



# Dobcroft Newsletter

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



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### Ofsted trial of new materials - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July

We would like to inform you that DNIS is working with Ofsted on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July to support the development of their new framework. We would like to stress that this is not an inspection. The only impact for parents/carers is that they will be in the school playground at drop off and pick up time and may like to speak to you to gather your comments and thoughts about the school. Whilst we are pleased to have this opportunity, please be mindful that this will be a very busy time for school staff.

### 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 split into 3x 1 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 have gone home in your child's bookbag. It would be great if you can support us by buying the raffle tickets and thank you in advance.

### 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/KNNKLO3>.

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.



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

### June 2025

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

Welcome to Y2 meeting for current Y1 parents

4<sup>th</sup>

Sports day  
(reserve sport day: 11<sup>th</sup> July)

8<sup>th</sup>

Y1 trip to Chatsworth Farm (Foxes only)

8<sup>th</sup>

SEND transition coffee morning

## JOIN THE PINS TEAM FOR A MEETING

Please [click here](#) for more information about a PINS meeting at DNIS. This meeting is for parents/carers of children with additional needs or if you think your child may have additional needs.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 year group 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**

### Right of the week

We are proud to be a Gold accredited Rights Respecting School.

At DNIS we are ambassadors for the rights of others and are passionate about developing rights respecting citizens.

With this in mind we would like to share a 'Right of the week' with you each week as part of our valuable school community.

#### Article 2

All children have rights no matter what.



### Allergy Awareness Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> July, 9am

Mrs Rowland is holding a meeting for parents/carers of children with allergies on Wednesday 9th July at 9am to gather parent/carer views on what is working well and what could be further improved. We understand this is short notice but we wanted to get things moving so any tweaks could be put in place for the start of the next academic year. If you are unable to attend and would like to share your views before the meeting, please contact the Mrs Rowland on her email

with Hayley Little  
(Junior SENCO)

9<sup>th</sup>

### July 2025

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

[headteacher@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@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.

### **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 1 trip to Chatsworth Farm – 8<sup>th</sup> July**

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

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

As we are the only class going, there will be space for parents on the coach.

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

### **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.

Please book your tickets if you haven’t already done so.

### Year 2 Leaving assembly

All parents/carers are invited to attend the Y2 leaving assembly, there's no need to sign up, just turn up on the day. Entry via the back of the school hall.

14<sup>th</sup> July Kingfisher leaving assembly at 9.15am

15<sup>th</sup> July Eagles leaving assembly at 9.15am

17<sup>th</sup> July Woodpeckers leaving assembly 9.15am

### Year 2 Millhouses Park Trip – 15<sup>th</sup> July

Year 2s are going to Millhouses Park on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon. We will be leaving at 1.20pm, after register and arrive back at school for normal pick up time.

If you would like to volunteer as a parent helper, please email or speak to your class teacher. The more the merrier!

### 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 **97.3%** (**97.0%** 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

We have had a wonderful week celebrating our Lovely Ladybirds. Thank you to all the families that made our graduation celebration special. The children had a wonderful time performing their poems and songs to their families. We are so proud of how confidently the children took part and loved seeing their little faces light up when they showed off their learning.

We also had a visit to our new classrooms this week. The children spent the day in their new Otter, Badger or Mice classroom meeting their new teachers and exploring their new learning environment. The children were very excited and came back to ladybirds telling us all about their foundation two adventures.

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

This week the children have shown their resilience during two days of transitions to their new Year 1 classes. All the children enjoyed time with their new teachers and in their new classrooms. Children were shown their new routines and enjoyed playing in the bottom playground for their break times.

In drawing club we have been reading *Commotion in the Ocean* and exploring the characters and settings with our own imaginative twists.

In maths we have been representing maps with small world and construction and using positional language to describe our models.

Children have taken part in an environmental print hunt around school as part of their Geography learning and continued with their sentence writing on different animals.

### Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

**English** – we have learned about using past tense verbs

**Maths** – we have been recognising the value of coins and making amounts with coins.

**Computing** – We learned about making choices

**PE** – Skipping and orienteering

**RHE** – We been reflecting about transition and changes that might happen in our life.

We have enjoyed our time in our new classes and meeting our new teachers. Thank you to the parent helpers from Hedgehogs and Squirrels who helped on our trip to Chatsworth!

### Year 2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

**English** – We have completed a feature find of a setting description of the factory (in *Charlie and the chocolate factory*).

**Maths** – We have been learning about positional language

**PSHE** – We thought about changes happening in our lives.

**Computing** – We used Scratch Junior to create our own sprite commands.

**DT** – We have recapped our previous knowledge of cutting and peeling different vegetables.

We have also continued practising for our end of year play – keep learning your lines at home! As well as a transition to the Junior school.