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Dobcroft Newsletter

16th October 2026

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Owls 3:30pm – 4:30pm session

We have currently been trialling a shorter Owl's club provision for 3:30pm–4:30pm from Tuesday to Friday for a reduced rate of £7.50, which includes a snack for your child too.

The number of children attending this Owls session will continue to be monitored up to half term. However, if numbers do not increase, we may need to make the difficult decision and remove this session from our offer. We would like to continue supporting parents with wrap around provision although we will not be financially viable unless we have enough interest in this offer.

Community action

Thank you to all of the volunteers who joined us on Sunday to help work on the school grounds. We did an amazing amount of work with so many hands to help us. Thank you to our peaceful protestors who joined us to promote safer roads around school this week too.

Dobcroft Dragonfly: Sensory Garden

DNIS, together with a number of valued collaborators, is working to create a new sensory garden for all of our children to enjoy and benefit from. This exciting project has been made possible through the support, expertise and generosity of parents within our school community, alongside local businesses from Sheffield and the surrounding area. We are especially grateful to Martin Coates, one of our parents, who has designed the garden and brought together this document to provide further information about the project and its development.



Chief Financial Officer Opportunity

Are you a qualified finance professional looking for an exciting new challenge? Do you want to work in a collaborative and supportive environment, making a meaningful contribution to the education of our children? Find out more about the CFO role at Peak Edge.



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Oct 2026

16th
Clubs go live on Parent Pay

21st
SEND Coffee Morning 9–10am

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

22nd
Last day of half term

Nov 2026

Mosque Trip
Kingfishers – Tues 3rd
Eagles – Wed 4th
Woodpeckers–Th 5th

5th
Diwali dance workshop

Monday 16th
Anti-bullying week

W/C 16th Nov
Road Safety Week

20th Nov

Amazon Wishlists!

Please see the FODS newsletter for a link to our class Amazon wishlists. This can also be viewed here on our school website: https://www.dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk/page/fods/23267
Each class has an Amazon wishlist, including a wishlist for items we would like to purchase to add to our provision for SEND.

SEND Coffee Morning

Our first SEND coffee morning of the year will be on Wednesday 21st October from 9-10am in the hub. This will be a chance to find out more about SEND at Dobcroft and to meet other parents of SEND children. All parents are welcome, whether or not your child is on the SEND register at school. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits but contributions of cake are very well received! Younger siblings are welcome to join us. If you have any questions, email Kat Holmes on holmesk@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk.

KS1 Read Write Inc Phonic sounds

Each fortnight, we will post which sounds each RWI group have been learning and reviewing.
Please see your child's group below:
Ditty/Red group –qu, nk, igh, ow, oo
Green group – ay, ee, igh, ow, oo
Purple group – air, ir, ow, or, ay, *oo*
Pink group – air, oy, ir, oo, *oo*, a-e,
Orange group –ur, are, ir
Yellow group – ure, tion, tious, ew
Blue group – ai, ay, ae, e, ea, e_a
Grey group/Free Readers –ai, oa,, ire, ear, ure, tious

Ladybirds – additional option of start date

Ladybird children can start with us immediately after their third birthday. Sessions will need to be paid for directly. Please not that 15 and 30 30 hours FEL funding does not come into effect until the term after they turn three. For example: If your child turns 3 in September, they will be eligible for the 30 hours free funding in Spring term.

Ladybird Open Evening

We would like to invite Ladybird parents into our classrooms to come and have a look at what we have been up to in Autumn 1. This is also an opportunity to have an informal chat with your childs teacher.

Tueday 3rd November and Thursday 5th Novemeber
3:30pm– 4:00pm **or** 4:00pm – 4:30pm
Full Time parents please choose a session to attend. If these times are unsuitable for you, it is possible to contact your childs teacher to discuss an alternative.

Reading Diaries

Reception children will be taking home their reading diaries next week after we have completed their up to date phonics assessment. Please remember to bring your child's reading diary and reading book (if they have one) to school every day as they may be reading on different days each week with their teacher or teaching assistant.

Y1 junk modelling materials

Y1 would love to increase their supplies of junk modelling within our making areas in the classroom. If you have any items of recycling (e.g. cereal boxes, egg boxes, kitchen roll tubes, plastic bottle lids) that you are able to spare for our classroom then please bring them in to your class teacher.

Y1 Transition Feedback Form

Please share your thoughts on the transition from FS2 to Y1.
Y1 transition – Fill in form

Y2 Computing Competition

In November, Y2 are entering a global computing competion. This will support them to develop their computational thinking. They will be entering in teams and have already done a bit of practise at school. If you would like to support them with this then they could practise using last year's questions. These can be found using this link: **https://www.bebras.uk/quiz/05f1f907bae32f3b**

Children In Need Day

Attendance

Attendance target 2024–25: 97.5%. Currently school is at **98.17%.** 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 **0.26%** of children were marked as late.

Ask me about...

Each week your class teacher will update this area with information about what your chid has been learning during the week so that you can ask them questions about it.

Ladybirds

This week the Ladybirds have been beginning to notice the changes in our seasons. We have been collecting falling leaves and natural materials to make face pictures. We have also noticed a change in the temperatures outside with many children choosing to wear coats outside. This is the perfect time of year to practice putting our coats on and taking them off independently. We have been encoraging children to have a go with this by themselves with the 'coat flip'.

The children have been busy in the making area this week, using resources to create things to enhance their play. Cutting and decorating crowns has been a wonderful opportunity to practice our scissor skills and creating maps have helped us to explore pencil grip and control.

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Reception (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

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Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

English – we have been learning about using finger spaces accurately
Maths – we have been learning about number lines
Science – we have learnt that we smell with our noses
Art – we have continued learning about observational drawing

Foxes – Mrs Granger & Miss Smith– grangerk@dobcroft–inf.sheffield.sch.uk & smithk@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 looked at regular past tense verbs that end in –ed (pulled, jumped) and irregular past tense verbs where we change the whole word (swam, ran)
PSHE – We went up to Forest School and created our own nature Mandala as a class
Maths – we have added and subtracted, making sure we draw our tens and ones to help us.
PE – In First Aid, we learnt how to help someone who is choking.
DT – We have created our vehicle with wheels and axles and tried to follow our design sheet.

Woodpeckers – Mrs Holmes & Mrs Shepherd holmesk@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk & shepherdjenni@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk
Eagles – Mrs Fairfull – fairfullc@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk
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