



Dobcroft Newsletter

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Happy half term

We wish all children and their families a restful break, hopefully in the sunshine and we'll see you back at school on Monday 2nd June.

SEND information

Please follow this [link](#) to find out about events being run by the Parent Carer Forum in the coming months. The Introduction to Autism session is on 20th June in our hub here at Dobcroft Infant School, and is being run by Sarah Hinchliffe, our chair of governors and SEND governor. Sarah has also recommended the sensory and demand avoidant workshops.

Classes for 2025–2026

We are currently organising classes for next year. Watch this space as we will publish this here on the first Friday back after half term.

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

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 both booked service and an 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

PSED learning – baby photo required

As part of our Personal, Social and Emotional Development offer, next half term FS2 will be learning about growing up, we will be thinking about how we have changed since we were young. Please send in a photo of your child as a baby so we can use this as a stimulus for this learning.

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

June 2025

2nd

Start of Summer 2 term

4th

Bake Off and Share a Story (whole school)

23rd

Y1 trip to Chatsworth Farm (Squirrels and Hedgehogs only)

25th

Ladybirds Graduation

July 2025

7th @ 2.30pm
Year 2 play

8th @ 9.30am
Year 2 play

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 once we have finalised the details.

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 course.

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%** (96.7% 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.

July 2025

8th

Y1 trip to
Chatsworth Farm
(Foxes only)

9th @ 6pm

Year 2 play

14th @ 9.15am

Kingfishers
leaving assembly

15th @ 9.15am

Eagles leaving
assembly

15th @ 1.15 am

Year 2 trip to the
park

17th @ 9.15am

Woodpeckers
leaving assembly

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 been enjoying their time with our ducks Steve, James and Audrey. The ducks have had a wonderful time splashing around in the water tray and exploring our classroom. The children are very sad to see them go but we can see that they need much more space to move around.

We have been continuing our work as sunflower experts! A generous neighbour has given us some young sunflowers which we have been comparing and measuring. This week we have planted our own sunflowers to take home. We can't wait to see how tall they will grow.

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 been observing the changes the caterpillars have made and have noticed they are now enormous! Some have begun to make their cocoon and we are excited to see how much they have changed after the holidays.

We have focused on subtraction in maths and have been thinking about how we get closer to zero on the number line when we subtract and further away when we add.

We have been continuing acting out our helicopter stories and enjoyed being the actors and the audience. We have enjoyed learning through play outside and using our gross motor muscles on the bikes, climbing frames, digging in the sand and looking after our plants by watering them with the large watering can full of water.

We are looking forward to taking part in Green Day and had a great time in our pyjamas for our Bee treat.

Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

English – We have planned and written a story about a journey through the savannah.

Maths – We have learned about measuring capacity

Computing – We learned about online safety

PE – Gymnastics and invasion games.

RHE – We have learned about how we are different and about sun safety.

Science – We recapped our knowledge of our Science by completing a quiz.

RE – We have learned about babies are welcomed into a faith community.

Year 2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

English – We have been performed a poem called "A Spirit of Place" and written our own version.

RE – we learnt about the two pillars of Islam for fasting and giving to charity

History – we looked at modern local heroes such as Jessica Ennis-Hill and Helen Sharman and what makes them significant

Science – we filled in diaries to track how our pea plants are growing

PSHE – we looked about how to stay safe around open water and made videos to tell other children our top tips