



Dobcroft Newsletter

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Eco Newsletter

We're excited to share the second edition of the Peak Edge Eco Newsletter! This issue highlights the fantastic work our schools are doing to promote sustainability and protect our environment. Inside, you'll find updates on recent eco-projects and ways you can get involved in our green initiatives.



[Peak Edge Eco Newsletter Issue 2](#)

New DNIS School Lottery

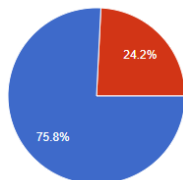
We're excited to share that our new weekly school lottery is launching soon!

This is a great opportunity to be in with a chance of winning cash prizes while also helping to raise valuable funds for our school. The first draw will take place on **Saturday 14th February**.

[Click here to buy tickets](#)



Meal Survey Response – should we have another meat free day?



● yes
● no

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent survey. Over three-quarters of respondents told us they would welcome an additional meat-free day each week. This is a positive step that supports our work to reduce the school's carbon footprint.

We want to reassure families that we will not be replacing meat dishes with highly processed meat-free substitutes. Instead, we are working closely with our school chef to develop a healthy, nutritious meal that children will enjoy. All other meal options available each day will remain exactly the same.

This small change helps us promote sustainability while continuing to offer a balanced and appealing menu.

Parent Consultations – wc 9th March – save the date

Save the Date – Parent Consultations

Please save the following dates for our upcoming parent consultations.

All meetings will take place between 1.30pm and 6.00pm. Following feedback from our recent parent survey, this extended timing allows for more after-school and evening appointments.

Monday 9th March – Year 2 (Eagles, Woodpeckers and Kingfishers)

Tuesday 10th March – Year 1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

Wednesday 11th March – FS1 (Ladybirds)

Thursday 12th March – FS2 (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

Further details about how to book appointments will be shared nearer the time.

[Click here](#) for
term dates 25–26
Term dates 26–27

Jan 2026

28th
FS2 Fairy Tale
dress up day

28th
FS1 Fairy Tale dress
up day

Feb 2026

2nd
Chinese Dance
Workshop

4th
Whole School
Concerteenies
performance of
Blown Away

5th
Number Day

10th
Safer Internet
Day

10th
Martial Arts Taster
Sessions

11th
Y1 Art Exhibition
9.15–9.45: Foxes
1.45–2.15: Hedgehogs
2.45–3.15: Squirrels

13th
Dress Down Day
(last day of term)

24th

2026–2027 School Calendar

Please [click here](#) – this shows holidays and INSET days.

9:15 – 12:30
Points Network
Games
EIS

Number Day – 5th Feb

We will be joining in with the NSPCC Number Day again this year, on Thursday 5th February. The children are invited to come to school 'Dressed for Digits'. This could be wearing a football shirt with a number on the back, wearing a birthday badge, or wearing a number or shape related costume. Throughout the day, children will be taking part in different maths related activities. They will also learning about the NSPCC, the charity behind Number Day, and how 'Dressing for Digits' can help raise funds to support children around the UK. A voluntary £1 donation will be added to ParentPay should you wish to show your support in the form of a donation. You can find more information from the NSPCC about Number day by clicking [here](#).

Concerteenies visit – 4th Feb

On Wednesday 4th Feb, Concerteenies, a professional children's music organisation, will be visiting us to present their musical story "Blown Away." All pupils, including nursery, will be taking part in this special musical event.

To help cover the cost of this workshop, we are asking parents for a **voluntary contribution of £3 per child** which can be paid on ParentPay.

Please [click here](#) for further information about the workshop and how to contribute.

Thank you in advance!

Celebration newsletter – add something special

If your child has done something special outside of school that deserves a celebration, we'd love to hear about it! This could be anything from performing in a show, raising money for charity, achieving a personal goal or award, or completing something they've been working towards for a long time.

Please feel free to let us know so we can include their achievement in our next Celebration Newsletter and share their success with the school community.

Dogs on site

We are a dog-friendly school and love seeing your four-legged friends at drop-off and pick-up. To help keep our paths and play areas clean and safe for everyone, please ensure that any dog mess is picked up and disposed of promptly.

Thank you for helping us maintain a clean environment for our children and families.

February half term holiday club

DASH are offering a club during the holidays on Friday 20th February.

Club – Animal club

Opening times – 8.15am–5.45pm

Price – £35.00

Limited places offered on a first come first served basis.

Email Dashclubmanager@gmail.com to book

Right of the half term

Article 29

I have the right to become the best

I can be.



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.

FODS News

SAVE THE DATE – FODS Quiz Night

FODS are excited to announce our first quiz night of the year in support of Dobcroft Infant and Junior School.

1 Friday 30th January 2026

📍 Dobcroft Infant School

🕒 Quiz starts at 8.00pm (doors open 7.30pm)



The quiz will be in the style of the Big Fat Quiz of the Year and promises to be a fun, relaxed night out and a great way to kick off fundraising for 2026.

Full details and the booking link is can be found [here](#), using the QR code, and will be shared via class WhatsApp groups over the weekend, so please keep an eye out.

EYFS Fairytale Dress up Day

As part of our learning about Heroes and Villains. Children in Ladybirds, Otters, Mice, and Badgers are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite fairytale heroes or villains on Wednesday 28th January. We will be talking about what makes them a hero or a villain and also having a heroes and villains parade in the hall together to show off our costumes. Please note – we would prefer you not to send toy weapons with the children on this day as part of their costumes. Thanks in advance!

FS2 Parent Transition Questionnaire

We value your feedback about the transition process for our FS2 children, both positive and any 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.

FS2 Junk Modelling Resources

We are desperate for junk modelling resources! We have an extremely creative year group who love to get into the making area and work together on their creations. If you have any clean, recyclable materials such as kitchen roll tubes, boxes, yoghurt pots, paper plates, bottle tops, etc. then we would love to use them in the classroom. Please hand them to your child's class teacher. Thank you in advance!

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Poetry Competition

We are pleased to be taking part in the *Sense Poetry 2026* competition, where children are invited to write a short poem inspired by the five senses. This is a fun and creative opportunity for pupils to develop their vocabulary and imagination, with the chance for poems to be published in a real book.

The **closing date for entries to school (send them to your class teacher) is Friday 6th February**. Please see the attached information sheet for further details.



[Click here](#) for an information card

[Click here](#) for a pupil entry form

Y2 EIS Trip – Tuesday 24th February 2026

Year 2s will be attending EIS on Tuesday 24th February. Please arrive at school at **8.15am** as we will need to be on the coach and ready to depart at 8.30am.

Please [click here](#) for more information about the trip and how to pay the voluntary contribution on ParentPay.

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 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 **96.8%**. 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 **0.63%** 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

Thank you to all the families that joined us for our share a story morning on Wednesday. It was so nice to see the classroom full of families enjoying books together.

The children have loved exploring the story of The Three Little Pigs this week. We have been building lots of houses before seeing if they would withstand our huffing and puffing. The children have been retelling the story together, taking on the different roles and putting on wonderful performances. We are looking forward to seeing what other fairy-tale characters will come to ladybirds on Wednesday.

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

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

PSED – identifying trusted adults and who we can to speak to in school and at home if we need help.

Communication and Language – Using full sentences to answer questions. For example, hearing 'How many days are there in a week?' and saying 'There are seven days in a week' in answer to this.

Literacy – holding and writing a simple sentence, such as 'It is a fat cat' independently.

Maths – finding doubles to 10 and recalling some of these from memory.

Understanding the World – celebrating the 5th birthday of our class cuddly toys. Planning their party, and working as a team to decorate the home corner.

Expressive Arts and Design – creating our 'Colour Books'. Exploring how different media and materials can be used to create effects on fabric.

In your child's book bag you will find a handwriting booklet. This shows you all of the letter sounds and correct formation that your child is learning in school. It would be really beneficial if you could have a go at these at home. Thank you in advance!

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

Maths – comparing and ordering numbers to 20

English – We have been learning about the suffixes -ing, -ed, and -s/-es

History – We have been ordering thinking more about living memory and beyond living memory.

Science – We have been learning about animal classifications starting with mammals

PHE – We have been looking at how families are different and not perfect

If your child would like to have a go at a writing competition, please see the link for details and a submission form. Submissions should be returned to the class teacher. Please return by 6th February.

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Y2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

Maths – we begun to learn about multiplication. We have been practising counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s to work out the answers.

English – we have consolidated our grammar skills by learning about apostrophe's for omission (can't, don't, I'm), and by practising writing compound and complex sentences about The Three Little Narwhals.

Science – we have discussed the same object that is made from different material (e.g. spoons can be metal, wood, plastic). We have discussed the suitability of each material based on it's properties.

Art – we have learned about the master painters Van Gogh and Cezanne, and have experimented with gestural mark making in line with these Expressionist artists.

Geography – we have learned about the physical and human features of Esteli (South America). We know about the transport, industry, weather, and national park.

RE – we have learned about the 5 pillars of Islam, and Shahadah – the main belief of Muslims

Please send your child to school with an old t-shirt ready for art next week. We will be using acrylic paint next week which does stain clothes.

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