



Dobcroft Newsletter

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Local Governing Board election

We are delighted that two parents/carers have put their name forward to become a governor. This shows real support for the school so thank you. They are:

Jessica Biddle and Zoe Sullivan

Unfortunately we only have one parent governor place at the moment so please read [info in supporting documents](#) and then vote once before **noon on 27th April** using this [form](#). **Thank you to those parents who have already voted.**

Vacuum Cleaner Donation

Please could you get in touch with school on 0114 236 8099 or singhz@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk if you have a spare vacuum cleaner that you wouldn't mind donating to The Den. We would be greatly appreciated it. Thank you for your support.

Share A Story

We would like to welcome all parents and carers into your child's classroom on Wednesday 29th April to share a story with them.

KS1 and FS2 at 8.50am-9.15am

Ladybirds at 9.00-9.30am & 3.00-3.30pm

Right of the half term

Article 24

I have the right to good food and clean water and to see a doctor if I get ill.



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.

SEND coffee morning – Healthy Minds

Just a reminder, on **Tuesday 28th April at 9-10am** we will be holding a coffee afternoon for parents of children with SEND. The meeting will be held in The Hub. Harry Jenkins and Dr Claire Ogielka will join us. They work with our school as part of the Healthy Minds and Mental Health Support Team. They will be able to talk about how to support children's general well-being and transition. **All members of the school community are welcome.** Although this event is aimed at parents of children with SEND, you might feel that discussions on the topic of well-being would be useful for you in relation to your child, and you would be very welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available (and if anyone would like to bring cake this will be gratefully received!) This will be an informal event and younger siblings etc. are welcome.

Ladybirds Plants and Seeds

As part of our topic exploring growing and changing, we will be growing plants and seeds in our Ladybirds yard. We know that some of our families are keen gardeners and we would be very grateful for donations of seeds or plants. Please bring your donations to Ladybirds. Thank you.

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

Apr 2026

28th

9-10am

SEND coffee morning with Harry and Claire from Healthy Minds

29th

Share a story
8.50am-9.15am

9.00-9.30am &
3.00-3.30pm

Ladybirds Forest School Visit
Thurs 23rd

May 2026

6th

Y1 trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park

7th

FS2 visit to Ecclesall Woods to look at seasonal changes

11th

Y2 skateboarding workshop

12th

Active Start at Home

High and Low > Where Can I Play: Indoors or Outdoors

active start

Let's Play

Activity 1

- Ask the child to think of a really tall animal. Can they move around the room like that animal?

Activity 2

- Ask the child to think of a really small animal. Can they move around the room in a really small shape?

Activity 3

- Ask the child what their favourite animal is. Can they move like that animal? Is the animal, tall, small or medium sized?

Let's Change Things

- Show the child a bunny hop by putting your hands down on the ground and jumping with feet up behind the hands.
- Ask the child to think of an animal which is good at jumping. Can they move like that animal? How high can they jump?
- Ask the child to think of an animal which moves low to the ground. Can they move like that animal? How low can they go?

Why? Helps to develop:

- strong shoulders for writing
- creativity
- understanding high and low

Activity Theme **LOCOMOTION**

active Cumbria, Yorkshire Sport Foundation, and other partners.

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 **agility and movement**.

FS2 trip to the Butterfly House

May 2026

Ladybirds Forest School Visits
Tue 5th & Thurs 7th
Tue 19th & Thurs 21st

Y1 Assemblies, 9.15am
12th – Foxes
13th – Hedgehogs
14th – Squirrels

14th
Class photos

22nd
Last day of term and dress down day

FS2 Butterfly House Trip – 12th May

FS2 will be visiting the Tropical Butterfly House on Tuesday 12th May as part of our learning about invertebrates. We will need 3 parent helpers per class to join us on the trip. We will leave school at 8.30am, and intend to be back at school for **3.25pm**. If you are able to help on the trip, please let your child's class teacher know via email (found in the 'Ask Me About...' section of the newsletter) by no later than Monday 20th April. As this is a popular trip, if we get more parent volunteers than spaces available, we will draw names randomly on 27th April.

FS2 Walk to the Woods – 7th May

FS2 will be visiting Ecclesall woods (weather dependent) as part of our learning about seasonal changes on Thursday 7th May. We will be leaving school straight after register at 9am, and returning to school by around 10.30am. If you are able to help on the walk, please let your child's class teacher know. Thanks in advance!

Healthy Selfie – Summer 1

This half term in FS2 we are learning about keeping our bodies healthy in our PSED. Please could each child bring in a photograph to share with the class of them playing a favourite sport or enjoying healthy food. These photos will then be displayed in class.

Library Books

Please can you bring back any borrowed library books for your child's next library day. If your child does not return the library book on the day, they will not be able to visit the library, as we have had so many unreturned books recently.

Year 1 – Class celebration assemblies

The year 1's will be taking part in a celebration assembly for their families. This is a lovely event where the children share their learning from the year. The assembly will start at 9.15 and last around 20 minutes. You do not need to sign up, we will just see you on the day. The dates are as followed:

12th May – Foxes
13th May – Hedgehogs
14th May – Squirrels

Year 1 – Yorkshire Sculpture park Trip

Year 1 will be visiting the Yorkshire Sculpture Park on **Wednesday 6th May 2026**. To support our art module on sculpture. Children will be registered early on this day so please ensure they arrive at school for **8:10am**. If you arrive late, you may miss the coach as we can not wait for late arrivers.

Click the link to the letter [here](#).

We will need parent helpers for this trip, although we do have limited availability due to seating on the coaches. Please let your class teacher know if you are able to help.

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Hedgehogs – jonesd@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Foxes – holmesk@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 2025-26: **97.5%**. Currently school is at **97.1%**. 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 **0.62%** 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 have had a very exciting week in Ladybirds. We have welcomed our newest members to the Ladybirds family. Our eggs have hatched into five adorable chicks. The children have named them Love Heart, Billy, Flower, Rainbow and Spotty. We are learning about what living things need and making sure that the chicks have everything they need to grow up to be strong. We have been using our most gentle hands to hold and stroke the chicks. Many of the children have been drawing pictures of them and making them cards. The chicks will be with us for a couple of weeks before they are returned to the farm.

As part of our topic exploring growing and changing, we are going to be looking at how we grow. Can you please send a picture of your little Ladybird as a baby so we can talk about how we have grown and changed. Please email photographs to the email address below.

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

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

PSED – we have been looking at the benefits of doing regular exercise, as well as discussing different exercises that we do.

Literacy – we have been reading our new story, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', then writing sentences to do with our story.

Maths – we are continuing to practise our teen numbers. We have been using counters and cubes on two ten frames and matching the numeral to the represented number.

Science – we had Science Day on Tuesday! We were thinking about changes of state by melting chocolate and dipping in different fruits.

Expressive Arts and Design – we have been creating our own invertebrates based on our designs from last week using different media and materials.

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

English – We have been ensuring that **all** of our sentences have capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Maths – We have been measuring the mass of different objects.

Science – We Looked at the different parts of a tree.
Computing – We have been grouping things like computers do.
Art – We have started to look at sculptures.

Foxes – Mrs Holmes holmesk@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk
Mr Donaldson donaldsonm@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Hedgehogs - Mr Jones – jonesd@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Squirrels - Miss Coldron – coldronp@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Y2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

English – we looked at different suffixes (-ed, -ing, -er, -est, -ly) and wrote sentences using these

Maths – we learnt how to find $\frac{1}{3}$ of shapes and numbers

Art – we looked at the Austrian architect Hundertwasser and some of his colourful buildings

RE – we recapped the 5 pillars of Islam and how Muslims follow them in their lives

PE – we had a tennis taster session practicing hitting the ball and aiming with the ball

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