



Dobcroft Newsletter

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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.



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Term dates 26–27

May 2026

6th

Y1 trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park (arrive at 8.10am)

7th

FS2 visit to Ecclesall Woods to look at seasonal changes

11th

Y2 skateboarding workshop

12th

FS2 trip to the Butterfly House

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

Sleep survey

Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust and BrainTrain Ltd (manufacturers of Sleep Cogni) are collaborating on a survey of children's sleep in all primary schools in Sheffield. They would be very grateful for your support by completing the survey using the QR code. [Click here for more information.](#)



DASH Spring Bank Holiday Play care

Tuesday 26th May – Friday 29th May 2025
8.15am – 5.45pm
(FS2 to Y6 children only)
£35 per child, per day.

[Please click here for an application form](#)

Transition coffee morning resources

This week Harry and Claire from Healthy Minds ran a coffee morning about well-being. We covered topics such as transition, anxiety and worries. Please follow this [link](#) for the resources from this meeting.

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 **sorting and counting as well as hand strength.**



active start

Wash Day >

Where Can I Play:
Indoors or Outdoors

Let's Play

Activity 1

- Ask the child to pick up their clothes and try to throw them into the washing basket.

Activity 2

- Ask the child to carry the washing basket to the washing machine. Can they sort the clothes into light and dark colours?

Activity 3

- Hang up the washing. Ask the child to pass you the items.
- Ask the child to count who has the most clothes hanging up.

Let's Change Things

- Make a washing line with the skipping rope at a low level. Give the child a mixed-up pile of socks. Can they peg them on the line in the correct pairs?
- Mix the clean socks up. Ask the child to put them into pairs and throw pairs into the basket.
- Line up the pairs of socks and count how many each person has.

Why? Helps to develop:

- the ability to sort
- maths - understanding more or less
- throwing

What you need:


Washing Basket


Clothes for washing


Skipping Rope


Pegs





Ladybirds Visits to Forest School

We will be visiting Forest School again next week. Weather permitting, we will be visiting on **Tuesday 5th** and **Thursday 7th**.

Please can you ensure that your child has **suitable outdoor clothing labeled clearly with your child's name** in Ladybirds next week. It is really helpful if they have:

- A labelled bag for their forest school things (carrier bags are useful for when things are wet)
- Wellies and a puddlesuit or salopettes
- A hat
- Spare shoes they can wear when their wellies get muddy

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

Year 2 – Play Auditions

On Tuesday 5th May we will spend the afternoon watching the Year 2 children audition for our summer play. Each child will have a minute to show us a dance, tell a joke, sing a song or demonstrate their talents in another way! Everyone will get a role in the play even if they do not want to audition but main roles will go to those who can showcase their talents. We look forward to seeing our talented Year 2 children!

Year 2 – Art Project

Our Art topic this half term is architecture. Please could we ask if parents can donate any cardboard tubes, small boxes (no bigger than a cereal box) and milk bottle tops by Friday 8th May to help children make their own building. We really appreciate your support!

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 **97.2%**. 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 **0.68%** 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 Wednesday, sharing stories with all of the family members that came to join in. It is always wonderful to see so many families sharing the magic of stories. Thank you to all the family members who were able to join us for this event.

The children have been exploring seeds and planting this week. We have looked at the different seeds and talked about how they differ in size and colour. We have been counting and subitising with seeds as well as making seed patterns. The children have been planting different seeds and talking about what we need to do to take care of them. Thank you for all of the donations of seeds and plants.

The children have had a great time looking at their baby pictures this week. We have played guess who and the children have found it tricky to match the baby picture to the current Ladybirds. We have had lots of discussion about what we can do as a baby and how we have changed and grown. If you haven't already, please could you send a picture of your little Ladybird as a baby so we can continue to explore how we have grown and changed.

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

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

We have had a busy week in the Foundation stage. The children enjoyed a visit from the chicks. They had the opportunity to hold them and were very good at making observations using all of their senses.

We have also been using our invertebrate design sheets from last week to make our own invertebrates using mixed media. These will be going on display in our classrooms for everyone to see.

The children have continued to share their healthy selfies with each other. Please email pictures in to your child's class teacher if you haven't already done so.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our share a story morning. The children loved showing everyone around their classrooms and settled quickly after the session finished.

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

Maths – We have been learning about capacity

English – We have been learning about suffixes

Science – We have learnt the difference between wild and garden flowers

RHE – A dentist came in and taught us all about keeping our teeth healthy

Art – We used prompts to make sculptures out of a range of scrap materials

For our YSP trip on 6th May, please drop off your child at 8:10am. Children will need to wear school uniform, suitable clothing and suitable waterproof shoes for walking on uneven surfaces. Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat in case of rain. We will be taking a packed lunch from school, so please provide your child with a backpack to carry this and a water bottle.

Class assemblies – Your child may be bringing home lines to practise for the class assembly. Any child who has not had lines sent home has requested not to have a speaking role but of course will still partake in other ways.

Class assembly dates: Foxes 12th May, Hedgehogs 13th May, Squirrels 14th May

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

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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 have continued writing about the Ninjabread Man and writing sentences with conjunctions in. We also looked at a good example of a character description ready for when we write our own description net week.

Maths – we have learnt how to find $\frac{2}{3}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of shape and amounts

RE – we learnt about the importance of prayer in Islam

History – we learnt about the Women of Steel who worked in the factories in Sheffield during World War 2 and the statues by City Hall to remember them

Science – we looked at ocean and woodland habitats and the plants and animals that live there

Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for the Share A Story morning this week – it was lovely to see so many of you and hope you enjoyed reading with your child!

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