



# Dobcroft Newsletter

## 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025



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### New classes for Sept 2025

We are pleased to announce your new classes for next September. We will have transition on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> (whole school transition with Juniors for our Y2 pupils) and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> (internal transition)**. In addition to this formalised transition, we will also have additional times where their new teacher will share story times and Time To Talk sessions etc.

Current class 24–25	New class 25–26	Teacher/s
Badgers	Hedgehogs	Mr Ball–Jones
Otters	Foxes (current Squirrels class location)	Miss Tinker
Mice	Squirrels (current Foxes class location)	Miss Coldren
Squirrels	Woodpeckers	Mrs Granger/Mrs Blackburn
Hedgehogs	Eagles	Mrs Fairfull
Foxes	Kingfishers	Miss Clifffen

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Eid Al Adha

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone celebrating Eid Al Adha a joyous time with your family and friends. Please ask at the school reception for the form to fill in to request a day's religious observance from school.

### Sports Day Plan – 4<sup>th</sup> July

The plan for the School Sports day is as follows, you are very welcome to attend and cheer on your favourite team! Although the event is held on the Junior field, please come to our main gates, through the bottom yard and up to the top adjoining gate with the junior school. Each yeargroup session will only last an hour. Children can come to school in sports wear today. **DJS have asked that parents wait on the field, NOT the playground. Please also note that you will not be permitted to use the toilets at DJS. If parents need the toilet, please come back to DNIS and use the disabled toilet in the reception area.**

Location: Dobcroft Junior School Field  
Y1: 9.10am      FS2: 10.10am      Y2: 11.10am

Reserve Sports day: 12<sup>th</sup> July

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

### June 2025

20<sup>th</sup>  
Soccer Aid  
Challenge

23<sup>rd</sup>  
Y1 trip to  
Chatsworth Farm  
(Squirrels and  
Hedgehogs only)

25<sup>th</sup>  
Ladybirds  
Graduation

24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>  
Whole school  
transition  
(further information  
to follow)

### July 2025

1<sup>st</sup> 9:15am  
Welcome to Y1  
meeting for  
current FS2  
parents

2<sup>nd</sup> 9:15am  
Welcome to Y2  
meeting for  
current Y1 parents

### Sports Aid Challenge – 20<sup>th</sup> June

On 20<sup>th</sup> June, our school will be hosting a Soccer Aid for Unicef School Challenge. It is a great opportunity for our pupils to learn about, and raise money for, children in other parts of the world. Our Rights Respecting School Councillors will be helping to design and run the event. We would like to kindly ask families to donate to our Just Giving page to help us reach our target of £350. **Children are invited to wear their favourite football or sports kit on the day.**

Please [click here](#) to donate.

Please [click here](#) to find out more about the fundraiser.

### New To Year 1 meeting for current FS2 parents – 1<sup>st</sup> July, 9.15AM

The Year 1 team will be delivering a "Welcome to Year 1" meeting for FS2 parents. In this meeting, we will cover expectations, curriculum, assessments and you will have the opportunity to meet your Year 1 teacher. This will be held on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 9.15am** in the school hall. You don't need to sign up, just arrive on the day. Entry via the back of the school hall.

### 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.

### FS2 Celebration Assembly – 9<sup>th</sup> July

FS2 will be taking part in a celebration assembly for their families on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15am and 2.30pm in the hall. Please come to the back entrance of the hall (red door opposite the mobiles). This is a lovely event where the children share their learning from the year, and then parents are invited back to the classrooms to see our art exhibitions and displays. Please only come to one assembly so that we are able to accommodate as many parents as possible.

### FS2 Millhouses Park trip – 11<sup>th</sup> July (am)

FS2 will be visiting Millhouses Park as an end of term summer celebration. More information about this will follow, however we will need some parent helpers, so please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help.

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> June is for Squirrels and Hedgehogs only.**

Please email Miss Sutherland or Mrs Blackburn if you would like to volunteer to help.

**Due to limited coach capacity we are kindly asking parent helpers to make their own way to Chatsworth.**

As a small note due to staff pregnancy and risk assessments Mrs Fairfull will be taking Hedgehogs class and Miss Minors will be taking Squirrels class.

**Foxes will be going on the same trip on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July.**

Please email Miss Minors if you would like to volunteer to help. As we are the only class going, there will be space for parents on the coach.

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

### New to Year 2 meeting – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 9:15am

The new Year 2 team will be delivering a "Welcome to Year 2" meeting for Year 1 parents. In this meeting, we will cover expectations, curriculum, assessments and you will have the opportunity to meet your Year 2 teacher. This will be held on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 9:15am** in the school hall. You don't need to sign up, just arrive on the day. Entry via the back of the school hall.

## July 2025

4<sup>th</sup>

Sports day  
(reserve sport day:  
12<sup>th</sup> July)

8<sup>th</sup>

Y1 trip to  
Chatsworth Farm  
(Foxes only)

9<sup>th</sup>

FS2 Celebration  
Assemblies

Year 2 play

7<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm  
8<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am  
9<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm

11<sup>th</sup>

FS2 Trip to  
Millhouses Park (am)

Y2 Leaving  
Assemblies,  
9.15am

Kingfishers: 14<sup>th</sup>  
Eagles: 15<sup>th</sup>  
Woodpeckers: 17<sup>th</sup>

15<sup>th</sup>

Year 2 trip to the  
park, 1.15 pm

## Year 2 end of year play – The Buzz–tastic Bee–sical

Year 2 will be performing “The Buzz–tastic Bee–sical” on

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2:30pm

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 9:30am

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

More details on tickets will follow.

## 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](mailto: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%** (96.7% 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 **0.74%** 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 settled back into Ladybirds beautifully. We have started talking about our new under the sea topic, discussing what we already know and what things we would like to find out.

Now that we can recognise or names, we have been having a go at writing them. We have been creating our class seaweed by writing our names and adding it to the chain. We will be continuing to practice name writing throughout this term.

We had a wonderful time at our Bake Off event. The children enjoyed their tasty cakes and shared stories with their grown-ups. Thank you to all the adults that could join us.

#### Things from home

Please **do not** allow your child to bring in things from home **especially food!** These things are hard to monitor and we have had many incidents of things getting, lost and broken or disagreements breaking out over things from home. These things rarely stay in their bags, even when instructed, and we are not able to keep track of everyone's belongings. We have many children with allergies so it is very unsafe for children to bring food in that we are unaware of. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

We have had a lovely first week back!

English – The Rainbow Fish. We have loved this text as part of our Drawing Club. Ask your child all about the words they have learnt to describe his scales.

Maths – we have been exploring halving and sharing into equal groups.

PSHE – we are thinking about growing up. Children have loved sharing their baby photos and guessing who is in each photo.

PE – this has been our last Soccer Eds session. We have loved our football Fridays. From next week, PE will return to a Wednesday morning.

Understanding the World – we have loved watching the caterpillars making their cocoons, and were so excited when they turned into butterflies. We have released them all now into our outside classroom, which really captured the interest of lots of the children.

### 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 generated interesting nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

**Maths** – We learnt about showing data in tally charts and tables.

**Science** – We learnt about names for different animal offspring.

**PSHE** – We thought about good habits we want to take with us when we go into Year 3.

**History** – We looked at significant people and advocates and how they have made a difference in the world.

We have also started practising for our end of year play – keep learning your lines at home!