



Dobcroft Newsletter

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Applications for new starters in September 2025

Parents/carers of children that will be starting school in September 2025 need to apply for their place by the 15th January. [Click here](#) for the page on our website that has more information. [Click here](#) for Sheffield City Council's advice booklet.

See you back on the 6th January

Have a lovely, restful holiday and we will see you back to school on 6th January 2025.

Second hand uniform update

From January 2025, all second hand uniform sales will be moving to cash only and online payments via bank transfer will not be accepted (unless done at the time of the sale and proof of payment is shown). We have given items out on trust in the past but have found that payments for these are not being made after on site school sales; we were approximately £30 short after the sale in November for items that were given out on this basis. This has been really disheartening for the volunteers involved as it takes a huge amount of time to sort uniform, organise and run these events and ultimately impacts the fundraising for the school. If you would like to make a payment please use these details:
FODS (FRIENDS OF DOBCROFT SCHOOL), sort code: 544147, Acct no:52166023

Welfare Supervisors – Job Vacancy

We have a lunchtime supervisor vacancy (either full or part time). Working hours are **11.55am to 1.25pm**. If you are interested, or know anyone who is, and would like to find out more information, please contact the school office on 0114 2368099. Training will be given.

NeurodiverCity Sheffield Drop-in

[Family Action](#) are holding a paren/carer drop in for those who's child is living with ADHD or Autism. They are offering advice and support, plus the opportunity to meet with staff from agencies such as Sheffield Family Hubs and Ryegate. For more information, [click here](#). No diagnosis necessary.

FS2 Parent Transition Questionnaire

We value your feedback about the transition process for our FS2 children, both positive and any areas we can improve. Your comments form part of our school improvement cycle and we will inform you of any changes once we have analysed your feedback.

Please [Click here to complete the survey](#).

Second hand uniform

As part of our drive to be an environmentally aware school our Eco Team sell good quality, second hand uniform at school events. You can now also contact Gemma Bottery (a parent member of our Eco Team) on ecoteam@dobcroft-inf.sheffield.sch.uk to request specific items. Gemma will monitor this email on a weekly basis, so if you have suddenly realised that you need more school jumpers, please get in touch with her.

You can also buy school logo badges from the office which can be sewn onto garments of the appropriate school colours at a cost of £3.50.

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance target 2024–25: **97.5%**. Currently school is at **97.3%** (**96.1%** last week). Remember reduced % means 'Learning time lost'!

[Click here for term dates 24–25](#)

Jan 2025

6th

First day back of Spring 1 term

22nd

Whole school parent share a story
3.10pm–3.30pm
FS1 (Ladybirds) 9am or 3.10pm

29th

Fairy tale Dress up Day

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Feb 2025

3rd

ProStrike Challenge

4th

Chinese dance workshop

5th

Y2 trip to The Deep

7th

Whole school Number Day

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 **0.51%** of children were marked as late.

Feb 2025

11th

Y1 Art Exhibition

9.15–9.45 – Squirrels

1.45–2.15 – Foxes

2.45–3.15 – Hedgehogs

14th

Last day of term

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

This week we have been making animal safe reindeer food and having a hot chocolate treat as we collected all of our bugs for a class treat following our school values and class charter.

We have been doing dough disco to help improve our fine motor skills and acting out our helicopter stories we have written. We have also been voting for our favourite books and sharing them at snacktime.

We also had great fun at our Christmas party!

Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

A great big well done to all of the children for their performances of our Winter concert. We were so proud of every single one of them, and know that you all are too.

This week the children have really enjoyed visiting the pantomime 'Robin Hood'. They joined in with cheering, singing, and boo-ing in all of the right places and had a brilliant morning. We are excited to bring our panto experience into our learning after the Christmas holidays.

In maths, we have been counting, ordering and finding more and less with numerals to 5. We have been practising explaining our thinking in full sentences.

We wrote recipes for reindeer food and made this using biodegradable glitter, made Christmas cards and calendars, and decorations for our Christmas trees. We are excited to share these with you when we bring them home next week.

Each class has earned their bee treat this week for following our school values and class charters. The children have been voting for their class treats, and can't wait for them to happen next week!

Thank you all for your continued support this half term!

Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

English – We have been learning how to use "and" to extend sentences and make them even more interesting for the reader and we have written a letter to Santa

Maths – We have learned about 3D and 2D shapes

History – We have been comparing our grandparent's toys with our own and identifying differences and similarities.

Science – Identify deciduous and evergreen trees

Music – We performed our Christmas play. Thank you for everyone for helping with this!

Computing – Comparing real art and digital art.

Y2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

English – We have edited our Winter Wonderland writing and published it in our best handwriting.

Maths – We have identified the 2d shapes we can see on 3d shapes for example there are 4 rectangles and 2 squares on a cuboid.

Computing – Anti bullying – we talked about different scenarios and whether they were classed as bullying.

Music – We have been practising our Christmas songs and performed at The Holy Trinity Church.

Merry Christmas from The Year 2 Team