



Dobcroft Newsletter

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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.](#)

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term dates 25–26
Term dates 26–27

July 2026

**Leavers
Assembly**

9.15–9.45am

9th: Kingfishers

14th: Woodpeckers

15th: Eagles

Plants – donations please

Next week a very kind parent is making some large planters for us out of sleepers that have been donated by Sainsburys on Archer Road. They are also donating the soil but we will need plants to put in them! We would welcome plant donations if you are at a garden centre at the weekend. We would ideally like plants that would come back year on year, or shrubs that will remain all year.

Thank you for your support w

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 Survey Feedback

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the parent survey. It has been a really useful process for the school to be involved with. Please [click here](#) for more info.

DNIS Parent Survey June 2026 – Key Findings

Parent feedback is **exceptionally positive**. The survey highlights DNIS as **a nurturing, high-quality school** where children thrive academically and personally.

98
%
Happy

99
%
Safe

98
%
Recommend

Themes from Parent Feedback (90 responses)



What's Going Well

- Exceptionally strong parental confidence in staff
- Very high levels of pupil happiness and perceived safety
- Newsletter, especially the "Ask Me About" section is universally praised
- Rich extra-curricular offer and strong community ethos
- Strong appreciation for Early Birds sessions, SEND support and intervention programmes
- Parents think their children do well at DNIS



What Could Be Better

- Communication consistency and advance notice of events
- App usability and duplication of notifications
- More regular feedback on progress and social development
- Fundraising – ProStrike was an issue for some parents
- A very small minority of concerns around playground rough play



Changes Made

- Create a "How To" guide for Peak Edge App
- Publish key dates at the beginning of the year (rather than half termly on the newsletter)
- Increase visibility of outdoor learning, arts and creative opportunities
- Review fundraising approaches – do not do ProStrike again
- Communicate behaviour curriculum clearly

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.

Bags to take work home in – Weds 15th

Please send your child a named carrier bag for them to take their school work home in on Wednesday 15th July. Children will be bringing home books and art work from the year. If your child's books have been selected to keep for further year, your class teacher will notify you. Thanks in advance!

Ladybirds Party Wednesday 15th July

Ladybirds will be having an end of term party on Wednesday 15th July to celebrate a wonderful year and congratulate Mrs Calow on her retirement at the end of the year.

We have been learning about keeping our bodies healthy so we will be making fruit kebabs and smoothies as our party snacks.

Please can parents donate a punnet or bag of fruit for our ladybirds to share. Soft fruits are preferred as the children will be cutting these themselves e.g. melon, bananas, strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, kiwis, satsumas, peaches.

This can be dropped off at Ladybirds classroom Tuesday 14th or Wednesday 15th July.

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.

14th July: Woodpeckers leaving assembly 9.15am

15th July: Eagles leaving assembly at 9.15am

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 channelling their inner pirates. We have been using our fine motor skills and pencil control to draw treasure maps so that we can all find our way back to our treasure. We have been using our maths skills to count and combine treasure, making sure it is shared equally between two people. We have been using our design skills to make pirate boats and investigate which materials work best in the water.

The ladybirds also had the opportunity to go on a bug hunt in Forest School this week. They talked about where we might find the most bugs and what kind of habitats the bugs live in. We counted the bugs that we found and looked carefully at their characteristics.

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

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

A highlight of our week has been sharing the brilliant learning we have been doing over the year with all of you. The children were all amazing in our year group assembly and worked really hard to learn their songs and lines. We hope that you enjoyed listening to the things that we've been up to and visiting the classrooms to look at their art work too.

After cancelling our trip to the park due to the warm weather, we had great fun with water in the top yard. The children thoroughly enjoyed splashing about, and the teachers definitely did too!

We had a visit from the wonderful Will Hentley, who talked to us all about minibeasts and their habitats. We went on a bug hunt using special nets, pots, and checklists, and talked about which bugs liked which habitats and why this might be. Many children were keen to recall our prior learning about invertebrates to show Mr Hentley just how brilliant we are!

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

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 written letters to our teachers at Dobcroft Juniors and poems about what might happen if our teacher wasn't there!

Maths – we have consolidated our learning on position and direction.

D&T – we have made and evaluated our pizzas.

RE – we have learnt about the key features of a Mosque.

Bug Workshop – on Monday, all Year 2 pupils took part in a workshop with Will Hentley from the University of Sheffield up in Forest School. We had great fun learning about different types of insects and how to catch them.

Congratulations to all of our Year 2 children for their fantastic performances in our play this week – they showed great confidence, enthusiasm and teamwork, and made us all incredibly proud. A big thank you also to all our parents and carers for your support, and for providing costumes which helped to make the play such a success!

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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. cardy, 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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