



Dobcroft Newsletter

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Whole school news **Y2 news** **Y1 news** Foundation Stage 2 News **Ladybirds News**

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 1.20pm and 6.30pm. 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 soon. Please note you will only be able to book appointments using the school app. Please ensure you have downloaded it using the email you were sent before Christmas.

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](#)



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!

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

Feb 2026

2nd

Chinese Dance
Workshop

3rd

WOW (our walking
or wheel to school
incentive) mascot
visit at the school
gates at drop off.

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

9.15 – 12.30

Points Network
Games, EIS

25th

PINS parent
meeting in Hub

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.



community.

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



FODS News

Please use the link below to follow FODS on Facebook. All of their events will be detailed on this page.

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofdobcroftschoools.fods>



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.

Mar 2026

5th

World Book Day

Parent Consultations

9th – Year 2

10th – Year 1

11th – FS1

12th – FS2

5th

Mothers Day Stall

17th

9am

Y1phonics
screening check–
meeting for
parents

16–18th

FS2 Height and
Weight check

20th

Comic Relief

20th

Great Fire of
London workshop

25th

9.15am & 2.45am
Ladybirds and FS2
Easter Bonnet
Parade

27th

Dress down day
and last day of
term

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 **0.64%** 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

Our Ladybirds have continued to enjoy a wonderful world of fairy-tales and have been making up their own stories. They have enjoyed putting on shows for us all week, performing known stories and new creations.

We had a wonderful time celebrating Fairy-tale Dress up Day on Wednesday. We did a parade with FS2 so we could show off our costumes and talked to our friends about the characters we had chosen. We finished the day with a wonderful visit from a Ladybird Nana who did the most gorgeous story time for us. Thank you for everyone's efforts to make this day so much fun.

We have also been learning about the messages from the NSPCC's Pantosaurus this week. We have learned a catchy new song about pants and talked about what parts of our body are private. We have identified trusted adults we can speak to in school and at home if we need help. You can listen to the song at home by clicking [this link](#).

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 – listening to and responding to ideas expressed by others in play.

Literacy – reading and writing words containing special friends 'sh' 'ch' 'th' 'ng' 'nk' 'qu' 'ck'

Maths – recognising and naming 3D shapes (cube, cylinder, cuboid, sphere). Finding and representing doubles using a part whole model.

Understanding the World – knowing that what's in our pants is private. Have a listen to the 'Pantosaurus' story by clicking [this link](#).

Expressive Arts and Design – completing our 'Colour Books' using the colours orange and yellow, and exploring how different media and materials can be used to create effects on fabric.

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

Maths – We have been learning our 2, 10, and 5 times tables

English – We have been using our senses to enhance our writing about the Arctic

History – We have been learning about historical sources and how they are used to research events

Science – We have been learning about animal classifications. This week, we have discussed birds.

PHE – We have been discussing online safety and how much time is appropriate to spend online

We have our Art Exhibition on 11th February. Foxes will be 9:15–4:5, Hedgehogs will be 1:45–2:15, Squirrels will be 2:45–3:15. Parents and carers are welcome to come and have a look at the fantastic art we have been working on.

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 have been dividing using the grouping and sharing methods and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s

English – we have planned our own versions of The Three Little Narwhals, choosing our own setting and characters

Science – we did an investigation testing whether different materials would bend, squash, stretch and twist.

Geography – we compared Esteli and Sheffield and looked at the weather, jobs, transport and population.

Computing – we created a piece of music on Google Chrome Lab to represent an animal and saved it to our SeeSaw account

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.

HOMEWORK IS NOW ALSO ON REACHMORE – PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THIS DOWNLOADED AS ALL HOMEWORK WILL BE SET ON HERE IN THE FUTURE, NOT THE WEBSITE.

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