



# Dobcroft Newsletter

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



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### Parent Questionnaire

We value your feedback about the school, both positive and areas we can improve. Your comments form part of our school improvement cycle and we will inform you of any changes once we have analysed your feedback.

Please could you spare a few minutes to tell us what you think. Please [click here](#) to access the questionnaire.

### Dobcroft Summer Fayre – 28<sup>th</sup> June, noon–3pm

We need your help! Please can you spare some an hour at our summer fayre. The stalls are already organised but we need help from volunteers to manage them on the day – each stall is spilt into 3x1 hour slots. If you are able to offer support please contact [fods.info.mail@gmail.com](mailto:fods.info.mail@gmail.com)

We would also welcome any donations for prizes in the tombola or other stalls. Please drop these off at the school office.

Please also note, the amazing Dobcroft Summer Raffle is happening again! Raffle tickets will be coming soon in your child's bookbag.

### Staffing Update

We would like to inform you that Miss Minors (current Foxes class teacher) will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. She has been a valued to member of staff and we will be sad to see her leave. We're sure you will join us in wishing her well in the future.

### Please label clothes

As the weather heats up, please can you ensure all clothing is clearly labelled – our lost property is bursting at the seams!

### 2 litre bottles

Please can you continue to bring in 2 litre bottles for our eco–greenhouse. We plan to finish this by the end of the academic year but we think we still need another 300 hundred bottles – please keep them coming. Put them in the fenced off area next to the mobiles at the back of the school. Thanks for your support.

### Transition – 24<sup>th</sup> /25<sup>th</sup>

Please read and follow the instruction below for the two days of transition.

In Septemeber the Fox and Squirrel classroom names are swapping which means the current Fox classroom will become the Squirrel classroom and the current Squirrel classroom will become the Fox classroom. Please pick up from the classroom they will be based in next year

#### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Drop off by 9am at your **CURRENT CLASS**  
Pick up at 3.30pm from your **NEW CLASS** (Y2's  
– go to the junior school and pick up from there  
– people will be available to direct you)

Ladybirds will be involved in today

#### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

FS2 and Y1: Drop off by 9am at your **NEW CLASS**  
Year 2: Drop off by 9am at:

Woodpeckers ➡ Badgers

Eagles ➡ Mice

Kingfishers ➡ Otters.

Pick up from your **CURRENT CLASS** at the usual time  
Ladybirds will NOT be involved in today

[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)

28<sup>th</sup>  
Dobcroft Summer  
Fayre  
12–3.00pm

### July 2025

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

2<sup>nd</sup> 9:15am

### Recycling Bin – marigolds

We need you! Are you willing to be part of our eco team and help to manage one of our recycling bins? This means emptying the bin periodically and sending off the contents to the correct place – training will be given. Please contact:

[deputy@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:deputy@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk)  
if you are interested.

### SEND information

Please [click here](#) for information about an Introduction to Autism session being run by the Parent Carer Forum.



### Transition SEND Coffee Morning

On **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** at 9am we will also be holding a 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.

### PINS project (Partnerships for Inclusion and Neurodiversity in Schools)

As part of our priority to improve parental engagement, DNIS is really pleased to have been accepted onto the PINS (Partnerships for Inclusion and Neurodiversity in Schools) project. The purpose of the project is to improve the experience of mainstream school for children who may have an additional educational need. As part of the project, we have been asked to share this survey with all parents in our school. The information from the survey will be used to understand the current strengths and potential areas of improvement in a school. Please click on the following link to access the survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KNKQLQ3>. The survey will close on 26th June 2025



The survey is for all parents and carers of children attending our school. If you have more than one child attend the school, then you may complete the survey for the number of children you have attending the school.

Thankyou for taking the time to complete the survey.

### 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: 11<sup>th</sup> July

### 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.

Welcome to Y2 meeting for current Y1 parents

**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)

8<sup>th</sup>

SEND transition  
coffee morning  
with Hayley Little  
(Junior SENCO)

9<sup>th</sup>

FS2 Celebration  
Assemblies  
9.15am & 2.30pm –  
please only attend  
one

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

### Lunchtime supervisor

We are looking for enthusiastic people to join our friendly and supportive lunchtime staff team to work one and a half hours per day during the school lunch period (11.55am–1.25pm).

This post is for term time only (excluding training days) and fits in perfectly to allow you to be there for both school pick up, drop off and holidays.

We are happy to look at applications from people interested in working Monday–Friday or part of the week. If this opportunity is something you may be interested in, then please contact the school office for further details about the post and how to apply.

You can contact the school office by the following methods:

In person

By phone on 0114 236 8099

By email – [enquiries@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk)



### 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.

### 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.**

**It is recommended that you pre pay for your parking beforehand.**

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.

### Bring ingredients on 26<sup>th</sup> June – look for slip in your child's bookbag

As part of the Design & Technology curriculum, children in Y1 will be designing a breakfast bowl on the 19<sup>th</sup> June. They will bring home a slip with 2 ingredients that they will need to bring to school on the **26<sup>th</sup> June**. Please ensure you check your child's book bag for this slip (on or after the 19<sup>th</sup> June).

### Bring a vegetable on June 30<sup>th</sup>

As part of this half terms English focus (Supertato), the Y1s are designing and making their own 'vegetable villain'. The children will use their veggie villains to plan and write their own character description.

### 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.

### 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 **97.1%** (**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 **0.73%** 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 Ladybirds have been enjoying their new under the sea topic. We have been looking at different under the sea creatures as well as drawing our own. We have been using our dough to create under the sea creatures as well as seaweed and shells. We have been making patterns with our rocks and shells as well as using pegs to make patterns.

We have been working hard this week to regulate our emotions and have been practicing mindfulness techniques together. Our rainbow breathing, balloon breathing and bubble focus has helped us when our bodies and brains are feeling too busy. We have talked about what behaviours we like to see in Ladybirds and what behaviours are not ok.

### 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 another great week in Reception and have been focusing on sharing odd and even numbers in maths along with sorting number bond equations to 10. Drawing club this week has been on the traditional tale, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and children have been bringing their drawings to life with their sentence and number codes.

In PE children have begun preparing for sport days by practising team games, races and their cheering! Children have continued showing their baby photos and are enjoying matching the number of the baby on the board to the picture of them now in a 'look at how we've grown' booklet.

## 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 written sentences with a range of suffixes and conjunctions in.

**Maths** – We have recapped the methods for solving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division equations.

**PSHE** – We looked at gender stereotypes and how boys and girls can both do the same jobs and hobbies..

**RE** – We talked about significant places in our lives and how churches are a place of worship for Christians

**Computing** – We used Scratch Junior to move a "sprite" character using different commands .

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