

# Sports News

**Autumn 2025**



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The lunchtime Sports Clubs for next term are:

Monday: Y4/5/6 Sportshall Athletics; Y3/4 Netball  
Tuesday: Y5/6 Girls Football; Y6 Boys Football  
Wednesday: Y3/4 Handball  
Thursday: Y5/6 Girls Football; Y5 Boys Football  
Friday: Y5/6 Handball; Y3/4 Basketball

All children are welcome and should meet Mr Ross on the back playground.

**Introduction** - We have been extremely active this term for Sport, with plenty of our children representing the school at a number of different events. Every child has had the opportunity to access both Gymnastics and Curriculum Sport during their PE lessons, with a clear focus around working together and having achieved personal targets for ongoing progression. Every child has been a credit to the school, working hard throughout and giving so much positive energy to the tasks set.



**Cross Country** - Over 50 children have been attending the various races at the weekend, and many are achieving their personal best times when running the courses. Winners of their Year Group races include Alice.C in Y3/4 Girls, James.T-W in Y3/4 Boys, Elsa.F in Y5/6 Girls, and Hrishi.P in Y5/6 Boys. Hard work is paying off, with our A Teams in all four categories competing for the Sheffield titles once again, making Dobcroft Junior School a leader in this sport across the City. Well done to all those competing, and we look forward to more joining us in 2026.

**Table Tennis** - With an additional table outside, adding to the three already present in the playground, school Table Tennis is going from strength to strength. Four teams represented the school at the Sheffield/South Yorkshire Finals last month, with both the Boys and the Girls U11 A teams progressing through to the North Championship early next year. Congratulations to all those involved, the level of competition was fantastic, and we look forward to adding more fixtures later this year.



**Dodgeball** - 20 Y5/6 children went to the EIS in Sheffield to play in a morning of dodgeball and did extremely well whilst participating in a new festival against other schools. Both teams did very well with both finishing in the top 2 positions at the end of the games.

**Sports Hall Athletics** - Our extremely strong team, ably supported by some wonderful parents and grand-parents (special mention to Cory's grandpa!), have competed strongly this year and have progressed through to the Sheffield Final in February 2026. Led by Hrishi and Florie, all of the children have worked hard to improve on their times and work as a tight group, supporting one another throughout and promoting the TEAM DOBCROFT mentality. Congratulations to all, and keep it going; can we get to the South Yorkshire Finals again?

**Girls Football** - We have seen some fantastic football being played by girls across all the age groups, with a number of teams going and competing against other schools across Sheffield. The Y6 Team won their group stages and advanced to the Regional Final in Sheffield, finishing 3rd to some strong competition. The team improved with every match, and we are proud of their hard work and commitment throughout. The Y3/4 Girls took TWO teams (one led by Mr. Woodger!) to their tournament, and both did extremely well - losing no matches throughout the morning and all playing with a smile on their faces when scoring their team goals. It was very impressive to watch; thanks to all the parents who came and supported during the day.

**Boys Football** – Once again, the boys football programme has been a great success led by Mr. Wassell, with the Y6 Boys reaching the Area Finals and playing some fantastic matches. Many goals were scored, Toby.A was an absolute wall in goal, and those who watched from the sidelines were extremely impressed. The Y3/4 Boys went to Graves to play in the Points Development League, and ended up winning the whole tournament: special mention must go to some of our Y3 pupils, George and Mustafa, who both were fantastic to watch and scored a great number of goals between them. One that stood out was a hat-trick from Mustafa, who completed it with a goal from his own corner! We look forward to seeing more matches this year, including the Y5 Boys playing in the SFSS League led by Mr Ross, and some friendlies against other schools.

**Tag Rugby** - Some of our Y5/6 pupils enjoyed a morning of tag rugby, reaching their Finals after impressive wins during the League format. Plenty of tries were scored by attacking team play, and the energy throughout was fantastic to see. Many thanks to Mr. Amos for his coaching knowledge and support with one of the teams, it was a great help.

**Summary** - It's been a fantastic term for many at the school who have represented Dobcroft Juniors in their various activities. We are proud of you all, and look forward to an amazing Spring Term filled with many more opportunities for our children to shine! Thanks to all the parents and guardians for their positive support throughout; have a wonderful festive break and see you in 2026.

#### **Dates for the Diary**

- *January 10<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Cross Country @ Handsworth Grange*
- *January 17<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Orienteering @ Ecclesall Woods*
- *January 27<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Y5/6 Emerging Girls Netball @ EIS*
- *February 4<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Y5/6 Bouldering @ The Works*
- *February 5<sup>th</sup> 2026 – SportsHall Athletics Sheffield Final @ EIS (AM)*
- *February 7<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Cross Country & Orienteering @ Norfolk Park; Y6 Girls Netball @ Sheffield Girls High; U11 Table Tennis Regional Final @ Bradford Grammar School (all day)*
- *February 13<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Y5 Girls Netball @ Sheffield Girls High.*
- *February 24<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Y3/4 AquaFest @ Ponds Forge.*
- *February 25<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Y5/6 AquaFest @ Ponds Forge.*
- *28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Cross Country Championship @ Graves Park*
- *March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026 – Y5/6 Girls Football @ Graves SC*
- *March 11<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Y6 Girls Netball SFSS League @ Sheffield Girls High.*
- *March 12<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Y5/6 GymFest @ Graves SC*
- *March 13<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Y3/4 GymFest @ Graves SC; Y5 Girls Netball @ Sheffield Girls High.*
- *March 14<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Orienteering @ Shirebrook Country Park*
- *March 24<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Y4 Network Games @ EIS (AM)*
- *March 25<sup>th</sup> 2026 – Y5 Boys Football @ King Edwards VII Lower School, 4pm-5.30pm*

There are also a number of friendlies for Hockey/Football/Netball still to be confirmed and added to the calendar, so further information will be added in the new year!