



Dobcroft Newsletter

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Message from Mrs Rowland

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Message from Sarah Hincliffe, Chair of Governors

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Have a lovely, restful summer holiday

We can't believe we have reached the end of another academic year! We thank you for all your support and wish you a restful summer holiday. The first day back after the holidays is **Wednesday 2nd September 2026**.

New to year group parent presentation

If you would like to have another look over the new to year group parent presentation, you can find them on our [website homepage](#).

Message from FODS



2025/2026 ROUNDUP

This year
we raised
£20,990



Christmas fayre



Wreath making



Christmas present stall



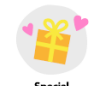
Big fat quiz of 2025



Disco



Second hand uniform sales



Special person stall



Mother's Day stall



Father's Day stall



Summer festival

This year FoDS have funded...

Infants



Whiteboards



RHE books



Sensory garden cleanup



Ladybirds' play equipment



Year 2 leavers celebrations



Laptops

Juniors



Outdoor sofas and beanbags



Year 6 leavers celebrations



Gardening club resources



Sports equipment and tennis nets



Mural painting

Still to come...



Mature trees for playground shade



Sensory garden



Willow house

and much more...

How can you support FoDS?

Be a part of FoDS

Come along to our next meeting to see what we do. Look out for the date in September. Please email fods.info.mail@gmail.com for more information.

Support the Tesco blue token scheme

The money raised will help fund the Juniors' Forest School. The scheme is running from 3rd August to the end of November at Tesco Abbeydale Road, Beighton Express, Totley Express, Sheffield Birley Road Express.

Pre-loved uniform

Please leave donations in the brown bin by the school gates. To order uniform, email fodsuniform@gmail.com with size, item, number and colour preference. All items £1.

[Click here to take a look at the DNIS Amazon Wishlist](#)

Look out for our new termly FoDS newsletter from September and don't forget to check the FoDS section in your schools' regular newsletter!

Thank you so much for all your support this year.
We couldn't do it without you!

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FoDS co-chairs



Jen

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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.

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

**September
2026**

See you all on
**Wednesday
2nd
September**
for the start
of the new
school term!

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

Summer Disability sports camps

Looking for a fun and inclusive activity this summer? Leisure United is running **6 weeks of SEND Sports Camps** for children and young people aged **6–14 years**. With supportive staff, exciting sports and games, and opportunities to make new friends, the camps provide a safe and welcoming environment where every child can build confidence, develop skills, and have fun.

Leisure United, Woodbourn Road, Sheffield, S9 3HL

10:00am–2:00pm throughout the summer holidays

Places are limited, so book early [using this link](#) to avoid disappointment.

EYFS Thank You

Thank you to all of our wonderful children and their families for your hard work over this year. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children and seeing how they have grown and progressed over the year. We are so proud of each and every one of them, and know you all will be too. Thank you also for our cards and gifts, they are much appreciated. Have a lovely summer!

Year 1 Thank you

The Year 1 team would like to thank everyone at home for their hard work this year. The pupils were amazing during the phonics screening check and have had a really successful year. It is clear that the children have worked hard at home and we are grateful for all the support. Thank you also for our lovely gifts.

Mr Jones, Mrs Holmes, Mr Donaldson, Miss Coldron, Mrs Gaffey, Miss Wilson, Mrs Rhodes and Mrs Simpson

Year 2 Thank you

On behalf of the Year 2 team we would like to say thank you to all our amazing parents. We really appreciate the support you have given us this year and will really miss the children going up to the junior school. Thank you for all our lovely gifts and cards – they are very much appreciated. We hope you have a restful summer!

Mrs Fairfull, Mrs Granger, Mrs Blackburn, Miss Clifffen, Mrs Peersman and Miss Wilson.

Attendance

Attendance target 2025–26: **97.5%**. Currently school is at **97.2%**. 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 **0.64%** 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

We have had a wonderful week celebrating our year in Ladybirds. We have been reflecting on all of the fun we have had and the friends we have made. We are so proud of how far the Ladybirds have come and how much they have learned this year. We will miss the ones that are moving on and look forward to welcoming back those that are returning next year.

The Ladybirds team would like to thank everyone for their very generous gifts. We are very grateful and wish you all a wonderful summer break.

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

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

What a lovely final week we have had with the Otters, Badgers, and Mice. The children have enjoyed packing up and moving out of their home corners, writing cards and drawing pictures for the new children starting in Reception in September, and sharing their favourite things from the year with their teachers. A highlight of the week was definitely our year group Bee Treat, an ice cream factory! The children chose what they wanted on their ice-creams or lollies and enjoyed them in the sunshine. We are all immensely proud of each and every one of them and the progress they have made. Good luck in Year One everyone!

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Helen Morris – morrish@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

Year One would like to say thank you to all the children and families for their continued support and effort over this year. We look forward to seeing you again in Y2.

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)

Good luck in Year three! We will miss you.

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Mrs Granger – grangerk@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

Miss Clifffen – cliffena@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk

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](#).



Junior School – Forest School Project

Starting with some good news, we've secured a place on the Tesco blue token scheme for Dobcroft Junior School for the Forest School Project, votes starting in august! Don't forget to ask for a token if you don't get given one at the checkout!

What happens next?

Stores which will vote on your project

Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on your project. Feel free to share this list of stores amongst your supporters and within your community.

- 3181 Sheffield Abbeydale Superstore S7 2QB
- 4517 Sheffield Beighton Exp Express S20 1EA
- 5202 Totley Sheffield Express S17 3LP
- 6153 Sheffield Birl Road Express S12 4WG

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 for our school 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 Page

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

Nursery Infant School - Amazon Wishlists

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.

Pre-loved 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!

General Enquiries - fods.info.mail@gmail.com

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Uniform Team – fodsuniform@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT THIS YEAR, SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!