



Dobcroft Newsletter

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Respectful use of scooters and bikes

We have had a number of reports of children riding their scooters and bikes very fast along the cinder path and this has resulted in some collisions. Please be mindful that there are lots of people at the start/end of the school day and be careful and go slower when scooting and cycling. We would like to remind you that you need to dismount when on school property. Remember to take your scooter/bike home with you at the end of each day – they should not be left on site overnight.

Individual school photos- 20th October

Individual school photos will be taken on the 20th 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.**

Response to emails

If you send an email to your child's class teacher(s), please could you copy both class teachers into the email so that the email chain is visible to both job share teachers. Please also bear in mind that, although we may reply to your email sooner, our school policy states that emails should be replied to within five working days. If your email is of an urgent nature, please contact the school office.

Ad-hoc wraparound care (Larks & Owls)

We would like to make you aware that if you are struggling before or after school with childcare, you can ring up the school office on any given day to request ad-hoc cover in Larks (before school) and Owls (after school). Please [click here](#) for more information on our website. Please be aware we also have a few places available for regular wraparound care.

Parking at drop/off and pick up times

We have had a number of complaints from our neighbours with regards to parents/carers parking across drives meaning home owners have been unable to leave for work/return from a night shift. We would also like to remind parent/carers that the car park is for staff ONLY unless you have a pre-determined arrangement with the school.

Gardening session – Tuesday 7th 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 7th. **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.**



Parent consultations

You will be sent an email soon with information on how to book your parent consultation with your child's class teacher. Please DO NOT book an appointment if your child is on the SEND register or in receipt of pupil premium funding as you will have a review meeting or structured conversation instead of the parent consultation.

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

Oct 2025

1st

Whole school
Artist visit James
Brunt

2nd

CENSUS day
(please encourage
your child to have a
dinner)

7th

Gardening
Session
3.30-5pm

16th

FS2 Walk to the
Woods 9.15-
10.15am

17th

Infant School
Disco

20th

Individual School
Photos

22nd

PINS meeting for
parents

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 12th October. If you would like to contribute, please [click here](#) to access our Just Giving page.



Rights Respecting

The Rights Respecting council organised a **Harvest Festival collection for the charity Baby Basics**. We would like to say a huge **thank you** to all that have donated! We have gathered a truly impressive collection. Your contribution will make an incredible difference to families who are unable to provide these items themselves.

Right of the half term

Article 12

I have the right to be listened to, and taken seriously.



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 half term' with you as part of our valuable school community.



Foundation Stage Reading Diaries

FS2 have now been given a reading diary and a reading book. These will be changed weekly. We do not change every child's book on a set day, so it is important that they bring their blue book bag with reading diary and book to school every day. Your child will be read with once per week with a school adult, and they will have a comment in their diary letting you know what we are focusing on in school. Please try to look at the book with your child at least twice per week, and note in their reading record each time you do.

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 16th 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!

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 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 **98.0%**. 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 **0.29%** of children were marked as late.

22nd

Dress down day

22nd

Last day of half term

Nov 2025

10th

Anti-bullying day
(children to wear odd socks)

14th

Children in Need

Y2 assemblies

9:15

25th - WP

26th - KF

27th - Eagles

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 been exploring autumn in Ladybirds this week. We have read 'The Leaf Thief' and talked about the changes we can see and feel around us. Next Tuesday AM and Thursday AM we will be visiting our Forest School to see what we notice in autumn. Please can you ensure your child has suitable clothing for these days as we will be going whatever the weather.

The children will be bringing home their autumn treasure bags and we would love it if you could take them on an autumn walk and bring back any natural autumn treasures you find. We will use these for talking prompts and for lovely autumn crafts.

Laura Hardwick – hardwickl@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

We have had a busy week! The children have enjoyed making mint scented blue under the sea playdough, creating bears in the creative areas using collage materials and paint and playing teachers in our maths area to practise their newly acquired subitising skills. Subitising means knowing the amount within a set without having to count. You could practise this at home using pasta shells, toys or even holding fingers up. We have had a special visitor, James Brunt, in school. He is an artist who creates his art using natural resources and designs patterns with them outdoors. We enjoyed going to Forest School to meet him, and to help him to make a whole school spiral artwork using natural resources. All children have been given a new book and reading record to share with you at home.

We are looking forward to starting our 'Stickman' story book, and are excited to collect sticks and leaves on our walk to the woods to make our very own stickmen.

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

English – We have been generating different nouns for the Gruffalo and writing them in sentences.

Maths – Identifying whether a group has fewer, more or the same.

RHE – We have been looking at our school community and recognising why certain people are special to us.

Science – We have been tasting different foods and recognising whether they are sweet, sour, bitter or salty.

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Y2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

English – Our new text is 'Traction Man'. We have been sequencing the story and learning how to spell key vocabulary.

Maths - We have been learning to count in multiples of 2s, 5s, 10s, and 3s.

RHE – We learned about saving money and ways that we could earn money.

Science – We have been continuing to learn about different animals and their needs for survival. This week, we learned about reptiles.

Art – James Brunt visited us in school on Wednesday. We went up to forest school and helped to create a composition using natural materials around us

We will making vehicles in DT on the week commencing 13th October. Please collect suitable materials for the body and wheels. Examples include bottle tops and boxes no bigger than a (nut-free) cereal box. Please bring these in on 13th October.

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