road Safety
workshop

23rd
Green Day
(wear green)

KS1 Girls' Football Tournament – 20th May

On the 20th May, Points Network are holding a girls' 7 a side football tournament at Graves Lesuire Centre. You will have received a letter in person from your child's class teacher if they have been chosen to attend the event. We wish them the best of luck in the tournament.

Big Sheffield Bike Ride – 17th May

On Saturday 17th May at 1pm at the City Hall you can go and join in the the Big Sheffield Bike Ride. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. The ride is 3 miles, on flat roads and cycle paths around the city centre. This is a fun, community ride filled with music and bubbles. Please [click here](#) for more information and to sign up.

Free Sports Event – Sunday 15th June

[Click here](#) for information about a free sports event at the Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park. It's open to all – and you will try a range of sport and physical activity taster sessions.

Skateboarding Workshop

On Monday 12th May all of Year 2 will be taking part in a skateboarding workshop as part of our wider opportunities offer for our children. This has been paid for using our sports premium funding. Your child will have received a physical letter for this as it requires the completion of a consent form. Please return this form to your class teacher by **Friday 9th May**.

Ladybirds Class Photo – 15th May

If your child attends school Monday – Wednesday and you would like them to be part of our class photo, please arrive to Ladybird class on Thursday 15th of May at 9am in school uniform and wait for our class photo to be taken on the playground outside of Ladybirds. Ladybird staff will return your child to you once the photo has been taken.

FS2 Trip to The Tropical Butterfly House – Tuesday 13th May

FS2 are looking forward to going on their trip to the Tropical Butterfly House on Tuesday 13th May. We will be leaving school at 8.30am, and hope to be back at school for 3.25pm for a usual pick up time. Please can children ensure they are wearing their uniforms and suitable footwear and also bring a coat, hat, suncream as necessary for the weather forecast on that day.

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 **96.4%** (96.4% 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 **0.72%** 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

This week the children have enjoyed talking about features of the body as part of our growing and changing topic. They have enjoyed drawing around each other and mark making labels for each body part.

Some children have been very interested in learning about the human body, we have been reading parts of non-fiction texts with some children drawing body parts and germs around their outlines. Looking at our baby and toddler photos has inspired lots of discussion about growing and changing too. The children have enjoyed guessing whos photograph belongs to who.

We have also become sunflower detectives. The children have enjoyed making observations, sharing what we already about sunflowers and using different mark making tools to create a collaborative sunflower art. We noticed that some minibeasts had been eating the leaves of our sunflower, and so have enjoyed thinking about ways that we can safely deter them from doing so. We found out that mini beasts dislike garlic, and so enjoyed making garlic potions to spray on our plants and flowers.

It has been lovely to hear the children making observations when looking at different types of seeds, making comparisons between the size, colour, shape and some types of seeds. The back of the seed packets have also been a topic of discussion as some children noticed a calendar to represent the months of the year.

Over the next few weeks we hope to become sunflower experts! We would love the children to research some sunflower facts to share with the class.

Please remember to send your child with a named sun hat and apply sun cream before school during warmer weather. A named water bottle is required every day, along with some spare clothes.

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

This week we have enjoyed a wonderful walk to the woods, where we saw hundreds of bluebells and looked for similarities and differences between British and Spanish species. Thank you so much to the parent volunteers who came along with all three of our classes. After are walk we have completed some beautiful artwork, painting bluebells by mixing blue and purple tones.

We have been working on our sentence writing using recorded sentences on sound buttons with the sentence starter I went to In maths we have worked on subtraction and writing the equation to match how many teddy bears fell out of the bed.

In the creative area we have been continuing with making invertebrates using different media. The children are enjoying getting lots of opportunities to learn through play outdoors where they are working collaboratively and developing their gross motor skills through running, climbing, building large scale dens and gardening.

Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

English – We have recapped using 'and' and 'but' in sentences to join two sentences together. We have also practiced writing dictated sentences – we need to remember each word and use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Maths – We have created our own Maths stories and used resources to represent the numbers. We had to decide if we were adding or subtracting and solve the number sentence. We have learned about measuring length using non standard units, such as cubes.

Computing – We have grouped different objects.

PE – Gymnastics and invasion games.

Geography – We have learned about England.

RHE – We have learned about brushing our teeth.

RE – We have learned about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and identified animals that would belong to each group.

Year 2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

English – we have practised our handwriting and written a character description of the Ninjabread Man.

Maths – we have started learning about telling the time and how many minutes are in an hour.

RE – the importance of prayer in Islam

RHE – we have learnint about the importance of a good night's sleep and talked about our bedtime routine

Art – we begun making our architecture models