



Dobcroft Newsletter

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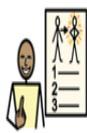
February Half Term

We hope you have a restful half term holiday and we will see you back in school on 23rd February.

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.



On line Safety For Parents

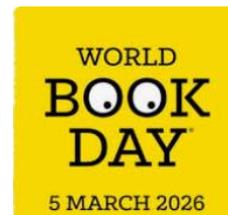
This week, our pupils have been taking part in activities to mark *Safer Internet Day*. Throughout the week, children across the school have been learning about how to stay safe, responsible and respectful online. The internet plays a big part in children's lives, both in and out of school, and working together with families is key to helping them develop safe and positive online habits. To further support families, we have put together a PowerPoint presentation specifically for parents and carers, offering practical advice and guidance on supporting children with online safety at home. Please [click here](#) to view the presentation.



Please [click here](#) for further information from the Government campaign about how to support your child with online safety.

World Book Day – 5th March

World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**. We are asking that children come to school dressed in their **pyjamas/ comfy clothes** (to tie in with our Eco Schools "Buy Nothing New!" Campaign) **and bring their favourite bedtime story with them.**



Throughout the school day we will be looking at the stories the children have brought in and sharing recommendations, reading stories, looking at different characters and noting any similarities and differences between characters and completing a range of fun activities to share our love of reading. Keep an eye on our Spring celebration newsletter for photos!

Each class also going to be learning a poem to perform, so nearer the date please do ask your child which poem their class are learning and help them use their expressive "author voice" when retelling it.

Please [click here](#) for some resources for parents on the World Book Day website for you to take a look at to support reading for pleasure at home.

Click here for term dates 25–26
Term dates 26–27

Feb 2026

23rd

Spring 2 term starts

24th

9:15 – 12:30
Points Network Games, EIS

25th

PINS parent meeting in Hub

24th & 26th

Ladybirds Visit Forest School

Mar 2026

5th

World Book Day

Parent Consultations

9th – Year 2
10th – Year 1
11th – FS1
12th – FS2

5th

Mother's Day Stall

10th & 12th

24th & 26th

Ladybirds Visit Forest School

Maintenance Morning – Sunday 22nd March 2026, 9.30–11.30am

Join our community maintenance morning to improve the school grounds. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



Everyone is welcome, so if you'd like to help with clean up, gardening or general tidying we would welcome your support. **Please bring your own equipment if possible.**

Sun Safe Schools Accreditation

Dobcroft Nursery Infant School are currently working towards gaining our Sun Safe Schools Accreditation. The accreditation programme has been developed by national melanoma and skin cancer charity 'Skin' to assist schools in their duty of care to safeguard children against the dangers of Ultraviolet Radiation (UVR) and educate early learners on the importance of sun safety to influence behaviours and prevent skin cancer.

PROTECTION: providing an environment that enables children and staff to stay safe in the sun.

EDUCATION: learning about sun safety to increase knowledge and influence behaviour.

COLLABORATION: working with parents, the management structure and the wider community to reinforce awareness about sun safety.

Please [click here](#) for further information including our sun protection policy and a useful sun protection booklet.

Parent Consultations

Please ensure you have signed up for a parent consultation on the school app. If your child has a SEND review meeting or a structured conversation (Pupil Premium), you do not need to book an appointment, as your meeting will already be arranged separately. A reminder that these sessions are 10 minutes long.

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)

Active Start at Home

Movement is the foundation of all learning. As part of our partnership with Active Start we will be sharing an **Active Start at Home Activity** for you to complete at home each week. Each activity is designed to be quick to set up and easy to play. This weeks activity focuses on **core strength, balance and coordination.**

Strong Tummy Alphabet > Where Can I Play: **Indoors**

What you need: Slippery Floor, Cloth

Let's Play

Activity 1

- Start on all fours with cloth under preferred hand.
- Slide the cloth along the floor, keeping the rest of the body straight.

Activity 2

- Draw a shape with the cloth.

Activity 3

- Write a letter with the cloth.

Let's Change Things

- Write letters far away from the body.
- Write words on cards and ask the child to slide their hand towards a word.
- Sit on the cloth and wriggle to move across the floor.

Why? Helps to develop:

- balance
- being able to sit at a desk
- being able to ride a bike

☆ Activity Theme **STABILITY**

Logos: active Cumbria, active start, Yorkshire Sport Foundation, Health Education England

Mar 2026

17th

9am

Y1 phonics screening check – meeting for parents

16–18th

FS2 Height and Weight check

20th

Comic Relief

20th

Great Fire of London workshop

22nd

(Sunday)

9.30–11.30

Maintenance Morning

25th

9.15am & 2.45am Ladybirds and FS2 Easter Bonnet Parade

27th

Dress down day and last day of term

Year 1 Art Exhibitions

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Year 1 Art Exhibitions. The children loved being able to show off their hard work and teach you some of the techniques. We understand that it is really tricky to come into school during the day but the children and staff really appreciate it.

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.

Ladybirds Visits to Forest School

If the weather allows, the Ladybirds will be spending more time in our Forest School during Spring 2. Being outdoors is essential for enhancing physical health through movement and improving mental well-being by reducing stress and anxiety, and boosting cognitive development through exploration and creative play. Regular outdoor time improves focus, strengthens immunity, develops motor skills, and fosters independence. Please can you ensure that your child has **suitable outdoor clothing labeled clearly with your child's name** in Ladybirds on the following dates.:

24th & 26th February

10th & 12th March

24th & 26th March

If the weather is unsuitable on these days we will reschedule for another day in the same week.

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 2025–26: **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 **0.66%** 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

We had a wonderful time taking part in the Chinese Dance Workshops this week as well as making lanterns and sharing red envelopes ahead of Chinese New Year. We have learned about the story of the Chinese Zodiac and have used ordinal numbers in our own races.

In preparation for Valentine's Day, we have been talking about the people that are special to us and what we can do to spread love and kindness. We have been using our fine motor skills to carefully cut and stick paper to make a card and used our hand eye coordination with stamps and hole punches to make decorations.

There have been lots of Ladybirds talking about exciting things that they have been doing at home. From new pets and feeding lambs to learning new skills. It is lovely to share news from home and children love to show us the things that they have been doing. Please feel free to email pictures of these exciting things to the email address below so they can share their news with everyone.

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Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

Please scan the QR code opposite to access films to support your child with letter formation at home. It will help them to become confident with their transcription skills. This is an area of focus for the Spring term.



This QR code provides access to films to support your child to learn the Set 1 Special Friends. We are working on recognising, reading, and applying these to our writing.

In maths, we have been learning how to double numbers, and to recognise the 3D shapes cube, cuboid, sphere, cone, pyramid, cylinder. The children are enjoying a doubling rap, which you can find by clicking [here](#).

We have enjoyed learning about how to stay safe on the internet, and joined the rest of the school in a Safer Internet Day assembly.

In your child's bookbag, you will find a number formation sheet, and also a diary template. Your child could write a simple sentence or caption about something that they have done each day of the holiday, and draw a picture to match. After the holiday, we will share these as part of 'Show and Tell'.

We hope that you have a restful holiday!

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

English – We have recapped capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

Maths – We have been halving and quartering.

Science – Continuing with our animal topic, we have looked amphibians.

RHE – We have been looking at how to keep safe online and what information we should keep private.

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Y2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

English – we edited and published our "Three Little" Stories in our neatest handwriting.

Maths – we have finished our multiplication and division block so recapped multiplying and dividing by 2, 5 and 10.

Computing – it was Safer Internet Day this week, so we learnt about AI (artificial intelligence) and how we can use it safely.

Science – we carried out an experiment to see which material would be best for an umbrella

Art – we finished our expressive art block and reviewed our final still life painting work, explaining which tools and colours we used and why we like our artwork.

HOMEWORK ON REACHMORE – Homework will be released this week on ReachMore in the "Home Learning" section – please make sure you have the Reachmore app downloaded in order to view it.

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