



# Dobcroft Newsletter

## 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025



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### Welcome back!

We're thrilled to welcome all our pupils back to school after the summer holidays! We hope you've had a wonderful break and are as excited as we are for the new term ahead. We would especially like to welcome our new children and their families that will be joining us in Foundation Stage next week. We look forward to getting to know them and their families.

### Voluntary consumables charge for parents

Due to rising costs, and to ensure that we are able to provide a wealth of brilliant activities and experiences to enhance our curriculum throughout the year, we introduced an annual one-off **voluntary contribution** from September 2024 to cover the cost of our consumables. You will be able to pay this via ParentPay. Please [click here](#) for further information.

### Big rucksacks

Please do not bring big rucksacks into school as we do not have space on the pegs for children to hang them and they become a tripping hazard.

The only things you need to bring to school each day are: lunchbox (if required), water bottle, book bag, and reading diary & reading book (if your child has one), outdoor clothing (sun hat in the summer and coat in the cooler months). If your child needs a change of clothes or things for an after school club, please bring them in a small bag that will fit on their peg.

Please do not bring in personal items including toys, snacks from home, special objects, pencil cases and jewellery etc.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS (this means we can return them to you if they are lost)

### Share a story – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, 3pm

Parents and carers are invited to come into your child's classroom and read a story with your child or a group of children. You can bring your favourite book or read one from the selection in the classroom. This is a lovely event that encourages a love of reading and helps us to celebrate books as a community. We look forward to welcoming you. Please arrive at 3pm and go straight to your child's classroom.

**Ladybirds have slightly different timings, please note these below:**

**Ladybirds, beginning of the week – 9.00 – 9.20am**

**Ladybirds, end of the week – 3.00 – 3.20pm**

**Full time Ladybirds can choose which sessions to attend.**

### School Gate Opening Times

To ensure the safety of children, we will be opening gates just before drop off and pick up. We are sorry if this inconveniences you but we are sure you will join us in helping to safeguard all the children in our care. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

[Click here for term dates 25–26](#)

### Sept 2024

23<sup>th</sup>

PINS meeting

24<sup>th</sup>

Whole school  
Share a story  
3pm

### Oct 2024

2<sup>nd</sup>

CENSUS day

1<sup>st</sup>

Year 1 Artist visit  
James Brunt

20<sup>th</sup>

Individual School  
Photos

22<sup>nd</sup>

Dress down day

22<sup>nd</sup>

Last day of half term

## Attendance and Punctuality

School attendance is a national priority and the government has statutory guidance that schools need to adhere to.

**Every moment in school counts** and days missed add up quickly. Evidence shows that pupils who have good attendance enjoy better wellbeing and school performance than those who do not.

To ensure we provide the best care and manage absences effectively, we are required to ask for more specific information about why your child is ill (for example, vomiting, impetigo or high temperature) as this will determine if we can authorise the absence or not.

By providing detailed information, you help us:

- Identify Patterns: Spot and address potential health trends early.
- Enhance Support: Tailor our support to your child's specific needs.
- Improve Communication: Keep everyone informed and manage absences more efficiently.

Your cooperation in providing this information is greatly appreciated. This helps us ensure a healthier school environment for all. Thank you for your understanding.

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

## Peak Edge Eco Newsletter

We're excited to share with you the first edition of the **Peak Edge Eco Newsletter**! It's packed with inspiring stories, student projects, and updates on our ongoing sustainability efforts across the Peak Edge community.

You can view the newsletter [here](#)

## PINS: Partnerships for Inclusion and Neurodiversity in Schools

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



## Lost Property

Please make sure you name all your children's clothing and water bottle. Uniform really does all look the same! We are left with piles of lost property each week, much of which we cannot return as there is no way of knowing who it belongs to. This is stored outside the Butterfly Room which is the room in the middle of the school next to Ladybirds. If you are not sure where this is please ask your child's class teacher. This area is undercover but outside which means it can be accessed even if the office area is closed.

### Library Volunteers

Each class is looking for a library volunteer. Ideally, you will come at the same time each week to take the children in small groups to the library to swap their book. Appropriate DBS checks and a full induction will be conducted before this can take place.

### Waterproofs and Wellies – Ladybirds

As the weather changes, the Ladybirds are on the hunt for some spare wellies and waterproofs. If you have any size child 6 (EU23) – child 10 (EU28) wellies or any size 3–4 and 4–5 waterproofs hanging around at home, could you please drop them off at the Ladybird classroom. Thank you!

### Staffing updates

We would like to welcome new members of staff, Daniel Jones, Phoebe Coldron and Alice Clifton, who will be teaching, and Matthew Donaldson who will be acting as a teaching assistant in Ladybirds and The Den as well as teaching on supply on other days. Mrs Arif has joined the team as a welfare supervisor, supporting the children at lunchtime.

A reminder that Mrs Rowland and Mrs Singh are Co-heads (Mrs Rowland works 4 days a week, the day might vary from week to week but is usually a Monday. Mrs Singh is deputy four days a week and one day acting headteacher) so if you need to contact either of them their addresses are :

[headteacher@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk) for Mrs Rowland

[singhz@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:singhz@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk) for Mrs Singh

### Eat Smart Webinar – 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10am

[Click here](#) to book a place on the webinar for parents/carers on how to eat well and save money.

### Individual school photos– 20<sup>th</sup> October

Individual school photos will be taken on the 20<sup>th</sup> October during school hours. Any siblings in school on this day will have their photos taken together. Ladybirds who attend at the beginning of the week can come at 8.50am.

### Early Birds

If your child has been asked to attend Early Birds then you will receive a text and a letter will go in their book bag.

### Playground Leaders – apply now!

An application form is in all Y2's book bag for the responsible role of playground leader. Please [click here](#) for the application in case you need another copy.

### Early Birds

If your child has been asked to attend Early Birds then you will receive a text and a letter will go in their book bag. Please only bring your child to Early Birds if they have received a new letter as the groups are different to last year.

### Homework

Remember Year 2 homework is now fortnightly. Check the school website to find the first homework tasks and each child will bring their new homework book home on Friday.

### Second hand 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**

Attendance target 2024–25: 97.5%. Currently school is at **97.8%**. 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 **0.28%** 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 will start from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept

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

This will start from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept

### Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

This will start from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept

### Y2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

This will start from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept