

February 2026



We have had a fantastic start to 2026 at DJS and the half term has been packed full of exciting learning experiences, fabulous visits, sporting successes, amazing assemblies, and dancing and singing at Young Voices 2026 - and of course Ofsted! I would like to wish you all a lovely half term and crossing fingers for some sunshine.

Mrs Sexton

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Coming up next term:

- 23 Feb- School reopens
- 24 Feb Y3F to Broomcroft
- 27 Feb- Y5P to Kelham Island
- 28 Feb - Cross Country Championships & Presentations @ Graves Park
- 5 March - Y5L to Kelham Island
- 5 March - Y3/4 FODs Disco
- 6 March - Y4 afternoon trip to Halle Orchestra
- 7 March - Pop Maths Quiz
- 9 March to 25 March - Y5 Bikeability
- 10 March - Y5CB to Kelham Island
- 12 March - Y5/6 FODs Disco
- 14 March - Orienteering at Shirebrook
- 18 March - Y3T Class Assembly
- 27 March - Dress Down Day and Break up for Easter

Year 6- Charity Fayre

On Friday 6th February, our year 6 children held a fantastic charity afternoon to raise money for ASSIST Sheffield: it was a huge success. There was an amazing range of games and activities for everyone to enjoy, including darts, a football shoot-out, Nerf gun games, a lucky dip, a raffle and “guess the name of the soft toy”. The year 3, 4 and 5 children also loved browsing the gorgeous handmade trinkets on sale, from beautiful homemade earrings to other special treats. Well done to all of the Year 6 children who **raised an impressive £572.78** for such a worthwhile charity

Ofsted

As you are aware we have had important visitors this week. The inspection has run smoothly and pupils have certainly risen to the challenge of sharing their learning and their views on many elements of school life.

Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the parent survey and to our governors who met with the lead inspector.

Unfortunately we are unable to share the outcome until the final report has been checked and published, but we will make sure we share with you as soon as possible.

Academy update

Progress towards joining INOVA academy continues and we now hope to complete the conversion on the 1st May 2026. We are already reaping the benefits from the trust as they have been supporting school with elements of our school improvement plan.

Year 6 Crucial Crew Visit

Year 6 attended Crucial Crew, which is a series of workshops run by South Yorkshire Police, to teach the children about safety as they grow up and become more independent. On the day the children learned about open water safety, fire safety in the home, hate crime, how to use the bus system, anti-social behaviour, as well as performing a re-enactment of a court scene if a juvenile was brought before a magistrate. They all had a great time and learned lots about keeping themselves safe as they grow up.

"I think it was a great opportunity to learn about life skill and things that you wouldn't normally learn about during school time." (FR - Y6P)

"My favourite activity was when we acted out the fire scenario in a bedroom. I now know what to do in a fire and how to minimise the risks in my bedroom." (GD Y6P)

End of School Routines

Thank you to all our parents for giving the office up-to-date information regarding your child's going home arrangements. It is always our priority to keep all students safe, and having accurate and up to date details helps us manage dismissal procedures effectively.

Any one-off change to your usual going home arrangements (e.g a play date), needs reporting directly to the school office – you can email the information or telephone.

Please do not use dojo messages to the class teacher for going home changes – teachers do not check DoJo daily and will be teaching, therefore your message would not get passed on.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in helping us maintain a safe and secure environment for all children.

YOUNG VOICES 2026

This year, Young Voices celebrated its 30th anniversary and we were delighted to take over 100 of our Year 5 and 6 children to take part in the celebrations. The children have worked really hard in school since September to learn the enormous repertoire of songs, dances and British Sign Language translations for the concert. The range of musical genres covered was huge - from the rustic Sea Shanty Medley and powerful Wicked Medley (both favourites in our weekly Singing Assemblies) to the gospel classic 'Shackles' and a range of disco songs in Disco Fever! It's really special to see the children enjoying such a broad selection of music.

During the day itself, we were treated to the Young Voices live band who are always incredible, Urban Strides (street dancers) who like to get us all up on our feet dancing and a wealth of other professional performers including Indie/Americana singer, Harriet Rose who first experienced Young Voices as a child and returned to headline the very same arena in Sheffield where her love of music began. I wonder if this will be any of our talented children in years to come?

A huge thank you to the staff both at school and those that worked well into the evening - without their dedication, we wouldn't be able to take such a large group of children each year.

Another huge thank you to all the parents and carers who have done so much behind the scenes to support their children in learning the many, many words, to negotiate the Young Voices booking procedures, to arrange tickets and transport to support the children at these concerts and much more. We appreciate your support enormously!

Finally, a massive well done and thank you to the children who were an absolute credit to you all and sang and danced their socks off all day!



Young Artists Competitions

Well done to everyone who has submitted their artwork for the Sheffield Young Artists Competition and Exhibition 2026. We have been very impressed with all the brilliant entries on the theme of Climate Change and Mrs Waggott and Mrs Sexton (our art leaders) look forward to deciding which ones will be submitted. The exhibition will take place on Friday 24th April – Saturday 25th April 2026 at Central United Reformed Church, S1 2JB. We will be letting pupils know if they have been included in the submitted entries and then we will find out who has been successful in mid-March. Good luck everyone!

There is another competition that our young artists have been told about too. This one is to enter the **Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show**. There is no theme, no size or media restriction for entries so you can be as creative as you want to be. The deadline for entries is Wednesday 4th March 2026 and the online and on-site exhibition will be in July and August. The artwork will be judged in May 2026. Our school is registered so pupils can submit work themselves after taking a photograph of it. Please

let us know
the work



about any entries, it would be great to see any of

on: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibitions>.

Assemblies Update

Our assemblies have continued to cover a range of topics to educate and inspire the children.

Mr Harrison shared Online Safety tips related to what children in our school community feel about their use of technology. These insights were shared on our whole school Class Dojo story – please do scroll back if you wish to see them.

Miss Jackson led a climate change assembly to inspire children to be more aware of potential 'green careers' that are available to them. Pupils learnt that a 'green career' is a job that helps to look after our planet, protect the environment and fight climate change.



Mrs Waggott led an assembly about the two exciting art competitions that are being promoted in school at the moment, including the Young Artists Summer Show.

We had two wonderful Class Assemblies from Y5CB and Y3F sharing their wonderful learning so far this year. Thank you so much to all the family and friends that were able to come and support the children.

Thank you to those parents who are booked in for an assembly visit this year – if you have a hobby, career, or sport that you would like to share with our school community, please get in contact with Mr Harrison via enquiries@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk

Attendance

Our attendance target for the 2025-26 academic year is 98%. Currently school is at 97.23%. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their ongoing support in ensuring that pupils attend school regularly.

Regular attendance is essential for your child's learning and development. As a reminder, we follow the NHS *Is My Child Too Ill for School* guidance when responding to pupil absences, which encourages children to attend school if they have a cold.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in helping us work towards our attendance goals.

Y3F- Broomcroft Care Home Visit

Each year, all Y3 classes have the valued opportunity to visit Broomcroft House Care Home. Y3F had their first of three visits in January, with the focus on getting to know each other. Before this visit, we discussed how we can introduce ourselves and created a range of conversation starters. We also went through some scenarios so the children felt prepared and confident. The children were absolutely fantastic with the residents and it was joy to watch their interactions. They asked lots of thought-provoking questions and shared their own interests, whilst always showing respect and a genuine interest. Our future visits will incorporate the themes of 'sharing memories' and 'connecting and creating'. I would also like to say a big thank you to all volunteers who came with us. If you would like to volunteer for future visits, just message your Y3 teacher.

Y5CB and Y3F Class Assemblies

We were incredibly proud of the outstanding performances of 5CB and 3F. The children spoke and performed brilliantly about a whole range of learning. It was lovely to see so many children showcasing musical talents too! Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended- the children love having you in the audience!



FODs Special Person Gift Stall

A really big thank you to our amazing FODS helpers for organising another very successful gift stall. This time the children had the opportunity to choose a gift for those 'Special People' in their lives! Thanks also to all our families who donated really lovely, thoughtful gifts and supported the event, it was very popular and the children really enjoyed it.

Upcoming FODs events include:

- 5th March - Y3/4 Disco 5:30pm - 7pm
- 12th March - Y5/6 Disco 5:30pm - 7pm

Parking Reminders

Thank you to the parents who continue to report unsafe parking around the school area. Our office team do continue to pass on the concerns to the parking enforcement team at the council, however we feel that direct communication from parents would have even greater impact. Please continue to raise concerns with us but taking the time to email the council too could have even more impact:

parkingenforcement@sheffield.gov.uk

Please also note that school do not have any control/decision regarding the zig zags and turning bay- this is the highway code, we will continue to do all we can to challenge and remind the community about parking for the safety of all.