



# Dobcroft Newsletter

## 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026



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### June 2026

**24<sup>th</sup>**  
Ladybirds Graduation and Art Show  
9.15–10am & 2.40–3.25pm

**Ladybirds Forest School Visits**  
Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> & Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>

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

**27<sup>th</sup>**  
Summer Fayre

**29<sup>th</sup>**  
Bake Off

**29<sup>th</sup>**  
New to Year 2 parents meeting, 9.15am

### July 2026

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
New to Year 1 parents meeting, 9.15am

### **Bake Off 2026 – a celebration for Mrs Rowland – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **Transition – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> /Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Staffing update**

We are very pleased to announce that Miss Bell will be expecting her first baby in November 2026. I'm sure you will join us in congratulating her.



### **Junior Senco Coffee Morning – new time**

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, Hayley Little, the junior school SENCO, will join us for a SEND coffee morning. This will now start at the earlier time of 8:45 to allow Y2 parents to go and watch the play if they have tickets for that morning. Please speak to your class teacher if you are attending both events.

The coffee morning is open to all parents at school, including those with children in other year groups. As well as a chance to meet Hayley, it is also an opportunity to meet other parents and is an inclusive, supportive environment. Any questions contact our SENCO Kat Holmes on [holmesk@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:holmesk@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk).

### **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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 year group 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: 10<sup>th</sup> July (if it is raining)



## 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.**

## 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 afternoon 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](mailto:holmesk@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk).

## Punctuality into classrooms

We are noticing that an increasing number of children are being dropped off late in the morning. 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.

## New To Year 1 meeting for current FS2 parents – 1<sup>st</sup> July, 9.15am

The Year 1 team will be delivering a "Welcome to Year 1" meeting for FS2 parents. In this meeting, we will cover expectations, curriculum, assessments and you will have the opportunity to meet your Year 1 teacher. This will be held on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 9.15am** in the school hall. You don't need to sign up, just arrive on the day. Entry via the back of the school hall.

## 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.

## New to Year 2 meeting for current Y1 parents – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 9:15am

The new Year 2 team will be delivering a "Welcome to Year 2" meeting for Year 1 parents. In this meeting, we will cover expectations, curriculum, assessments and you will have the opportunity to meet your Year 2 teacher. This will be held on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 9:15am** in the school hall. You don't need to sign up, just arrive on the day. Entry via the back of the school hall.

3<sup>rd</sup>

## Sport Day

(on DJS field)

Y1: 9.10am

FS2: 10.10am

Y2: 11.10am

## Y2 Play

6<sup>th</sup>, 2.30pm

7<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am

8<sup>th</sup>, 6pm

7<sup>th</sup>

9–10am

SEND coffee morning with SENCo from DJS

7<sup>th</sup>

Y2 leavers disco

7<sup>th</sup>

Y1 Trip to the park (PM)

8<sup>th</sup>

2.30pm

FS2 year group end of year assembly followed by art exhibitions in your classroom

9<sup>th</sup>

FS2 trip to the park (am)

9<sup>th</sup>

Y2 trip to the park (pm)

## Leavers Assembly

9.15–9.45am

9<sup>th</sup>: Kingfishers

14<sup>th</sup>: Woodpeckers

15<sup>th</sup>: Eagles

## Ladybirds Forest School Visits

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>

## Y2 Play

Rehearsals for our year 2 play have 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. For the evening performance please collect your child from school as usual and bring them back for 5.30pm so they can get ready for their performance. All costumes need to be in school by 29<sup>th</sup> June.

The play dates are below, times to follow.

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July – **2.30pm start** (please arrive at 2.15pm)
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July – **9.30am start** (please arrive at 9.15am)
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

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## 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 learning about keeping our bodies healthy and strong. We have been talking about our bodies and what we have inside our bodies that we need to take care of. We then used our cutting skills to cut and stick things that keep us healthy. The children have enjoyed showing us how strong and fast their bodies are.

As the water has remained warm, the Ladybirds are still enjoying lots of water play. 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). The children have been showing fantastic **problem-solving skills and collaboration** around this play.

Please make sure that your child has spare clothes in Ladybirds every day. For those water loving children, we might need a couple of spares. 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](mailto:hardwickl@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk)

### Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

**Maths** – We have been looking at different patterns this week. We have explored, identified and created our own patterns.

**Writing** – We have been writing about things that we have enjoyed learning about over the year.

**PE** – We have been working on some team games, ready for Sports Day in a couple of weeks!

**Understanding the world** – We have enjoyed observing the cress that we started growing last week. We will be making our own cress sandwiches next week!

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## Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

**Maths** – We have started having a look at money and learning to recognise coins and how one coin can represent more than 1p. If you have any coins and notes at home, please can you start discussing the different coins and notes you have at home.

**English** – We have continued on looking at 'Supertato' and writing sentences to do with it. We have looked at using suffixes and conjunctions that we can put in our writing.

**DT** – We have been looking at what a healthy breakfast is and started discussing what we would have in our healthy breakfast. We got to try the 'claw' and 'bridge' method to cut up different types of fruit and taste them afterwards, where we discussed which fruits we liked and might want to use when we make our breakfast in a few weeks' time.

**Science** – We have continued to look at the difference between fruit and vegetables and how they are grown.

**Computing** – We have continued using the ChromeBooks to look at how we can change text to different styles (e.g. bold, italics, underline).

**PE** – We have continued practicing our invasion and team games, ready for Sports Day in a couple of weeks!

**RHE** – We have continued to look at the different stages of life, as we start to discuss natural changes throughout life. We wrote down different changes we are looking forward to as we grow older.

**Foxes** – Mrs Holmes [holmesk@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:holmesk@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk)

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## Y2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

**Writing** – This week we have written

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