



# Dobcroft Newsletter

## 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025



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### Have a lovely, restful summer holiday

We can't believe we have reached the end of another academic year! We thank you for all your support and wish you a restful summer holiday. The first day back after the holidays is **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**

### Baby updates!

We are very pleased to announce that Miss Brady has given birth to a beautiful baby girl, Elodie. Both Mum and baby are doing well. We're sure you will join us in wishing her love and congratulations, we are so pleased for her and her family.

We can now also announce that Mrs Pemberton is due to have her second child over the Christmas holidays. As you may be aware she has been off sick for the past few weeks with pregnancy related illness but she hopes to return in the new academic year.

### A message from FODS

#### A Huge Thank You – Summer Fayre Success!

What a fantastic day we had at the Summer Fayre. The sun was shining, the stalls were buzzing, and it was a real pleasure to see both school communities come together. We've had such lovely feedback about the event, and most importantly, it was brilliant to see so many families enjoying themselves.

We're thrilled to share that we raised an incredible **£8,500 profit** from the day to split between the two schools (we will send a newsletter after summer to let you know how this money will be reinvested in the schools).

A huge thank you goes to:

- **Redbrik Estate Agents**, our event sponsors
- All the **local businesses** who generously donated raffle prizes
- **Dance Unlimited** and **The Rock Project** for their fantastic entertainment
- **Abbeydale Brewery** for kindly donating beer for our bar
- And of course, **every single parent, teacher and member of the FODS team** who gave their time, energy, and donations to make the day such a success. We couldn't have done it without you.

We're already looking ahead to our next big event, **the Christmas Fayre**, which will take place on **Wednesday 10th December, 3.30 to 6.30 pm**. Save the date! (More details to follow in the new term.)

Have a wonderful summer break, and if you'd like to get involved with fundraising or join the PTA next year, we'd love to hear from you. Just drop us a line at [fods.info.mail@gmail.com](mailto:fods.info.mail@gmail.com).

Thank you once again for your support,  
**Jen, Gem and the FODS Team**

### Letter from Governors

Please [click here](#) to view an end of year letter from our governors.

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

**Sept 2025**

**3<sup>rd</sup>**  
First day of term

### Summer reading challenge

The annual Summer Reading Challenge is here! See the website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk> for more information, games and book recommendations. You can also go into your local library and sign up in person if you prefer. Enjoy a summer of reading!

### Parent coffee mornings

As part of our priority to continue to improve parental engagement, DNIS is really pleased to have been accepted onto the PINS (Partnerships for Inclusion and Neurodiversity in Schools) project. As part of this, the Sheffield Parent Carer Forum are running a series of monthly coffee mornings. These will be run by Sue O'Shea, a project worker from the parent carer forum and are a chance for parents to seek advice, support and meet other SEND parents at Dobcroft Infants. All parents are welcome, whether your child is on the school SEND register or not. More information can be found by following this [link](#).

Below is a list of dates for the parent meetings. They will all take place at 9am in the hub.

Tuesday 23rd September  
Wednesday 22nd October  
Thursday 20th November  
Thursday 17th December

Tuesday 20th January  
Wednesday 25th February  
Thursday 19th March



### SoccerEds Holiday camps

[Click here](#) to find out more information about SoccerEds holiday camps.

### Right of the week

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

#### Article 31

I have the right to relax and play.



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.

### 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 suddenly realise 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 **97.0%** (**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 **0.67%** of children were marked as late.