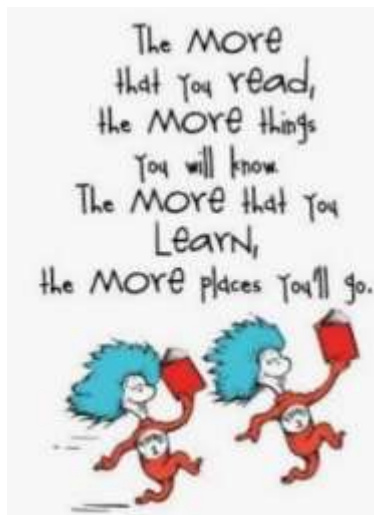


Newsletter

October 2026

The term has got off to a wonderful start, with the children settling in quickly, rising to new challenges and building new friendships. There has been plenty to celebrate, including our school joining an academy and the launch of our very first pumpkin competition! We wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break and please read on to find out more!



We have been excited to launch our brand-new reading initiative, designed to encourage an even greater love of reading both at school and at home:

The Dobcroft Reading Bookmarks and Calendars!

It has been wonderful to see so many children already completing their first books and recording their reading progress. We hope this initiative will inspire everyone to enjoy reading regularly and celebrate their achievements along the way.

Here are what some of our children think of the new system!

- I like that it's themed around DJS and I like the way I can write down what books I've read.
- I've already finished my book mark, one of the books I was reading I read in a day I loved it so much!
- I am really pleased with my bookmark - I have filled a whole series of books in.
- I like seeing how many books I've read!
- I enjoy decorating it then filling it in

We are all very excited for Mrs Harding to hold the first raffle at the end of this half term, with one lucky winner receiving a reading voucher!

Keep reading, keep recording, and most importantly, enjoy getting lost in

a good book! 

Staff Update

A huge welcome to Ms Stringfellow and Mr Bashforth who have joined our support staff team. Also, a big welcome back to Miss Fee who is teaching in Year 4- we are so lucky to have them working in our school.

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Coming up:

2/11- School reopens
6/11 Y3T- Broomcroft nursing home visit
9-13/11 Foodbank collections
9/11 Y4TH begin swimming
14/11 X country- Bradfield
20/11- Children in Need (info to follow)
26/11 Y5 Ancient Maya day
26/11 Y3T Class assembly to parents
27/11 Flu vaccines
28/11 X Country – Concord Park
1/12 – Y3F Work showcase open morning
1/12 – Christmas Fayre
2/12 – Y3J Work showcase open morning
3/12 – Y3T Work showcase open morning
3/12 - Y5 Festive singalong for St Luke's
8/12 – Y5P Work showcase open morning

	<p>8/12 – Y4 performance: 6pm 9/12 – Y5L Work showcase open morning 9/12 – Y5 to St Luke’s for carol singing 9/12 – Y4 Performances: 1:45 and 6pm 10/12 – Y5CB Work showcase open morning 11/12 – Y3F Broomcroft nursing home visit 11/12 – FoDS Xmas present stall 14/12 – Y6 Height and Weight measuring 18/12- dress down day, Xmas parties, break up for the holidays</p>
<p>Y5CB Class Assembly</p> <p>A big well done to Y5CB for their fantastic class assembly! It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all the learning, projects and enjoyment the class have experienced so far this year. The children shared their learning with confidence and enthusiasm, including their exciting St Luke’s community project, which is now underway with visits to the day centre. It was lovely to see how much the children have to share, and we know that parents and carers really enjoyed the assembly. Well done to all the pupils, Mrs Beasley and Mrs Conroy for such a lovely celebration of learning!</p>	<p>Please remember you can view your child’s year group newsletter for upcoming activities and events this term. These are sent at the beginning of each term but are also available on our website. https://www.dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk/news-items</p>
<p>Assist Community Project</p> <p>Year 6 were delighted to welcome a visitor from local charity ASSIST Sheffield, which supports people seeking sanctuary who have been refused asylum. The charity provides accommodation, information and a range of other vital support. During the visit, we learnt more about the important work ASSIST does and explored the connections between the experiences of real-life asylum seekers and refugees and the characters in The Arrival by Shaun Tan, which we have been studying in our English lessons. The visit helped us to deepen our understanding of the challenges people face when arriving in a new country and encouraged us to think about the importance of kindness, empathy and welcome.</p>	
<p>Outdoor Learning Day- Year 3</p> <p>On Wednesday 14th October, Year 3 took part in their first Outdoor Learning Day of the year. The day was a great success in the autumnal sunshine! In the morning, the children completed problem solving activities, an obstacle course, making nature art, and the always enjoyable experience of a campfire with toasted marshmallows. The afternoon consisted of exploring Ecclesall Woods and building villages for the infamous Little People! The children showed brilliant teamwork skills throughout and we hope they were left with some lovely memories of the day. A big thankyou to all our volunteers too!</p>	



Who Do I Contact?

We know it can sometimes be confusing to know who to speak to, so we wanted to give a quick reminder below. This will help us make sure your questions are directed to the right member of staff as quickly as possible.



Please remember class dojo is not checked every day by class teachers and is only for very informal messaging!

General enquiries- including going home routines, appointments, reporting absence, school dinners, payments, etc.

School Office – enquiries@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk

Teaching & learning concerns (not Dojo)

Class Teachers –via email through the school office:enquiries@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk

Friendships and/or behaviour concerns (not Dojo)

Class teachers via the school office:enquiries@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk

Special educational needs (SEND) or additional support

SENDCo Mrs Hayley Little : hlittle@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk

Pastoral support and wellbeing

1st instance- class teacher, and/or Louise Fear: lfear@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk

Safeguarding concerns

Safeguarding team - Mrs Sexton, Mrs Doyle, Mrs Fear (please email the headteacher)

headteacher@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk

Medical needs or medication

School Office: enquiries@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk

After School Clubs

Mr Wright school office: enquiries@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk

Ongoing Concerns (that you feel have not been addressed)

Headteacher- Nicola Sexton: headteacher@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk

Pupil's Parliament

We are delighted to announce our Pupil Parliament representatives for this year! Year 3: Maisie, Acelyn and Oliver; Year 4: Rose, Charlie and Esme; Year 5: Joshua, Laurie and Ava; and Year 6: Matilda, Scarlett and Charlie. You can spot our representatives around school wearing their brand new green Pupil Parliament badges! Our first meeting will take place on 4th November, when we will discuss how we can make improvements to our school. We're excited to see the fantastic ideas our reps bring forward, and the positive changes they help make happen this year!



Sports Leaders

Our Sports Leaders are leading games at lunchtime throughout the week, giving pupils more opportunities to get active, try different activities and enjoy playing together. They are helping to create a lively and welcoming atmosphere in the playground, and pupils are encouraged to come along and join in.

Peer Mediators

Our Peer Mediators are up and running, offering support to pupils across the playground. They help children talk through small disagreements, listen to one another and work towards a fair solution. Their role is helping to make lunchtimes more positive and supportive for everyone.



Y5 St Luke's Visit

As part of their community link, Year 5 are raising money for St Luke's. To help the children to understand why they are raising the money and what the donation will be used for, they have been on trips to visit the day centre.

The year 5s had a lovely tour of the day centre where they took part in dancing and shuffleboard sessions with residents. They also worked with St Luke's volunteers to brainstorm what makes a good fundraiser and what they could do to help raise money.



Y3J Broomcroft Visit

This half term Y3J visited Broomcroft Care Home as part of the School Community Outreach Plan. To prepare for the trip, the children considered why the residents might be in the care home and the impact we could have on them by visiting. We practiced conversation starters and topics that we could have with the residents. The children were motivated to bring the residents joy and help them feel less lonely. Then on a Friday afternoon, we walked up the hill to the care home. We arrived into a quiet room and the children began to introduce themselves to the residents. As there was only a couple of residents in the room, a few children excitedly waited by the door for more residents to arrive. The children chatted openly and bravely with the residents about all sorts of topics, including football and farming, and they grew in confidence as they spoke to more people. We were really pleased that all the children engaged in conversation with at least one resident, and we are so proud of how forthcoming the children were with talking to the adults. Thank you so much to the parents who supported this trip! It was a really meaningful and joyful trip to be a part of. We are really looking forward to the next one!

Work Showcase Mornings

Our Work Showcase Mornings have got off to a great start, with parents and carers joining us in Year 3 and Year 4 so far. It's been lovely to welcome families into the classrooms at drop-off, giving them a chance to have a look at their children's work, see what they've been learning and share in their achievements. Thank you to everyone who has popped in – we've loved sharing a little glimpse of classroom life with you!

Crofty

Crofty has returned from Sheffield Hallam Tennis club and now sits proudly in The Reading Corner. Welcome home Crofty the Cub 🐻



Parkrun & Fundraising

Thea and Jess in Year 6 recently organised a Bake Sale at our termly visit to Millhouses junior parkrun.



We are delighted to share that the girls have raised a huge total of £707.13 (including gift aid) for Ovarian Cancer Action from a range of different fundraising activities. This has surpassed their expectations as their original goal was £200:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/jess-thea-bakesale>



The Bake Sale is a great illustration of the DJS school motto "Together We Make a Difference." They report that they were only able to fundraise this much due to the efforts of everyone to attend, buy and/or bake - ranging from Dobcroft staff, pupils and families, parkrun families and multiple other encouraging communities.

Also, well done to Enzo in year 5 who raised an incredible £310 for the British Heart Foundation by shaving his hair off in the style of Mr Harrison -who is also raising money for the same charity!

Assemblies

We have dived back in to the busy schedule of assemblies, bring our school community together to learn and share.

Just some of our exciting assemblies this half term have included:

- Singing and the new Young Voices songs
- Online safety and our Acceptable Usage Agreement

- The Jewish celebration of Yom Kippur
- Travel Tracker and encouraging walking and cycling to school
- European Languages Day with a focus on French
- Firework Safety and how to keep safe

Finally, Olivia from St Luke's came to celebrate the amazing fundraising last year by our current Y6- £3,092.93!

Pumpkin Competition!

In July we sold over 100 pumpkin seedlings to children in school and this week was the chance for everyone to showcase their harvest! As we know it has been a tricky season for growing fruit and vegetables- several heatwaves and very little rain. That said, lots of children brought along their entries and we awarded 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes for various categories.

Biggest- 1st Molly, 2nd Marko, 3rd Ori

Smallest- 1st Grace, 2nd Evelyn, 3rd Ted

Funniest name: 1st Cate, 2nd Evelyn, 3rd Isla

Prettiest/most beautiful- 1st Constance, 2nd Hannah and Alice, 3rd Cate



Well done everyone for your efforts and most importantly if you had limited success don't let that put you off next year when there will be another opportunity to take part.



Infant School Shout Out

A huge well done to infant school children and Mrs Singh who have been promoting safe parking this week before school. Their action has made such a huge difference and it is something that the juniors will repeat in the near future- in the meantime please remember the rules for parking, in order to keep everyone safe.