



Dobcroft Newsletter

12th June 2026



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Bake Off 2026 – a celebration for Mrs Rowland – Tuesday 29th June, 2.30pm

Whether you are a Star Baker or a Soggy-Bottomed runner up, Dobcroft Infant School needs your help! We need you to bring your best bake, or just your appetite! We will hold our Fundraising Bake Off in honour of Mrs Rowland on the bottom yard with tea, cakes, and music! Please [click here](#) for more information about the event.

[Click here](#) for term dates 25–26
Term dates 26–27

June 2026

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

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

27th
Summer Fayre

Transition – Thursday 24th /Friday 25th

Please read and follow the instruction below for the two days of transition.

Thursday 25th June

Drop off by 9am at your **CURRENT CLASS**
Pick up at 3.30pm from your **NEW CLASS** (Y2's – go to the junior school and pick up from there – people will be available to direct you)

Friday 26th June

FS2 and Y1: Drop off by 9am at your **NEW CLASS**

Year 2: Drop off by 9am at:

Woodpeckers ➡ Otters

Eagles ➡ Badgers

Kingfishers ➡ Mice

Pick up from your **CURRENT CLASS** at the usual time

Parent Questionnaire

We value your feedback about the school, both positive and areas we can improve. Your comments form part of our school improvement cycle and we will inform you of any changes once we have analysed your feedback.

Please could you spare a few minutes to tell us what you think. Please [click here](#) to access the questionnaire.

Scooters and Bikes

Please do not ride bikes or scooters on school grounds. We have had a number of near misses and accidents over the last 2 weeks. We ask that you push the bike/scooter from the school gates to the bike rack.

Thank you for your support with this.

Larks and Owls – booking now essential

Larks and Owls are now becoming quite full. It is now essential that you book onto sessions you require using Parent Pay. Not doing so could result in us being unable to accept your child for the session as we are limited by adult:child ratios.

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.



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)



Staffing Update

Miss Smith, Mrs Sutherland and Miss Brady are all returning from their maternity leave before the end of this academic year. We are looking forward to having them back in the Dobcroft Team.

This does mean that Miss Coldron and Miss Clifflin's last day in their current class will be Friday 10th July. However, they are both staying on with us next year which we are really pleased about.

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 **co-ordination**.

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](#).

Dobcroft Juniors Wellbeing Morning

The junior school are organising a wellbeing morning with visitors including the Sheffield Autism Team, Parent Carer Forum and Family Intervention Service. It will take place on 18th June at 9am. Parents of Year 2 children are also invited to attend. Please [click here](#) to find out more.

Parental support group

The Healthy Minds team, led in school by Harry Jenkinson and Claire Ogielka, will be running a 10 week parent-led CBT course to support parents whose children are struggling with anxiety, worries or confidence. The group will run on a Thursday morning from September and will involve nine 1 hour sessions and one 20 minute phone call. This will be a group session with other parents across school, aimed at creating a supportive and inclusive space for those involved. Please [follow this link](#) to find out more or email our SENCO Kat Holmes on holmesk@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk.

PE shoes

Following the burst pipe and the flooding of the hall, the floor has been left with some areas that would be unsafe in bare feet. To ensure that children don't injure themselves, they will be wearing shoes during PE lessons for the remainder of the school year. Please can you ensure that on PE days children are attending school in suitable footwear. This means suitable trainers. Thank you.

Safe parking at drop off/pick off

Please could parents and carers avoid parking or dropping off at the top of Pingle Road. Vehicles stopping so close to the gates create congestion and force others to turn in unsafe ways further down the road, increasing the risk to children, especially those who may step into the road unexpectedly.

Local residents have photographed cars over the last few days and forwarded them to us. Please be aware that they may take this further if this parking continues.

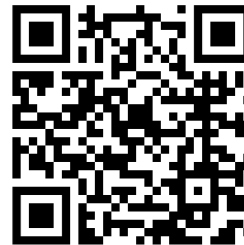
Thank you for helping keep everyone safe.

Pro Strike Challenge

All children took part in the ProStrike Challenge today – they had a fantastic time supporting their friends as they took their shots!

This event also gives families the option to raise a bit of money for the school. There's no expectation to take part in sponsorship, but we're very grateful for any support.

If you chose to get sponsorship, please use the QR code shown, or [click here](#), just search for the school's name to upload the money. You will enter your child's name and year group (**all sponsorship must be transferred by 15th June**). Prizes will be sent out in about 2 weeks' time.



School Communication

Please could we ask parents to read the newsletter and check the ReachMore app at least once a week. We are currently receiving a high volume of emails and phone calls asking for information that has already been shared through these channels, which is significantly impacting office staff time. Keeping up to date with these communications will help ensure important information is not missed and allows the office to focus on other essential matters. Thank you for your support.

Ladybirds Transition in Sept 2026

Please [click here](#) for information about transition for Ladybirds transition in September 2026. If you have any further questions, please contact the school.

In response to some feedback, we are now able to offer a limited number of childcare places (for the transition period). The sessions will be run by Mrs Bibi (our current Larks and Owls practitioner) in The Den (the building used for Larks and Owls). There will be a cost for these sessions:

Date	Time	Cost/session
2 nd – 4 th Sept	9am–3.30pm	£52
7 th Sept	9am–1.15pm	£34
7 th Sept	11.15am–3.30pm	£34
8 th Sept	Noon–3.30pm	£28
9 th Sept	1.30–3.30pm	£16

If you would like to express an interest in booking onto these sessions please email: finance@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Baby and Toddler photos needed

We have had a great response to our request for photos of the children as babies or toddlers. The children are thoroughly enjoying sharing their photos with their friends. We have created a display in our classrooms where the children can guess who is who. If you have not yet sent in a photograph, please could we have these as soon as possible so that everyone can have a chance to see themselves on our display.

Y1 Phonics screening check

All of the children have now taken the phonics screening check. They have done extremely well and should be very proud of themselves. Thank you for all the extra effort that went into getting them ready. The pass mark has not been released by the government yet, but once it is we will be able to release further details of how it went.

Y2 Play

Rehearsals for our year 2 play has begun! Your child has now been given their words that they will need to deliver in the play. Please practise these with your child at home.

The play dates are below, times to follow.

- Monday 8th July – **2.30pm start** (please arrive at 2.15pm)
- Tuesday 7th July – **9.30am start** (please arrive at 9.15am)
- Wednesday 8th July – **6pm start** (please arrive at 5.30pm)

Pre-loved uniform

As part of our drive to be an environmentally aware school we are working with FODS to sell good quality preloved uniform. Please email fodsuniform@gmail.com if you are looking for anything and one of the team will get back to you within 5 working days.

In your email, please include the size, item (e.g. cardigan, jumper, trousers etc), the number of each item and any colour preference (if you have one). All items are £1.

Preloved uniform donations

FODS welcomes donations of preloved uniform in the large brown bin at the bottom of the school gates (it is clearly labelled). This is for uniform only.

Please only donate items that are in good, clean resaleable condition (no holes, rips, marks or stains please). As a rule of thumb, if you would happily still buy it then please do donate it to us but, if not, please recycle it responsibly instead.

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 **0.65%** 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 length, comparing and measuring a range of different things including each other. We have been ordering objects by length and have been using key vocabulary like long, short, longest, shortest, longer and shorter.

The ladybirds are really enjoying water play and have been very busy investigating in our outdoor area. As well as being a wonderful sensory experience, water play is hugely beneficial and helps develop both **gross motor skills** (carrying buckets, pouring, and splashing) and **fine motor skills** (squeezing sponges, gripping droppers, and manoeuvring floating objects). It

also improves manual dexterity and hand–eye coordination and is fantastic for developing problem solving skills and vocabulary.

Please make sure that your child has spare clothes in Ladybirds every day. We try to ensure all children wear aprons and wellies while playing with water but splashes and slips still happen.

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

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

PSED – talking about how we have changed since being babies and toddlers and guessing who is who on our class display.

Literacy – reading the story 'Sharing a Shell', holding and writing a sentence related to the book independently.

Maths – grouping objects into equal and unequal groups, and using the sentence stem 'There are __ groups of __'.

Understanding the World – talking about which stories are special to us and why. Noticing similarities and differences between special stories. Planting cress seeds and saying what they will need to grow.

Expressive Arts – designing and making sea creatures using different media and materials.

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

Maths – We have continued looking at our numbers up to 100.

English – We have been writing simple sentences to do with 'Supertato', as well as looking at the punctuation we use in our sentence.

Science – We have used our knowledge of plants to help us understand the difference between fruit and vegetables, as well as looking at where they come from.

RHE – We have continued our topic of 'growing up' and how our bodies change through the different stages of life.

PE – We have been continuing learning different invasion and team games.

Computing – We have continued learning how to type by writing simple sentences on the computer.

RE – We have represented Psalm 8 from the creation story through art.

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 been writing sentences about Charlie and The Chocolate Factory using suffixes and co–ordinating & subordinating conjunctions.

Maths – we have been creating pictograms to represent data and interpreting them.

Science – we have been identifying what plants need to stay healthy.

Geography – we have been using the 4 main compass points to navigate around our playground.

RE – we have been identifying the different features you'd find inside churches.

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