



# Dobcroft Newsletter

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



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### 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 2025 to cover the cost of our consumables. You will be able to pay this via ParentPay. Please [click here](#) for further information.

### 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.**

### Parent governor vote

We are delighted that seven parents/carers have put their name forward to become a governor. This shows real support for the school so thank you. They are:  
Mr Leo Ingvorsen, Dr Ibrahim Hussain, Mr Patrick Curry, Mr James Needham, Mr Kevin Brennan- Swann, Mr Jorge Bronze and Mr Michael Pearson.  
Unfortunately we only have one parent governor place at the moment so please read [this information about the applications](#) and then vote once [here](#) by **noon on 30<sup>th</sup> September**.

### Eco Message: Second Hand Uniform

A huge thank you to FODS and all that have helped to sell second hand uniform over the summer and last Friday after school. This not only has a positive sustainability impact, it also saves our community money and supports the school financially. The Nursery Infant Back-to-School sales are a massive £600.10. That's 600 items of clothing that have not gone to land fill!



We are excited to announce our upcoming Dobcroft Christmas Fayre, we are planning a wonderful evening filled with festive fun!



**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday 10th December from 3.30pm to 6.30pm.** The event will be hosted at the Nursery Infant School and everyone is welcome to come and join us.

### Calling all crafters and creative talents - we need you!

After the huge success of our 'Dobcroft Makes' stall last year, we'd like to do it all again and we need your help! Do you like to make Christmas decorations, handmade gifts, crochet toys or anything at all that you think you could donate to put on our stall to sell to help raise funds?

If you're interested in participating, have any questions or need more information then please email us on [fods.info.mail@gmail.com](mailto:fods.info.mail@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance for your generosity and creativity. We look forward to seeing your wonderful creations.

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

### Oct 2025

**1st**

Whole school  
Artist visit James  
Brunt

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

CENSUS day

**7<sup>th</sup>**

Gardening  
Session  
3.30-5pm

**16<sup>th</sup>**

FS2 Walk to the  
Woods 9.15-  
10.15am

**17<sup>th</sup>**

Infant School  
Disco

**20<sup>th</sup>**

Individual School  
Photos

**22<sup>nd</sup>**

Dress down day

**22<sup>nd</sup>**

Last day of half  
term

### DNIS Parent Guide

In response to feedback, we have developed a brief Parent Guide that details the main things parents/carers need to be aware of. It is designed to answer the main questions that we are asked at the beginning of the school year. Please [click here](#).

### Gardening session – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 3.45pm-5.00pm

Join our community gardening club to improve the school grounds including the wildlife garden and forest school. **All children must be accompanied by an adult.** Everyone is welcome, so if a green-fingered relative would like to join, their help would be greatly appreciated.



Please join us if you can, after school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. Meet us outside the entrance to Kingfishers class.

We will be weeding, cutting back summer growth, making the eco greenhouse and getting raised beds ready for vegetable planting by the children. **Please bring your own equipment if possible.**

### 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. Please note the lost property is now in the area outside the butterfly room on shelves. Please come and look if your child has lost an item of clothing.

### SANDS fundraising walk

Sands exists to reduce the number of babies dying and to support anyone affected by the death of a baby, before, during or shortly after birth, whenever this happened and for as long as they need support.

As you may be aware, people within our school community have been affected by this issue and so we wanted to take action to fundraise so that other people will have the support from this excellent charity.



A group of Dobcroft staff are taking part in a fundraising walk on 12<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to contribute, please [click here](#) to access our Just Giving page.

### Foundation Stage 2 Walk to the woods

FS2 will be going on a walk to Ecclesall woods to look for signs on autumn on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October. We will leave school at 9.15am and return for around 10.15am. If you are able to help out, please email your child's class teacher. Due to ratio requirements, we are unable to have parents to help on the trip if they have younger siblings with them. Thank you in advance!

### Otters Library Volunteer

Otters have had a parent volunteer to help with library on either a Thursday or a Friday. They would like to share this with another parent. If you are an Otter parent who would be willing to share the library volunteer role, please let Mrs Cooke know via email on [cookeb@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:cookeb@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk)

### Y1 Grandparent Request

To help us develop our understanding of toys from the past we would like to invite Grandparents from Y1 children in to discuss toys from their childhood in the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> October. Please email your class teachers if one of your child's grandparents is able to come in to arrange a time that this would be suitable.

### Year 2 plastic bottle donations

Year 2 are going to be making bird feeders in Science to help birds around school survive in winter months from plastic bottles. These need to be 500ml bottle size. Please bring them in to your class teacher by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

### 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 £4.00.

### **Attendance**

Attendance target 2024-25: **97.5%**. Currently school is at **98.31%**. 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 **0.17%** 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

The ladybirds were very excited to explore our mud kitchen this week. We have talked about how to use it appropriately and have enjoyed extending our vocabulary and using our imagination. We have started talking about the changes we have noticed around us and are beginning to recognise the shifting seasons.

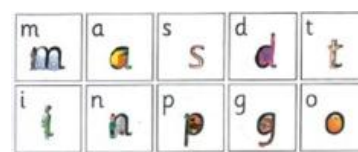
We are continuing to use our friends names and using our manners. We are learning how to talk to our friends respectfully and are beginning to understand how to manage some conflicts. We have been using the timer to take turns with our toys and are can talk about the importance of sharing. We are still working on being 'tip, top tidiers' within ladybirds and the reasons for looking after our classroom.

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

We have had another lovely week in Foundation Stage. The children have made playdough and enhanced it using lemon essence and dried citrus fruits. We've had great fun making cakes and lemon meringue pies for each other.

We have been learning the first 10 Set 1 phonics sounds, and have started learning how to blend. Each child will be bringing home a reading diary and book linked to their phonic level this week. Please ensure your child has their reading diary and book in their blue book bag every day. They will be read with in school during the week and their book will be changed at this time. We will assess the children half termly in their phonic knowledge and change their book bandings accordingly.



In maths, we have been exploring size and ordering objects from largest to smallest. We have learnt new songs and rhymes in our daily Maths Moments, and have become super at subitising from 0-6 (recognising how many objects are in a set without needing to count them).

The children have thoroughly enjoyed using split pins, treasury tags, tape, hole punchers, and staples independently in the creative area to join paper together in different ways. We will continue to read 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' over the next week, and will be making a friend for the bear using these skills towards the end of next week.

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### Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

**English** – We have learnt to identify nouns in sentences.

**Maths** – counting backwards from a given number within 10

**Science** – Recognising that we use our ears to hear.

**Computing** – practise using a keyboard on a computer.

**RE** – identify how Christians thank God for the World.

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### Y2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

**English** – we have written simple sentences about "Leaf" and generated questions we would ask the characters

**Maths** -we have ordered numbers to 100 in ascending and descending order

**DT** – we have designed a vehicle with wheels and axles that we will be making in a few week

**RE** – we thought about the importance of forgiveness and times we have forgiven others or been forgiven

**RHE** – we thought about things that are important to us

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