



Dobcroft Newsletter

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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.



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

May 2025

19th

Gardening session – come and help us build the eco greenhouse, 3.30pm

22nd

Hedgehogs Assembly, 9.15am

20th

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

20th am

KS1 Girls Football Festival

22th & 23rd

Road Safety workshop

21st & 23rd

Ladybirds Teddy Bear's Picnic

23rd

Green Day (wear green)

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.

Green Day – 23rd May

On Friday 23rd May, we are celebrating our Green Flag status. We have organised a morning of celebration and eco learning for the school to take part in. We are also having an assembly where we will be enjoying an 'Eco' Fashion Show. There are two things to note:



1. Children can choose to wear 'green' clothes on the day, and are asked to please make a donation in school on the day or via ParentPay. This year money raised will go towards buying plants to improve the biodiversity of the school site.
2. We are encouraging children and staff to walk, scooter or cycle to school on this day. One of the activities requires odd socks, if you have any spare socks please could you bring them in to school and hand them into reception.

KS1 Girls' Football Tournament – 20th May

On the 20th May, Points Network are holding a girls' 7 a side football tournament at Graves Leisure 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.

Whole School Bake Off and Share a Story – Wednesday 4th June

Whether you are a Star Baker or a Soggy-Bottomed runner up, Dobcroft Infant School needs your help! We need you to bring your best bake, or just your appetite! We will hold our Fundraising Bake Off and Share a Story event on the bottom yard with tea, cakes, and music! Please [click here](#) for more information about the event.

Timings for parents to join their children on the bottom yard are as follows:

FS1 and FS2	9.45–10.30am
Year 1	10.30–11.15am
Year 2	11.15–11.50am

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.

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.

Ladybirds Teddy Bear's Picnic – 21st and 23rd May

As our end of term treat Ladybirds will be having a teddy bear's picnic. Can children please bring in a labelled cuddly and 1–2 snacks in a labelled box. If your child attends school Monday – Wednesday they will be having their teddy bear's picnic on Wednesday 21st in the morning. If your child attends Wednesday– Friday or full time they will be having their teddy bear's picnic on Friday 23rd in the afternoon.

Year 1 trip to Chatsworth Farm

Year 1 will be going on a trip to Chatsworth farm to enhance our Science knowledge of animals.

Please note: Monday 23rd June is for Squirrels and Hedgehogs only

Foxes will be going on the same trip on Tuesday 8th July.

More information to follow after half term.

Year 2 end of year play – The Bee Musical

Year 2 will be performing "The Bee Musical" on

Monday 7th July 2:30pm

Tuesday 8th July 9:30am

Wednesday 9th July 6pm. Pupils to come back to school at 5:30pm please.

If your child is unable to return for the evening performance, please let your class teacher know, but this will not affect their part in the play.

Tickets, words and costume information will be given in due time.

June 2025

4th

Bake Off and
Share a Story
(whole school)

23rd

Y1 trip to
Chatsworth Farm
(Squirrels and
Hedgehogs only)

July 2025

8th

Y1 trip to
Chatsworth Farm
(Foxes only)

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 **96.7%** (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 **0.73%** 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 welcomed our new ducklings to Ladybirds. Our children have been fascinated to see our eggs hatch into lovely friendly ducklings and have enjoyed choosing their names.

The children have been making observations, sharing what we already know about ducks and talking about what else we would like to find out. We can't wait to see how our ducklings grow and change over the next week.

We have been continuing our work as sunflower experts! This week we have been looking at different stages of sunflowers and adding to our wonderful sunflower art.

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)

We had an incredible trip to the Butterfly House and we were all very proud of the children from start to finish. All the children enjoyed a workshop where they had the opportunity to stroke or hold a stick insect, giant African land snail and a cockroach!! The children explored the Butterfly House in groups and then had a fantastic time in the Play Park before heading back to school on the coaches. Thank you to all the parent helpers who were absolutely brilliant. The caterpillars in our classroom are growing quickly and we have been making observations and predictions about them.

Other learning this week has included beginning our box creations as part of our design and technology. Thank you again for all the cardboard contributions.

In maths, we are focusing on subtraction and writing the matching equation. Literacy, we continue to write using the sound buttons with different sentences to hold and write, using red words 'she' and 'he'.

Book diaries have been updated with the reading assessments and thank you for your support with the continued reading at home with your child.

Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

English – We have written descriptive sentences about animals, using capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and adjectives. We have also used time connectives to create a sequence of coherent sentences, such as First, Then, Next, Last.

Maths – We have learned about measuring using a ruler and weighing the mass of different objects, including comparing how heavy or light objects are.

Computing – We did a quiz to recap our knowledge learned in this half term.

PE – Gymnastics and invasion games.

Geography – We have learned about Wales.

RHE – We have learned about how people can be different.

Science – We have learned about the key features of animals.

Art – We have reflected on our learning from this half term and looked at the models we have made. We looked at each other's' sculptures and gave each other feedback, such as what we liked about their sculpture.

Year 2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

English – we wrote instructions about how to make a Gingerbread Man using command sentences.

Maths – we have continued learning about telling the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

RE – we looked at why the Qur'an is important and looked at some of the teachings.

History – we wrote letters to tell people about why the Women of Steel were significant.

Art – we finished making our architecture models.