



Dobcroft Newsletter

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



This year, our Bake Off celebration in honour of Mrs Rowland on the bottom yard with tea, cakes and music! Please [click here](#) for more information about the event.



We would love as many of our school community to join in celebrating 22 years of Mrs Rowland as our fantastic headteacher!

New FODS page

Please see the new Friends of Dobcroft Schools section at the end of this newsletter, this will be updated weekly with upcoming events, uniform information and a way that parents can get involved.

Junior Senco Coffee Morning – new time

On Tuesday 7th 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.

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 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: 10th 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.

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Term dates 26–27

June 2026

27th
Summer Fayre

29th
Bake Off

29th
New to Year 2
parents meeting,
9.15am

July 2026

1st
New to Year 1
parents meeting,
9.15am

3rd
Sport Day
(on DJS field)

Y1: 9.10am
FS2: 10.10am
Y2: 11.10am

Y2 Play
6th, 2.30pm
7th, 9.30am
8th, 6pm

7th
9–10am
SEND coffee
morning with
SENCO from DJS

7th
Y2 leavers disco

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.

New To Year 1 meeting for current FS2 parents – 1st 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 1st 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 29th 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 29th 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.

Y1 trip to Millhouses Park 7th July – parent helpers needed

We need some helpers for our lovely trip to the park on the morning of 7th July. We will be leaving after the morning register and returning for a normal lunchtime. If you would like to join us, please contact your child's class teacher.

D&T – Breakfast items

In the week commencing 6th July, we are going to be making our own breakfast bowls as part of our D&T unit. Next week, we are going to collate a list of ingredients that the children would like to use. We will then send home a request for a couple of food items we would like your child to bring in, which will all be shared amongst the class.

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 29th June.

The play dates are below, times to follow.

- Monday 6th 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)

Y2 Trip to Millhouses Park 9th July – parent helpers needed

We are going on a Year 2 end of year trip to Millhouses Park on Thursday 9th July in the afternoon. Each class will need 5 helpers to walk us down and back, but the more parent helpers the merrier!

We are leaving at 1:15 after register and will be back for hometimes. Please let your class teacher know if you can help.

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 **0.67%** of children were marked as late.

7th

Y1 Trip to the park (AM)

8th

2.30pm

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

9th

FS2 trip to the park (am)

9th

Y2 trip to the park (pm)

Leavers

Assembly

9.15–9.45am

9th: Kingfishers

14th: Woodpeckers

15th: Eagles

Ladybirds Forest School Visits

Tue 7th & Thurs 9th

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

Like most of the country, we have been learning about changes in the weather this week. We have talked about sun safety and how we can look after our bodies when it is hot outside. The children can talk about staying hydrated and staying in the shade to protect their skin. We have been using a lot of water play to stay cool and have had great fun creating water runs to get water to travel across our yard.

Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for our Ladybirds celebration on Wednesday. The children had a wonderful time performing to you all and we were very proud of them.

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

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

PSED – transition into year one. Finding out about our new classes and visiting our new classrooms.

Literacy – writing a card to our new class teacher to tell them what we are looking forward to.

Maths – consolidating number bonds to 10 and recalling some from memory, including doubles and halves.

Understanding of the World – talking about how to stay safe in the hot weather.

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

Maths – we have been learning about the value of coins and notes.

English – we have been planning a character description.

Science – we have learnt about seasonal changes in Summer

RE – we have learnt about how non-religious people show care in their communities.

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 used our 5 senses to think about what we would hear, see, taste, touch and smell in the chocolate room

Maths – we have practised position and direction using left and right and forwards and backwards

Computing – we continued using ScratchJr to create a quiz

Science – we looked at how our seeds and bulbs are growing in warm and cold places

Well done everyone on a good transition day in year 3!

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Friends of Dobcroft Schools continue to fundraise for the Nursery Infant and Junior schools through events and activities. Welcome to our new section of the school newsletter!

For all things FoDS related, please see the school website: <https://www.dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk/page/fods/23267>



Upcoming Events



Summer Festival – [click here](#) for more information and to book your tickets!

If you or anyone you know wants to host a stall, donate a raffle prize or get involved with the event in any way, please contact us for more information, fodsmarketing@gmail.com. Please can this have a half size poster included here?



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. cardie, 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.

Contact Information

If you have any questions or would like to get involved in any way, we'd love to hear from you!

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