



Dobcroft Newsletter

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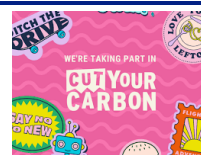
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Have a lovely half term

Thank you to everyone for a lovely half term. We hope you have a restful holiday and we will see you on **Monday 3rd November 2025**.

Cut Your Carbon Month – November

This November we are joining the Eco-Schools campaign to **Cut Our Carbon** and help protect our planet! We're learning how small, everyday actions in school *and* at home can make a big difference.



As part of the campaign, we'd like you as a family, to work through six fun and practical challenges over the month of November:

1. **Cool it:** Do 3 washes at 30 °C
2. **Ditch the drive:** Make three journeys active
3. **Drop It Like It's Hot:** Turn down the heating by 1°C for a week
4. **Veggie Vibes:** Make three evening meals plant based
5. **Meal Plan-et:** Meal plan to reduce waste for one week
6. **Have a device free day**

The estimated carbon savings are if everyone in DNIS do each challenge – imagine the impact if your whole family joined in!

It's amazing the impact of eating just 3 veggie meals and turning the thermostat down 1 °C for a week.

[Click here](#) to join in and try these at home— let's see how many we can tick off together this November.

Estimated Carbon Savings	
'Cool It.'	255.6 kgCO ₂ e
'Ditch The Drive.'	471.2 kgCO ₂ e
'Drop It Like It's Hot.'	2,146.8 kgCO ₂ e
'Veggie Vibes.'	3,468.1 kgCO ₂ e
'Meal Plan-et.'	89.3 kgCO ₂ e
'Have a Device-Free Day.'	61.6 kgCO ₂ e

Eco Team News – Christmas Clothes Pop-Up Shop – Monday 8th Dec

The Eco Team want to help protect the environment. Their first project is to help our school community to minimise our clothes waste. Did you know:

- The fast fashion industry is responsible for approximately 8% of global carbon emissions and – more than all international flights and maritime shipping combined.
- The fashion industry is the second large consumer of water.
- It is estimated that approximately 60% of all fast fashion items are produced with plastic-based fabrics and a staggering 35% of all micro plastics in the ocean come from this industry

With this in mind we are hosting a Christmas pop-up shop on **Monday 8th December** before and after school. Please bring in your Christmas jumpers, T-shirts, trouser, PJs and shirts etc. and leave them in the school entrance in the labelled box by Friday 5th Dec. Then visit the pop up shop to purchase your new Christmas wardrobe!

Lost Property – new and improved!

As you will probably know, our lost property is always full and often quite a mess as a result. We have started a new regime where all jumpers and tops will be hung up – we are really hoping that this will keep it tidier and make it easier for parents to find their child's clothes. All remaining clothes that are hung up are un-named as all named clothes were taken to the relevant classroom yesterday. If you have lost an item of clothing and it wasn't named, please have a look. Anything that is not claimed by Friday 7th November will be given to FODS to be sold.



Please keep our school tidy

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Nov 2025

3rd
First day back at school

5th
FS1 book look
Beginning of the week children:
11:30 – 12:00

End of the week children: 3:00–3:30

Full time children: please come to either session.

6th
Diwali dance workshop

10th
Anti-bullying day
(children to wear odd socks)

w/c 10th
Y2 First aid starts for 6 weeks

14th
Children in Need

20th
PINS meeting 9am

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.



Y2 assemblies

9:15

25th – WP

26th – KF

27th – Eagles

25th

Walk around
local area
(parent helpers will
be required)

Ladybirds book look – 5th November

You are invited to come along to Ladybirds on Wednesday the 5th November and enjoy looking at your child's learning with them. You will also have the opportunity to chat to the Ladybird adults during this session.

Beginning of the week children: 11:30 –12:00

End of the week children: 3:00–3:30

Full time children: please come to either session.

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 **97.9%**. 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 **0.42%** 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 week we have been talking about using gentle hands in Ladybirds. We have noticed a few of our Ladybird toys and books have been broken so we have thought about ways that our hands can help or hurt. We are sad that we have had to put so many things in the bin and have talked about ways that we can prevent any more of our lovely things getting broken. Our resident mischief maker Norman came to play and we reminded him to use gentle hands and gentle words with our Ladybird friends.

Now that the children have settled into Ladybirds, we will be asking children to keep their cuddly toys in their bags or leave them at home. We understand that there are times of the day that children might need a comfort object but we will be encouraging a little bit of separation from these objects throughout the day. These are precious things and it is hard to keep track of these and ensure they are not damaged while they are with us. They also cause disagreements between friends so we will be encouraging the Ladybirds to keep these things safe in our bags from next half term. We please ask for your support with this.

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

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

Personal, Social, and Emotional – we have been learning all about our school values and the 5 R's. These are – be reflective, be resilient, be a risk taker, be resourceful, be reciprocal. You may notice your child coming home with a sticker letting you know they've shown one of the 5 R's learning behaviours at school.

Literacy – we have written a shopping list for the ingredients we need for apple crumble.

Maths – recognising, subitising, and representing numbers to 5.

Understanding of the World – learning about Diwali, Preparing and making an apple crumble.

Expressive Arts – rangoli patterns, mehndi handprints and Diwali cards.

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

English – We have created a character that could be in The Gruffalo story.

Maths – We have revised our knowledge of number lines and counting to ten.

History – We have continued to compare toys from the past and the present and discussed which we would prefer to play with.

Art – We have looked back on our work from this half term and evaluated it. Thinking carefully about what we could improve in our next piece of art.

Music – We have started to learn the songs for our Christmas performance!

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Y2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

English – we have written our own version of what happens next in the Traction Man story.

Maths – we have been adding two 2-digit numbers crossing tens (e.g. $26 + 18$)

Computing – we have been learning about what personal information is and how we can keep it private.

RE – we have been learning about why forgiveness is important to Christians.

PSHE – we have been learning about what makes a good global citizen.

The Year 2 team would like to wish everyone a lovely half term holiday! Have a good rest, and we look forward to welcoming you back on Mon 3rd November!

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