



# Dobcroft Newsletter

## 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025



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### Happy half term

We wish you a relaxing half term and we will see you again on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February for the start of the new term.

### SEND reviews

If your child is on the SEND register, you will have a review meeting during **w/c 24th Feb** and **w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. This meeting replaces your parents evening appointment so you don't need to book a parents' evening appointment when these become available.

### World Book Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day is on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. We are asking that children come to school dressed in their **pyjamas/ comfy clothes** (to tie in with our Eco Schools "Buy Nothing New!" Campaign) **and bring their favourite bedtime story with them**.

Throughout the school day we will be looking at the stories the children have brought in and sharing recommendations, reading stories, looking at different characters and noting any similarities and differences between characters and completing a range of fun activities to share our love of reading. Keep an eye on our school X (previously Twitter) feed (@dobcroftinf) for photos of the day!

The theme of this year is all centred around 'Reading for Pleasure and sharing stories'. In light of this, we are inviting any parents, grandparents/carers that are free **to come and share stories with your children in their classrooms from 3pm. Please arrive at your child's classroom door.**

Please [click here](#) for some resources for parents on the World Book Day website for you to take a look at to support reading for pleasure at home.

### Gardening session – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 3.30pm

Please join us if you can, after school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Meet us in the reception area at the front of the school. Everyone is welcome, so if a green-fingered relative would like to join, their help would be greatly appreciated.

We have many jobs on our list including making a bug hotel from pallets, creating a willow tunnel in the forest school and getting raised beds ready for vegetable planting by the children. **Please bring your own equipment if possible. All children must be accompanied by an adult.**



### Parents Meeting with class teacher

You have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher.

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> March - Y2  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> March - Y1  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> March - FS2

[Click here for term dates 24-25 and 25-26](#)

### Feb 2025

14<sup>th</sup>

Last day of half term

25<sup>th</sup>

(Morning)

Y2 trip to English Institute of Sport (EIS)

### March 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

Ladybirds Book Look

6<sup>th</sup>

**World Book Day**  
Come to school in your PJs and parents/carers join your child in class to read from 3pm

7<sup>th</sup>

FODS school disco

10<sup>th</sup>

3.30-5pm

Gardening Session (come along for as much or as little as you like)

Morning will be in person/afternoon will be virtual. Please ensure you have booked your appointment using School Spider.

### Friends of Dobcroft (FODS) - Save the Dates & Get Involved!

Last year, thanks to the incredible support of our school families and volunteers, we raised over £17,000 for Dobcroft Nursery Infant and Junior Schools! This year, we're aiming even higher, and we'd love your help. Our event calendar for the year is now ready - please see attached and save the dates - and if you can spare an hour or two to support any of the events, let us know by emailing [fods.info.mail@gmail.com](mailto:fods.info.mail@gmail.com). Every little bit of help makes a huge difference, ensuring our events can go ahead and be as successful as possible.

Thank you for your support—we can't do it without you!

Please [click here](#) for dates

### Free tennis taster session – this weekend

Please [click here](#) for information about a free tennis taster session this weekend.

### 2 litre bottle request



Please keep them coming! We need about 700 bottles to complete the eco-greenhouse.

**Please bring in clean, empty, 2 litre bottles. Please also remove the label. They can be left in the fenced off area on the grass bank at the back of the school (near Mice class).**

### FODS School Disco 7<sup>th</sup> March

FODS are hosting a school disco on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Foundation Stage @ 4.30 – 5.30

Y1 & Y2 @ 5.45 – 6.45

Please click [here](#) for more details and disco rules.

### SEND coffee morning - wellbeing

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding our next coffee afternoon for parents of children with SEND. Harry Jenkins and Dr Claire Ogielka will join us. They work with our school as part of the Healthy Minds and Mental Health Support Team. They will be able to talk about how to support children's general well-being. **All members of the school community are welcome.** Although this event is aimed at parents of children with SEND, you might feel that discussions on the topic of well-being would be useful for you in relation to your child, and you would be very welcome. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available (and if anyone would like to bring cake this will be gratefully received!) This will be an informal event and younger siblings etc. are welcome.

### 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.

### Ladybirds Book Look – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> March

Ladybirds will have a book look after school (3.30-4.45pm) on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March. Parents are invited to see their child's work in the Ladybirds outside classroom. Ladybirds staff will be on hand should you have any questions.

## March 2025

### Parent Teacher Consultations

AM -face2face  
PM - virtual

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> - Y2

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> - Y1

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> - FS2

13<sup>th</sup>

SEND coffee morning  
Wellbeing focus  
9-10am

13<sup>th</sup>

Y1 Great Fire of London workshop

14<sup>th</sup>

Whole school science day

21<sup>st</sup>

Comic Relief Day

Mother's Day Stall

### Great Fire of London Workshop

Year 1 will take part in an outdoor Great Fire of London workshop. They will be investigating and building their own wattle and daub walls using sticks. We will also be investigating different materials to build a bakery that is strong and waterproof. All resources are provided by the workshop and this will take place in Forest School. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately on this day, particularly making sure they have wellies/ outdoor shoes and coats.

### Year 2 Trip to EIS – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb

All of Year 2 are going to a Points Network Games PE event on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Pupils are asked to come into school in PE kits with trainers and bring a water bottle.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details about the trip.

### 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](mailto: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 **96.7%** (97% last week).

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 **0.75%** of children were marked as late.

## 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 the children have enjoyed creating their own three billy goats gruff scenes to retell the story in the writing/ making area, developing scissor skills, exploring different ways to manipulate paper to build bridges and identifying initial sounds. Some children were able to have a go at writing some sounds with support.

In maths we have enjoyed exploring positional language using symbols to help us place animals in the right place and we have been recalling the key events in the story "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" and placing them in the correct order.

The children have been developing their co-ordination and motor skills outside using the balance bikes and have enjoyed pretending to be witches and wizards in PE developing the skills of stopping, starting and changing directions safely. We are very proud of how independent and resilient the Ladybirds are becoming taking shoes and socks off!

### Foundation Stage Two (Otters, Mice and Badgers)

Another fun packed week in the reception classes with a special end to the week taking part in Valentines Day activities and our Bee award treat, decorating biscuits and watching a movie. We have learnt how to stay safe online and to talk to a trusted adult as part of our safer internet day. The children designed their own Smartie the Penguin who gave us lots of advice on how to stay safe online.

This week the children have been exploring 3D shapes and their properties, learning new vocabulary and grouping the shapes by similar categories using everyday objects. We have continued our colour books with our last entry of green this week, where we mixed blue and yellow together to make different shades of green and we added a rainbow title.

After the holidays we will be designing and creating lots of models using recycled materials. If you have any recyclable materials such as cereal boxes, tubes, lids etc, please bring them to our classrooms, thank you. Have a lovely half term holiday!

### Y1 (Hedgehogs, Squirrels and Foxes)

**English** – We have written our own creative write, about the Arctic.

**Maths** – We have been solving word problems with pictorial representations

**Computing** – On Wednesday it was Safer Internet Day. We completed different activities to learn about online safety information.

**Art** – Thank you for coming to our Art Exhibition. We really enjoyed displaying all the artwork we have completed this half term.

**RE** – We recapped our knowledge of Judaism by completing a quiz. We looked at how Jewish people might live.

### Year 2 (Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Eagles)

**English** – We have been comparing our twisted fairytale that we have written to the story of The Three Little Pigs.

**Maths** – We have been dividing and multiplying by 5.

**Computing** – This week we celebrated Safer Internet Day! We learnt about how to spot online scams and who our trusted adults are if we see something that worries us online.

**RE** – We have been learning about how Muslims treat the Qu'ran with respect.

**RHE** – We have been learning about fake news online and how we should not always believe everything we read on the internet.