



Dobcroft Newsletter

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New classes for Sept 2026

We are pleased to announce for the current EYFS and Y1 children your new classes for next September. We will have transition on **Thursday 25th June (whole school transition with Juniors for our Y2 pupils) and Friday 26th June am (internal transition)**. In addition to this formalised transition, we will also have additional times where their new teacher will share story times and Time To Talk sessions etc.

Current class 25–26	New class 26–27	Teacher/s
Badgers	Foxes	Mrs Granger/Miss Smith
Otters	Hedgehogs	Mr Jones
Mice	Squirrels	Miss Coldren
Squirrels	Eagles	Mrs Fairfull
Hedgehogs	Kingfishers	Miss Clifflen
Foxes	Woodpeckers	Mrs Shepherd (new DHT)/Mrs Holmes (Miss Tinker will replace Mrs Shepherd on her return from maternity leave)

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

June 2026

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

16th June
PINS transition meeting

18th
Fathers Day Stall

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

Ladybirds Forest School Visits
Tue 9th & Thurs 11th
Tue 23rd & Thurs 26th

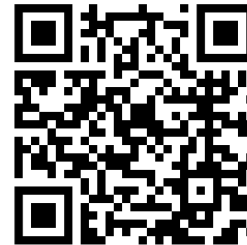
ProStrike Challenge – Look out for your sponsorship form



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.

Donations are quick and simple through the secure online page. All sponsorship money is collected online using the QR code shown, or by [clicking here](#), just search for the school's name. You will enter your child's name and year group (all money must be transferred by 15th June to be counted for a prize). Fundraising is optional, but every pound raised really helps our school. Each child will get a prize based on how much they raise. For more information please [click here](#).



Our sponsorship forms have been lost in the post and we should be receiving the new ones next week. However, you do not need to fill in a sponsorship form for the school – they are to help you keep a record of your sponsorships. In the mean time, if you would like to print one out you can [click here](#)

Rag Bag – clothes and shoes only



Please can we kindly ask parents and carers to put pre-loved clothes and shoes **only** in the Rag Bag bin in the school car park. It was recently emptied and it contained metal pins which cut the collectors hand.

FODS Fathers' Day Stall

FODS are running a Fathers' Day Stall. The children love this experience and have great fun choosing a gift for Dad or any special family member. They select a present and this gift is wrapped for them. To ensure everyone who contributes gets to choose a present we need to limit this to one present per child and parents/carers need to follow one of the options in the link below.

[Click here](#) to find out how to take part.

Right of the half term

Article 31

I have the right to relax and play.



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.



June 2026

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

27th
Summer Fayre

Sports Day Plan – 3rd July

The plan for the School Sports day is as follows, you are very welcome to attend and cheer on your favourite team! Although the event is held on the Junior field, please come to our main gates, through the bottom yard and up to the top adjoining gate with the junior school. Each yeargroup session will only last an hour. Children can come to school in sports wear today. **DJS have asked that parents wait on the field, NOT the playground. Please also note that you will not be permitted to use the toilets at DJS. If parents need the toilet, please come back to DNIS and use the disabled toilet in the reception area.**

Location: Dobcroft Junior School Field

Y1: 9.10am

FS2: 10.10am

Y2: 11.10am

Reserve Sports day: 10th July (if it is raining)

Active Start At Home

Hopscotch Where Can I Play? Outdoors

Let's Play

Activity 1

- Draw a 1,2,1,2 pattern of circles like a hopscotch with the chalk and write numbers 1-6 in them. Ask the child to jump with feet apart into the two circles next to each other and feet together in the single circle.

Activity 2

- Ask the child to throw the bean bag onto one of the numbers and jump to pick it up. Ask the child to tick off each number when they jump into that circle.

Activity 3

- Ask the child to jump with two feet together onto the numbers 1-6 in order. Count with them.

Let's Change Things

- Ask the child to hop in the single circle.
- Ask the child to throw the bean bag onto the circles in order.
- Increase the number of circles to 9.

What you need:

- Chalk
- Bean bag
- Paper with 1-6 written on

Why?

Helps to develop:

- recognising numbers
- counting
- balance

Activity Theme: **STABILITY**

Logos: active Learning, Yorkshire Sport Foundation, Sheffield Parent Carer Forum

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 **recognising numbers, counting and balance.**

Staffing Update – new deputy headteacher

We are delighted to welcome **Mrs Jenni Shepherd** as our new **Deputy Headteacher** from September 2026. She brings a wealth of experience and a genuine passion for helping every child feel supported, valued, and inspired to succeed.

Mrs Shepherd is very much looking forward to becoming part of the Dobcroft community, and we know she will make a wonderful addition to our team.

PINs transition meeting

Sue O'Shea from Sheffield Parent Carer Forum is coming into school on **Tuesday 16th June at 9am** to run a transition meeting as part of the PINs project. The meeting will take place in the hub. Parents who have attended the meetings before have found them really supportive and a useful place to meet other SEND parents and share information. For more information [click here](#).

DOBROFT NURSERY INFANTS SEND PARENT/CARER MEETING

Come along to the meeting with a project worker from the Sheffield Parent Carer Forum- if your child has any special educational need and/or disability (SEND) - no diagnosis needed

- Let's talk about:
 - Transition to the next school year
 - Out of school activities
- Ask questions and discuss concerns
- Give feedback about your child's experiences
- Meet other parents
- Join us for hot drinks and biscuits

DATE: Tuesday 16th June 2026
Time: 9am

This is part of the PINs (Partnership in Schools) project, but if you have a child who has any additional need, you are invited to attend. If you are planning on coming along or wish to know more, please let school know at: susan.oshea@sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk

Ladybirds Visits to Forest School

We will be visiting Forest School again next week. Weather permitting, we will be visiting on **Tuesday 9th** and **Thursday 11th**.

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.

Baby Photos needed

This half term in Personal, social and emotional development (PSED) lessons, we are looking at changes and how the children have changed since they were a baby. We are wanting to do a display of the children as babies and see if the rest of the class can guess who the baby is.

Please can you send a photo of your child as a baby or email it to the class teacher ASAP.

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**.

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 are so happy to have the Ladybirds back after their half term rest. Many have come back full of stories of their adventures and showcasing their holiday haircuts.

We have been investigating sunflowers this week. We have investigated seed packets and talked about how sunflower seeds are different to other seeds. We have been counting and subitising using our sunflower seeds, having a go at writing numbers as we count. We have been measuring sunflowers using cubes and blocks. We are planting our own sunflower seeds and can't wait to see how tall they grow. One of our sunflowers last year grew to 3 meters!

We have looked at the different patterns and colours of a sunflower and have had a go at creating our own sunflower picture using crayons and pastels. Maybe you could spot sunflowers growing while you are out and about this weekend.

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

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

The children have had great fun making their own cardboard creations this week and thinking about designing their model before they begin creating. They have been very creative and we have seen some great models!

We have been looking at halving in maths and understanding that when we halve something there has to be two equal parts. We noticed that this is the opposite to doubling (inverse). We are revisiting 'Drawing Club' this half term and this week we looked at the book 'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson. The children have drawn their own characters, designed their own home and designed what the inside of their home might look like. They also enjoyed writing their own sentences about an adventure their character might go on.

In PE the children have been investigating and practicing the 5 strong shapes – tuck, pike, straddle, straight and star.

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

We're coming up to the phonics screening so your child will receive some activities this weekend to have a go at at home. It really helps for your children to practise drawing the sound buttons under the word to help them segment and then blend the word to read. Thank you!

Maths – We have been practising place value to 100. We have been drawing 10s and 1s and partitioning numbers to help us understand the value of a number.

English – We have started to learn the key vocabulary for our new book Supertato. We have been using a story map to retell the story with our partners, trying to remember as much of the language used in the book as we can.

Geography – We have been learning about the equator, where it is located and what it means that a country is located near the equator.

Computing – We have practised using a keyboard to type. You can practise this at home with your child.

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 have started to learn the key vocab for our Charlie and the Chocolate Factory text and have practised writing sentences using past tense verbs

Science – we have explored the parts of a plant, and the difference between bulbs and seeds

Computing – we have recapped our skills from earlier in the year by creating a sequence on Scratch

Geography – we have looked at maps and symbols that represent landmarks

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. The play dates are below, times to follow.

- Monday 8th July – PM
- Tuesday 7th July – AM
- Wednesday 8th July – EVENING

Mrs Fairfull – fairfullc@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk Mrs Blackburn – blackburnv@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk
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