



Dobcroft Newsletter

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Christmas Clothes Pop-Up Shop

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

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!



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

Nov 2025

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

25th - WP

26th - KF

27th - Eagles

25th

Walk around local area (parent helpers will be required)

28th

Festive wreath Making

Dec 2024

1st

Y1 Sewing Workshop (volunteers required)

Dec 2024

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.

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.

Festive Wreath Making – Friday 28th November

Please join FODS for some festive wreath making

Date: Friday 28th November

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Where: Dobcroft Nursery Infant School hall

Cost £30 pp including a drink on arrival

Licensed bar

Link to book - <https://zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/fods-christmas-wreath-making-workshop>

[Click here](#) for more details.



PINS parent meeting

Please see the below for details of the next PINS parent meeting.

Dobcroft Nursery Infant SEND parent carer meeting

Does your child at Dobcroft Nursery Infant School have any additional needs?
Do you have concerns that your child may have additional needs?
(Any special educational need and/or disability (SEND), with or without a diagnosis)*

If so, come along to the next parents and carers meeting* with a project worker from the Sheffield Parent Carer Forum.

Let's talk about:

- SEND processes
- Masking
- Give you thoughts on an animation developed to share with children
- Ask questions and discuss concerns.
- Meet other parents.

Where: Dobcroft Nursery Infant School**
When: 9am Wednesday 20th November 2025

* This is part of the PINS/autism in schools project, but if you have a child who has any additional need, you are invited to attend
** If you are planning on coming along, please let Sue know at: susan.oshea@sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk

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.

Y2 Singing trips

We are off to Ranulf Court (Monday 8th December, leaving at 1:20pm) and St Luke's Hospice (Weds 10th December, leaving at 9am) to sing some christmas carols. We would love for you to put on your santa hat and join us. Each class will need a minimum of 5 adults to help us walk down, but the more the merrier! If you would like to join us, please email your class teacher.

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.

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 – 2:30am
4th – 9.15am

8th
Christmas
clothes pop up
shop

8th
1.20pm
Singing at Ranulf
Court
(parent volunteers
required)

10th
9.00am
Singing at St
Luke's Hospice
(parent volunteers
required)

9th
FS2 pantomime
trip (morning)

10th
Christmas Fayre

11th
Christmas
clothes day

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.

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 'Snow White'. If you would like to sign up to help on this trip, please email your child's class teacher before Monday 17th 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.

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.

(come dressed in Christmassy colours and/or clothes)

11th
Reindeer Run

Y1 Performance
15th – 2.30pm
16th – 9.30am
17th – 2.30pm

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 **97.4%**. 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

This week the Ladybirds have been continuing their topic of celebrations by preparing for Lily's birthday. Our resident Ladybird is turning 4 next week and we have been thinking about all of the things we need to celebrate her birthday. We have enjoyed talking about our own birthdays and have used our fine motor skills to wrap some presents for Lily. There have been lots of cards and cakes with different numbers on which have given us the opportunity to recognise numbers and we have been counting the correct number of candles onto the cakes. We will continue to prepare for Lily's party next week.

We have also had a great time this week taking part in activities for Anti-bullying Week, Remembrance Day and Children in Need. We have used our fine motor skills to create dotty poppies, identified the correct colours to complete a Pudsey picture and designed our own odd socks.

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

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

It was anti bullying week this week. Children have discussed respect and kindness as well as designing their own blue buddy. Children have learnt about Remembrance Day and took part in lots of activities related to this topic in the continuous provision such as printing poppies using apples and designing their own collage poppy wreath.

In maths, children have started learning about shapes and practised sorting circles and triangles as well as describing their properties.

In literacy, children have been making Silly Soup using rhyming CVC words then wrote their own rhyming string using items from our cauldron.

On Friday, children have been raising money for Children in Need. They have learnt about how the charity helps children and families that are less fortunate. Children have enjoyed taking part in a range of activities such as making their own Pudsey Bear headbands, doing a special Children in Need dance challenge and, of course, having a tasty treat from our bun sale!

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

Maths – we have been learning about number bonds within 10 and fact families.

English – we have been using our senses to do some descriptive writing about the woods.

Science – we have explored materials and their properties.

Geography – we have practised remembering our address and the city we live in.

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Y2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

Maths – we have been subtracting 2 digit numbers from 2 digit numbers, crossing tens (52 – 28). We have used the exchange method to do this.

English - we have continued to read "Oliver Twist". We have recapped the co-ordinating conjunctions 'and' and 'but', and have learned some new ones too (or, so, yet).

PSHE – as part of Anti-Bullying Week, we have learned about bullying, and how we can stand up for others

History – we have continued to learn about the Victorians. This week we looked at the different jobs that Victorian children were made to do.

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