



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.



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

May 2026

Ladybirds Forest School Visits
Tue 19th & Thurs 21st

19th

Green Day (wear Green)

22nd

Last day of term and dress down day

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.

ProStrike Challenge – Look out for your sponsorship form

We're holding a ProStrike Fundraising Event!



On Friday 12th June all children will be taking part in the ProStrike Challenge. This is a fundraising event for the school. Every child will take 3 shots striking the ball as hard as they



can into a giant inflatable football goal.

All sponsorship money is collected on line using the QR code shown or by clicking [here](#). You will enter your child's name and year group. Each child will get a prize based on how much they raise. For more information please [click here](#).

June 2026

1st am

Book Bus visit (if you wish your child to buy a book, send them with cash or vouchers)

w/c 8th June
Y1 phonic screening check

12th

Pro Strike Challenge

Book Bus visit – Monday 1st June

On Monday 1st June we are having a visit from the Book Bus. This is an opportunity for children to browse and buy books at a discounted price. The bus will be parked up by the school gates from 8am for you to visit with your child, and KS1 classes will also be visiting the bus during the morning. You can send your child to school with cash, or you can buy vouchers from the website for them to spend on the day if you prefer.

Please see the attached information leaflet [here](#).



Lost Property

Un-named lost property is at an all-time high!

Please check the enormous lost property pile outside Badgers classroom (at the back of the school) and take anything that belongs to you. All un-named items left at the end of term will be donated to FODS for re-sale, as we are unable to return them to their owner. Thanks for your support with this.

Y2 Art Exhibitions

9th: Eagles, 9.15am
9th: Kingfishers, 2.45pm
12th: Woodpeckers, 9.15am

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.

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 **throwing and catching**.

June 2026

18th
Fathers Day Stall

24th
Ladybirds
Graduation and
Art Show
9.15-10am &
2.40-3.25pm

25th & 26th (AM)
Whole School
Transition
(children will spend
this time in their
new class for next
year - more
detailed
information to
follow next term)

27th
Summer Fayre

Ladybirds Teddy Bear's Picnic – 20th and 22nd May

As our end of term treat Ladybirds will be having a teddy bear's picnic. Can children please bring in a labelled cuddly and 1-2 snacks in a labelled box. If your child attends school **Monday – Wednesday** they will be having their teddy bear's picnic on Wednesday 20st in the morning. If your child attends **Wednesday – Friday** or **full time** they will be having their teddy bear's picnic on Friday 22nd in the afternoon.

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.

We had a great visit to the Butterfly House this week. The children enjoyed taking part in workshop session and have learnt lots of new facts about invertebrates. The children were very well behaved on the visit and we were very proud of them. Thank you to all the helping parents who came with us.

The children have been busy writing about their visit when they returned to school and have been making their own invertebrates in our workshop area.

Please do not send any boxes for junk modelling that have had medicines or nuts in.

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 **0.63%** 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 wonderful time measuring in Ladybirds this week. We have started looking at how we can measure big things and small things. We can compare objects by length and talk about what we notice. We have been using different items to measure each other. You could have a go at this at home this weekend. Why not see how many cushions long your child is? Or how many books long your sofa is? If you have a go at some at home measuring, feel free to send in photos of this to the email address below;

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

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

We have continued our learning about invertebrates this week, and had an absolutely brilliant time at the Tropical Butterfly House. The children behaved brilliantly and we were so grateful to our lovely parent helpers. This week is our last SoccerEds session. We have been learning how to play team games and to work reciprocally towards a shared goal. The coaches were so proud of how much we have learned over the half term. In maths, we have continued subtraction, this time using a number line. Everyone has tried really hard to record the equations, and to form their numerals correctly. Please keep practising number formation 0–9 at home, and don't forget to bring spelling zappers back as soon as you have completed them with your child.

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

English – we have been generating ideas for our island setting description inspired by Where the Wild Things Are.
Maths – we have been learning our lefts and rights as well as using the terms 'above' and 'below'.
Science – we have learnt about deciduous tree
Art – we have planned our creature sculptures that we are going to make next week.
Computing – we have tested our grouping knowledge using a Kahoot quiz.

Please can parents bring in cardboard or other junk materials for next week's sculpture making.

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)

Maths – we have practised telling time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. Please practise this at home if you have a clock – especially quarter to and quarter past!
English – we have written a recipe to make our own version of the Ninjabread Man using command sentences.
Science – we have learnt about food chains.
Computing – we have edited photos on the iPads using filter such as making it black and white, cropping it to make it smaller and changing the contrast or warmth.
PE – in our athletics unit we have been throwing for accuracy, aiming at a target.
Art – we made our architecture models – thank you for all the boxes and materials for this. We were resilient and “designed through making”, changing our model as we made it if we needed to.

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