



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
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May 2026

Ladybirds Forest School Visits
Tue 19th & Thurs 21st

19th
Green Day (wear Green)

22nd
Last day of term and dress down day

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](#).

Help required – can you build us a large planter?



Sainsburys on Archer Road are kindly providing the materials to make a large planter from wooden sleepers for the front of our school. It is all being delivered in the next couple of weeks.



We would love to hear from you if you have the skills and time to make this for us, please get in touch with singhz@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

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

Y2 Art Exhibitions
9th: Eagles, 9.15am
9th: Kingfishers, 2.45pm
12th: Woodpeckers, 9.15am

Walk to school

We have been asked to forward a letter sent on behalf of the chair, deputy chair and group spokesperson for the Sheffield Education Children and Families Committee with regards to the importance of walking to school.

[Click here for the letter](#)

Leave school premises by 3.45pm

Once you have collected your child, please ensure you leave the school site promptly. This allows our wraparound provision/after schools clubs to use the playground safely, the gates will be locked at 3.45pm to facilitate this.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in leaving the premises before this time. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Active Start At Home

active start

Turn Them Over > **Where Can I Play: Indoors or Outdoors**

Let's Play

Activity 1

- Place four cones a few metres away from the child. Ask the child to run, turn the cones over and run back again.

Activity 2

- Ask the child to run and turn over a specific cone, for example, turn over the red cone.

Activity 3

- Give the child an order to turn the cones over. Start with two then increase, for example, turn over the red cone and then the blue one.

Let's Change Things

- Spread the cones out around the space. Put some music on and ask the child to move around the space. When the music stops, can they reach a cone and turn it over?
- Repeat as above, but tell them which cone to turn over.
- When the music stops, how quickly can they turn over all the cones?

Why? Helps to develop:

- handwriting
- learning about colours
- listening and remembering instructions

What you need:

- Cones

☆ Activity Theme **OBJECT CONTROL**

active Cumbria, Yorkshire Sport Foundation, and other logos.

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 uses cones but you can swap these for cushions indoors or plant pits outdoors.

This weeks activity focuses on **following instructions and impulse control**.

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

Year 1 – Phonics screening check pack

On the lead up to the phonics screening check, all Year 1 children will be coming home with a pack to give them one last push as we get closer to the test date. Please take some time during the holiday to look through the pack and get the children to complete some of the activities or look at the past paper. Please encourage them to sound out the words, check for special friends and split digraphs. This will support them to achieve the best outcome when they undertake the check on the **week commencing 8th June**.

Year 1 – Play area outside the mobiles (Fox and Hedgehog Class)

Please could we kindly ask that children are not playing with the equipment and toys outside the mobiles in the mornings and after school. We've noticed that some items are getting broken or moved without staff being aware, which can leave extra tidying up for the team. This takes valuable time and attention away from supporting the children, so we'd really appreciate your help with this. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Book Bus visit – 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](#).



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 **0.64%** 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

This week the Ladybirds have been continuing to explore our growing and changing topic. We have enjoyed watching our seeds grow and have been carefully repotting plants that are growing too close together. The children enjoyed looking at the different parts of the plants and they were so careful in their handling of the tiny seedlings.

We all enjoyed our bee treat together and have talked about the ways that using the 5 R's help us to work together as a Ladybirds team.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break.

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

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

PSED – enjoying our class Bee Treats. We worked hard as a team to be resilient and risk taking learners and earned icing biscuits and extra playtime outside. Everyone was very excited!

Literacy – holding and writing simple sentences using Set 1 and Set 2 special friends.

Maths – solving addition and subtraction equations within 10 and 20.

Understanding of the World – celebrating Green Day and learning about road safety, planting seeds, and making cardboard creations using recycled materials.

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

Maths – We have practised our arithmetic. Drawing our tens and ones.

English – We have written a setting description all about our fantasy island.

Art – We have made our creature sculptures.

Computing – We have discussed how to keep ourselves safe when using technology and that we need to give time to enjoy other things as well.

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Y2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

English – we have had a poetry week, looking at different poems, performing a poem in groups and writing our version.

Science – we looked at the 7 life processes of MRS NERG and sorting things into living, dead and never been alive.

Computing – we had an e-safety lesson about which websites and apps are safe and good for us to go and how we should “trust our gut” and tell an adult if we are not sure.

History – we compared the three significant figures we have learnt about over the year – Rosa Parks, Thomas Barnardo and Women of Steel.

Y2 Play – We have now cast the roles for our Y2 play. Your child has been given a slip with their character and costume requirements on. Lines will follow after the holidays. If you haven't got this, please contact the class teacher.

We hope you have a lovely half-term break and we look forward to seeing you for your final half-term in Year 2!

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