



Dobcroft Newsletter

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Welcome back!

We're thrilled to welcome all our pupils back to school after the summer holidays! We hope you've had a wonderful break and are as excited as we are for the new term ahead. We would especially like to welcome our new children and their families that will be joining us in Reception and Ladybirds. We look forward to getting to know them and their families.

DNIS Parent Starter Guide

Click on the image below to take you to the link



Parent/Carer DNIS Starter Guide
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1 Set up school communication and payment systems

Peak Edge Trust App: You will be sent a log in via email. Please ensure you download the app and [get up your notifications](#). All school communications will come via this app. Search for "Peak Edge Trust" in your app store. The icon looks like this:

Parent Pay: Please ensure you are signed up as soon as possible to Parent Pay using the paper authentication letter that will be sent to you in week 2. You will use this to pay for all school transactions.

2 Read the newsletter every week

Read the newsletter every week. Always read the black text (as this refers to every class in the school) and your year group colour.

Red - Ladybirds
Purple - Reception
Green - Year one
Blue - Year Two

3 Dates for your diary

Download and keep the dates for your diary. These are all the dates where parents/carers may need to do something different: help on a trip, attend an event, dress their child in non-uniform etc.

[Click here for dates for diary](#)
[Click here for school calendar](#)

4 FAQs answered

Take a look at the "Parent Key Information" - it includes answers to FAQs such as uniform, school absence, wraparound care options and school timings.

[Click here for Parent Key Information](#)

5 Curriculum News

If you'd like to find out more about the curriculum you can find a page on every subject on our website.

[Click here to go to the curriculum tab](#)

6 Personal Development Offer

If you'd like to find out more about our personal development offer for children, click below

[Click here for Personal Development Offer](#)

7 Safeguarding Information

If you'd like to find out more about how DNIS manage safeguarding, click below.

[Click here for our safeguarding guide](#)

8 Year Group Information

Please visit the DNIS home page for:

"New To Year Group" presentations that teachers did in July

"Day In The Life" for each year group

[Click here for DNIS home page](#)
Scroll to the bottom of the home page

Join our school lottery:




Maintenance/Gardening Morning – Sunday 10th October

Join our community maintenance/gardening club to improve the school grounds including the wildlife garden and forest school. **All children must be accompanied by an adult.** Everyone is welcome, so if a green-fingered relative or a DIY expert would like to join, their help would be greatly appreciated.

Please join us if you can, on Sunday 11th October. **Meet us outside the entrance to Kingfishers class.**

We will be weeding, cutting back summer growth, mending equipment and getting raised beds ready for vegetable planting by the children. There will also be lots of other jobs that you can help with. **Please bring your own equipment if possible.**

Rug request

We are on the hunt for a new rug for a cosy space we have created in the corner of the hall. If you have a one that you are happy to donate please get in touch as we would be very grateful!

Medication

All medication such as EpiPens and antihistamine etc were sent home at the end of last academic year. If your child still needs to have medication kept in school for medical reasons, please ensure to bring it in as soon as possible.

[Click here](#) for term dates 25–26

Sept 2026

23rd
Whole school
Share a story
9am
(Ladybirds 9am or 3pm)

29th
Individual School Photos

Oct 2026

1st
CENSUS day

6th
Artist visit James Brunt

SUNDAY 10th
10am–noon
Maintenance/Gardening Morning

THURSDAY 22nd
Dress down day
(Friday is an INSET day)

22nd
Last day of half term

DNIS Lottery



WELCOME BACK!
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL
PLAY OUR LOTTERY

JOIN THE LOTTERY

- Join the lottery to support our school
- Win weekly cash prizes up to £25,000
- Free entry into the bonus Super

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

£1 per week
Weekly cash prizes
£25,000 jackpot

How it works...

It's simple - just choose 5 numbers between 1-9, and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25,000 jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Dobcroft Nursery Infant School.

Every Saturday at 11pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Dobcroft Nursery Infant School

Splitting the £1.00

40p to our school
50p guaranteed prize
50p other prizes & running costs

The maths...

100 weekly tickets means:
A £25 guaranteed weekly prize
£2,000 a year for your school

To start supporting, visit:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for Dobcroft Infant

Big rucksacks

Please do not bring big rucksacks into school as we do not have space on the pegs for children to hang them and they become a tripping hazard.

The only things you need to bring to school each day are: lunchbox (if required), water bottle, book bag, and reading diary (in reception) & reading book (if your child has been given one by their teacher), outdoor clothing (sun hat in the summer and coat in the cooler months). If your child needs a change of clothes or things for an after school club, please bring them in a small bag that will fit on their peg.

Please do not bring in personal items including toys, snacks from home, special objects, pencil cases and jewellery etc.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS (this means we can return them to you if they are lost)

Share a story – Wednesday 23rd Sept, 9am

Parents and carers are invited to come into your child's classroom and read a story with your child or a group of children. You can bring your favourite book or read one from the selection in the classroom. This is a lovely event that encourages a love of reading and helps us to celebrate books as a community. We look forward to welcoming you.

Ladybirds have slightly different timings, please note these below:

Ladybirds, beginning of the week – 9.00 – 9.20am

Ladybirds, end of the week – 3.00 – 3.20pm

Full time Ladybirds can choose which sessions to attend.

Early Birds

If your child has been asked to attend Early Birds then you will receive a letter in their book bag. Please only bring your child to Early Birds if they have received a new letter as the groups are different to last year.

Attendance and Punctuality

School attendance is a national priority and the government has statutory guidance that schools need to adhere to.

Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Evidence shows that pupils who have good attendance enjoy better wellbeing and school performance than those who do not.

To ensure we provide the best care and manage absences effectively, we are required to ask for more specific information about why your child is ill (for example, vomiting, impetigo or high temperature) as this will determine if we can authorise the absence or not.

By providing detailed information, you help us:

- Identify Patterns: Spot and address potential health trends early.
- Enhance Support: Tailor our support to your child's specific needs.
- Improve Communication: Keep everyone informed and manage absences more efficiently.

Your cooperation in providing this information is greatly appreciated. This helps us ensure a healthier school environment for all. Thank you for your understanding.

Please [click here](#) for more information.

Lost Property

Please make sure you name all your children's clothing and water bottle. Uniform really does all look the same! We are left with piles of lost property each week, much of which we cannot return as there is no way of knowing who it belongs to. This is stored outside the Butterfly Room which is the room in the middle of the school next to Ladybirds. If you are not sure where this is please ask your child's class teacher. This area is undercover but outside which means it can be accessed even if the office area is closed.

Individual school photos– 29th Sept

Individual school photos will be taken on the 29th Sept during school hours. Any siblings in school on this day will have their photos taken together. Ladybirds who attend at the beginning of the week can come at 8.50am.

Ladybirds General Information

Please remember to bring spare clothes and a water bottle every day – it really helps us if these are labelled with your child's name.

Please could you return your completed 'All about me' sheet.

Eco Rep & Rights Respecting Rep – apply now!

During the first two weeks, children who would be interested in applying for either of these roles need to prepare a short presentation explaining why they would like to represent the school in their chosen role.

Playground Leaders – apply now!

An application form is in all Y2's book bag for the responsible role of playground leader /sports leader. Please [click here](#) for the application in case you need another copy, please print it out – do not type directly onto the form.

Homework

Remember Year 2 homework is now fortnightly and is uploaded via the Peak Edge App. Each child will bring their new homework book home next Friday (11th).

Attendance

Attendance target 2026–27: **97.5%**. Currently school is at **97%**. 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 **0.4%** 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

Ladybirds have had a great first week at school and have settled in really well. We have been learning our friends names and have enjoyed exploring our inside and outside classrooms.

Please remember to bring spare clothes and a water bottle every day – it really helps us if these are labelled with your child's name.

Please return your child's 'All about me' sheet completed.

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

This will start from Friday 11th Sept

Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

This will start from Friday 11th Sept

Y2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

This will start from Friday 11th Sept