



Dobcroft Newsletter

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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.

Lunchtime Supervisor recruitment

We are looking for a lunchtime supervisor to join the Dobcroft Team.
Hours: 7.5 hours per week. 11.55 to 1.25pm (1.5) hours per day, Monday to Friday.
Full-time equivalent salary: £24,796 (pro rata) £4212.37 (actual salary)



[Please click here for more information and apply for the job.](#)

School Communication – Peak Edge Trust ReachMore App – Top Tips

To ensure you receive all important school updates, please check that notifications are enabled for the Peak Edge App on your mobile device.

1. Open your phone's General Settings and make sure notifications are switched on for the Peak Edge App.
2. Open the Peak Edge App and select the three lines in the bottom-right corner.
3. Go to App Settings → Notifications.
4. Check that Quiet Time is not enabled.
5. Under General, please ensure that all notification toggles are switched on.

Calendar Integration

The Peak Edge App allows school events to be added directly to your personal calendar. To enable this feature:

1. Open the app and select the three lines in the bottom-right corner.
2. Go to App Settings → Calendar Integrations.
3. Switch the feature on and select Get Started.
4. The setup process may vary slightly depending on the device you are using, but once completed, school events will automatically appear in your personal calendar.

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.



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.

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

July 2026

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

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

7th
Y2 leavers disco

7th
Y1 Trip to the park (AM)

8th
9.15am or 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

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.

9th: Kingfishers
14th: Woodpeckers
15th: Eagles

**Ladybirds Forest
School Visits**
Tue 7th & Thurs 9th

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

On the morning of Tuesday 7th July we will be heading to Millhouses park to celebrate the end of the year. Each child will be given an ice lolly and they will play some games. The Foxes and Squirrels still need helpers so if you are free and willing then please email the class teacher. The letter for the trip can be seen [here](#).

D&T – Breakfast items

On Friday 10th July, we are going to be making our own breakfast bowls as part of our D&T unit. Yesterday (Thursday 2nd) each child was given a letter with one item on for them to bring in on Thursday 9th ready for them to use the next day. This item might not be for their breakfast bowl as we have shared all requested fruit out across the year group to reduce costs. Thank you!

FS2 year Group end of year assembly and art exhibition

We have added an extra performance of our class assembly to reduce capacity in the hall as the weather is expected to be warm next week. If you would like to come and watch please come to one performance only. The performances will take place on the 8th July at 9:15am and 2:30pm

FS2 Trip to Millhouses Park 9th July – parent helpers needed

We need some helpers for our lovely trip to the park on the morning of 9th 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.

Y2 Play – performances next week

The play dates are below.

- 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 so that your child can get ready)

Year 2 Leaving assembly

All parents/carers are invited to attend the Y2 leaving assembly, there's no need to sign up, just turn up on the day. Entry via the back of the school hall.

9th July: Kingfisher leaving assembly at 9.15am
14th July: Woodpeckers leaving assembly 9.15am
15th July: Eagles leaving assembly at 9.15am

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 hometime. 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 **0.66%** 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 talking about what new classes they will be in next year. There are lots of excited Ladybirds who can't wait to set settled into their new classes. We have been talking about changes and how they can make us feel nervous and excited.

We have used our creative skills this week to make cards for our new teachers as well as channelling our inner pirates to create treasure maps. We have used directional language and have been counting our treasure.

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

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

This week we have been writing invitations to our class assembly. We have been working hard to practise our songs and speak in a clear voice.

We also enjoyed our Bake-Off event. Mrs Rowland loved listening to the songs and dances we had prepared for her.

Next week we are comparing different localities. Please could your child bring in a photograph of a place they have visited on holiday that is different to Sheffield. The children will be coming to the front of the class to share their pictures with the other children and spot similarities and differences.

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

Maths – We have started to look at time – hours, minutes and seconds

English – We have created a new character that could be in the Supertato book

Computing – We have been changing fonts

DT – We have designed out breakfast bowls

Science – we have check our understanding of everything covered this year

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)

Maths – This week we have been looking at directional language such as clockwise and anti-clockwise and quarter. Half and three-quarter turns.

Literacy – In English we have been working on a setting description, using all five of our senses to describe Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory.

Science – We are observing and recording how plants grow from seeds and bulbs when they are in hot and cold settings.

Geography – This week, we have learnt how to create a key for a map and what different symbols might mean.

DT – We have designed our pizza and next week we are going to make it and bring it home!

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

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Friends of Dobcroft Schools continue to fundraise for the Nursery Infant and Junior schools through events and activities.

For all things FoDS related, please see the school website [here](#).



Summer Festival

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported our school Summer Festival. Your enthusiasm, generosity, and support helped make the event a great success. We are delighted to have raised over £7,500 (final amount tbc) for the schools and truly appreciate everyone who helped, attended, donated, and took part. We couldn't have done it without you, and we are so grateful for your continued support.

We have created a feedback form for all things related to the Summer Festival and would really appreciate your feedback, whether you were a guest, parent, helper or teacher, please share your thoughts [here!](#)

Facebook

For more information on past and upcoming school events, please follow the [Friends of Dobcroft Schools](#) Facebook page!

Amazon Wishlist's

We regularly have parents ask us how they can help the school, after parent feedback, we've worked with DNIS to create a Wishlist for each year group, please see [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. 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.

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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