



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.

Green Day – Tuesday 19th May

On Tuesday 19th May, we are celebrating our Green Flag status. We have organised a morning of celebration and eco learning for the school to take part in. We are also having an assembly where we will be enjoying an 'Eco' Fashion Show.



There are two things to note:

1. Children can choose to wear 'green' clothes on the day, and are asked to please make a donation via ParentPay. This year money raised will go towards buying willow to improve the will structure in the bottom playground.
2. We are encouraging children and staff to walk, scooter or cycle to school on this day.

One of the activities requires odd socks, if you have any spare socks please could you bring them in to school and hand them into reception.

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 **independence and coordination.**



active start

Clothes Relay

Where Can I Play: **Indoors**

Let's Play

Activity 1

- Place a pair of trousers at one end of the room. Ask the child to run, pick them up and put them on.

Activity 2

- Place a pair of trousers and a T shirt at one end of the room. Ask the child to run and pick up one item then put it on and run back for the other.

Activity 3

- Place items of clothing around the room. Ask the child to go around the room picking up and putting the clothes on.

Let's Change Things

- Place a jacket at one end of the room. Ask the child to run and pick it up and then put it on.
- Place some socks around the room. Can the child find a matching pair and put them on?
- Lay out the child's clothes and time how long it takes them to get dressed.

Why? Helps to develop:

- independence
- fitness
- getting dressed

What you need:

 Clothes

☆ Activity Theme

OBJECT CONTROL









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May 2026

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

19th

Green Day (wear Green)

22nd

Last day of term and dress down day

Headlice

There has been cases of headlice in school, please check your child's head and treat accordingly. Click this link for information on looking for and treating headlice <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>.

Remember TAKE A PEEK ONCE A WEEK!

Parent guide to maths at DNIS

In response to feedback collected in our most recent parent questionnaire, we have created a parent guide to how maths is taught in school. You can access this by following [this link](#). Please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher, or with Mrs Cooke (maths lead) if you have any further queries.

Ladybirds Class Photo

Our class photos are being taken on **Thursday 14th May**. If your child attends Ladybirds at the beginning of the week and you would like them to take part in the photo please can you bring your child to Ladybirds for **9am prompt** on Thursday. Due to time restrictions, if they arrive after this time your child will not be included in the photo. We will take them along to the hall to take part in the photo and bring them back out to you when we are finished. It should only take 15 minutes.

FS2 Boxes for Cardboard Creations

Please can you bring in any spare boxes for our cardboard creations that we are going to make as part of our art and design unit of work this term. It would be helpful if the boxes were plain, but any boxes you have will be greatly appreciated.

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. The more colourful and appealing the better! We really appreciate your support!

Year 2 – Skateboarding Workshop

On Monday 11th May 2026 all year 2s will take part in a compulsory Skateboarding workshop as part of their PE lesson for the week. Consent forms have been sent out to all pupils – please check your child's book bag if you have not received it and return to your class teacher. Alternatively, please click [here](#) for the letter and consent form.

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.

June 2026

w/c 8th June
Y1 phonic
screening check

June 2026

12th
Pro Strike
Challenge

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.

Another week has flown by in Ladybirds. The children have had a wonderful time at Forest School making mud paint and creating monster potions. We have been creating new repeating patterns with the natural resources and have used sticks to create 2D shapes.

We were very sad to say goodbye to our chicks but we are still enjoying talking about them and wondering how they are growing and changing. We are having a go at making some chick paintings for our art folders using different painting techniques.

Thank you to all the parents who have sent in a baby picture of their little Ladybirds. We have loved seeing them and the children have found it fascinating to look at the changes between then and now. It has prompted some great discussion and prompted some fantastic questions. If you haven't done so already, please could you send a baby picture of your child to the email address below.

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

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

We have had another busy week in Foundation Stage 2. The children enjoyed our walk through Ecclesall Woods, where we looked at the changes in the seasons, as well as trying to spot British and Spanish bluebells. Thank you so much to all of our parent volunteers who came along to help with all three classes!

In the creative area, we have been drawing our own bluebells using different medias, such as oil pastels, pencils, paint and felt tip pens.

In maths, we have started looking at subtraction by crossing out pictures to solve equations.

We have continued having our PE sessions with SoccerEds and have been learning even more games with them!

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

English – we have been learning about the conjunction 'and'.

Maths – we have learnt about comparing capacity.

Art - We were very grateful for the gorgeous weather and our parent helpers on our trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Wednesday. We had a great time in our artist workshops.

Due to our upcoming class assemblies, if your child has a line please help them learn it over the weekend. We have also attached a link for our song (Count on me). If you have time, please have a listen and help your child learn the lyrics!

[Bing Videos](#)

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)

Maths – we have started our topic on telling the time this week! We made our own clock faces out in the playground, and have focussed on understanding how many minutes are in an hour and how many hours are in a day.

English – we have planned and written our character descriptions about The Ninjabread Man.

Science – we have looked at microhabitats that can be found in forest school.

RE – we have learnt about the importance of using the Qur'an for prayer.

RHE – we have been identifying dangers we might find in our homes, and how we can stay safe.

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