



Dobcroft Newsletter

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Odd Socks Day and Anti Bullying Week



Anti-Bullying Week 2025 will take place from 10th to 14th November, with the theme: Power for Good. During the week the children will learn what bullying is and what they should do if they think a bullying situation is taking place.

We are launching the week with Odd Socks day on Monday 10th November. We would like the children to wear odd socks to school on this day to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Additional support and advice for parents is available on the [Anti bullying alliance website](#)

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

Children In Need – Friday 14th Nov

BBC Children in Need is back this year on Friday 14th November 2025! We will be celebrating in school by wearing yellow and/or spots and having a bun sale. We would be very grateful for donations of buns to be dropped off on Friday 14.11.25. Please provide a bun for your child in a clearly labelled bag/box if they have allergies. Please go to the link on ParentPay if you would like to donate.

Feedback Survey

We value your feedback about the school, both positive and areas we can improve. Your comments form part of our school improvement cycle and we will inform you of any changes once we have analysed your feedback.

[Click here](#) for term dates 25–26

Nov 2025

3rd
First day back at school

5th
FS1 book look

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
wear yellow or spots. Donate buns if you are able for the bun sale. If you have an allergy, bring your own labelled bun

20th
PINS meeting 9am

Y2 assemblies 9:15

Please [Click here](#) to complete the survey.

Christmas Fayre



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!

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We would like to build on the success of the Dobcroft Makes stall from last year 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

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

Right of the half term

Article 23

If I have a disability, I have the right to special care and education.



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.



Christmas carol singing

The Year 2s will be singing Christmas Carols on **Monday 1st December at 3.00pm in the bottom playground** to raise money for St Luke's Hospice. The children will later be taking the cheque to the hospice and singing carols to the residents. All parents/carers are welcome to come to school early on that day and listen to the children sing. It's a great opportunity to get in the festive spirit as well as raise money for a fabulous charity.



Y2 Victorian Day – 2nd December

Children are invited to dress up in Victorian attire for the day! [Click here](#) for more details.

Y2 class assemblies

Please see dates for when your class will be performing. All classes will be doing their class assembly at 9.15am. Please drop your child off as normal at their classroom and then go to find a seat in the school hall, entry via the back of the school. The assembly usually lasts about 15–20 minutes.

Walk in the Woods – Tuesday 25th Nov

In the morning on Tuesday 5th November, Year 1 will be going on a local walk linked to our Geography learning. We will be looking for human and physical features in our local area. As this trip will involve walking in the woods please bring wellies and raincoats for your child to wear.

All three classes (Foxes, Hedghogs and Squirrels) will be leaving after register (around 9.15am) and will return to school by 10.30am)

Please email your child's teacher if you are able to come and help.

25th – WP
26th – KF
27th – Eagles

25th
Walk around local area
(parent helpers will be required)

Dec 2024

1st
Y1 Sewing Workshop
(volunteers required)

1st – 3:00pm
Y2 carol singing in the bottom yard

2nd
Y2 Victorian Day

3rd
Y1 school trip to the Church – The Nativity
(parent helpers will be required)

FS2 Winter Show
2nd – 9.30pm
3rd – 2.30am
4th – 2.30pm

FS1 Performance
2nd – 9.15am
4th – 9.15am

8th
Christmas clothes pop up shop

9th
FS2 pantomime trip (morning)

10th
Christmas Fayre

Year 1 Christmas Play

Year 1 have begun rehearsing for their Christmas play, which will be on the 15th, 16th and 17th of December. Details regarding tickets for the show will follow. Your child should have received information regarding their part and costume. Please ensure that all costume items are clearly labelled with your child's name and are brought into school by December 8th.

Year 1 Millhouses Methodist Church trip

Year 1 will be going down to Millhouses Methodist Church on Wednesday 3rd December to learn about the Nativity story and to take decorations made in school that are designed around parts of the Nativity story. This is part of the Methodists Church Christmas Festival. If you'd also like to visit as a family in your own time to see the Christmas Trees the church website contains details of when they are open.

Hedgehogs and half of Squirrels will be going in the morning. They will be leaving school straight after registration and their session will be at 9:30 – 11am. They will then return to school for lunch.

Foxes and the other half of Squirrels will go in the afternoon leaving school at 1:15pm for their session at 1:30 – 3:00pm when they will return to school.

Parent Helpers –

Hedgehogs – please email Mr Jones if you are able to help

Foxes – Please email Miss Tinker if you are able to help

Squirrels – You will receive a slip saying whether your child is going in the morning or the afternoon. If you are able to help on the trip, please email Miss Coldron.

Y1 Sewing workshops – 1st December – volunteers required

For our DT learning this half term, we will be designing and making puppets to help us retell the story of The Last Wolf which we are learning about in English.

On Monday 1st December (from 1.20pm) we will be having a year 1 sewing workshop where we will be making our puppets. This will involve us sewing our puppets together and decorating them.

We would love some additional support with this. If any parents, carers or family members are able to come in and help please let your class teacher know. The more the merrier :D

FS2 Winter Show

FS2 have begun rehearsing for their Winter Show, which will be on 2nd, 3rd and 4th December. Details regarding tickets for the show will follow. Thank you to those who have already brought costumes into school. Please ensure that all costume items are clearly labelled with your child's name before bringing them into school.

FS2 Pantomime Trip – Tues 9th Dec (am)

As part of our learning about Traditional Tales, FS2 will be visiting the Rotherham pantomime. This year, the story is 'Robin Hood'. If you would like to sign up to help on this trip, please email your child's class teacher on or before Friday 21st November. If more parents sign up than we are able to take with us, we will draw names randomly on Monday 24th November. We will then let you know if you have been selected.

Mice New Class Teacher

As you will be aware, Mrs Pemberton is soon to have her baby. With this in mind, we would like you to join us in welcoming Mr Donaldson, who will take over from Mrs Pemberton from Thursday 6th November 2025. Miss Chaudhry will continue to work on Monday + Tuesdays + alternate Wednesdays alongside Mr Donaldson. Please now direct your emails to:

11th

Christmas clothes day
(come dressed in Christmassy colours and/or clothes)

11th

Reindeer Run

Y1 Performance

15th – 2.30pm

16th – 9.30am

17th – 2.30pm

Shama Chaudhry – chaudhrys@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk
Matthew Donaldson – donaldsonm@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

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 **97.6%**. 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 **0.47%** 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 have had a blast learning about the traditions of bonfire night this week. We have made firework pictures in different ways from using small movements with small loom band pictures right up to large movements with an outdoor play tray. We have talked about the colours that fireworks make and what happens when colours mix together.

We have talked about the importance of being safe around fireworks and sparklers as well as safety at busy events like firework displays. We also stayed on theme for our snack this week by making edible sparklers.

We have been thinking carefully about our learning behaviours in Ladybirds and this week we have been looking at one of our 5 Rs which are the learning behaviours we encourage across school. We have talked about what it means to be reciprocal learners in Ladybirds and how we can work well together as a team. You have probably noticed a lot of reciprocal learner stickers which have been given out when we have spotted children working well together. We would love for you to be using this language at home with your children and let us know if you spot them being reciprocal with friends and family.

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 fire safety with Bonfire Night in mind.

Literacy – we have introduced our new book, The Rainbow Fish which we will be using as our stimulus for our learning in the next week..

Maths – we have introduced the part-part-whole model and continued our work in recognising, subitising, and representing numbers to 5.

Understanding of the World – we have taken part in a Diwali dance workshop

Expressive Arts – we have been making Firework pictures and began to learn our songs for our Winter Show.

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

English – We have been writing simple sentences focusing on our capital letters and full stops focused on our book of The Last Week. We have also been practising our ladder letters.

Maths – We have thought about adding parts together and adding more. We have then applied our adding knowledge to solve word problems.

Science – We have been looking at the seasonal changes of Autumn.

RE – We have thought about Jesus being born in a stable.

Music – We have begun learning songs for our Christmas play.

Computing – Using shape tools to create digital pictures.

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Y2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

Maths – we have been subtracting 2 digit numbers without crossing tens (45 – 22) and subtracting from a multiple of 10 (60 – 5)

English – we began our new text "Oliver Twist" and looked at key vocabulary and what word type they are

Science – we looked at ways to keep our bodies healthy and hygienic and looked at how germs spread

PSHE – we looked at what makes a good friend and what we can do if we fall out with our friends

PE – we started our yoga lessons

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