

# Newsletter- July 2025



*As we come to the end of a very busy and exciting term, we want to thank everyone for their fantastic support. We've enjoyed a packed schedule of events, from sports days to performances to the summer fayre, all made even better by the lovely summer weather. It's been a joyful time for pupils, staff, and families alike- and for the bees in our*

*garden 😊 A special good luck to our wonderful Year 6s as they move on to their next adventure - we're so proud of you!*

## News and Letters

It is a super busy time of the year and we are conscious we send so much essential communication to you. In case you have missed anything all of the following are on our website:

### News & Events section.

- 11 July- classes & reports
- 14<sup>th</sup> July- September reminders & routines
- 5<sup>th</sup> July school meals
- 2025 Calendar

### Transition section

- Head teacher power point

### Parents section

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## CHARITY

Thank you to all children and families who have helped make our charity fayres so memorable and fun. This term Year 3 had a fantastic and successful afternoon, raising funds for St Luke's and Save The Children. The event featured a wonderful variety of stalls, from "Guess the Name of the Teddy" to exciting football shoot-outs! A huge thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support and helping the children prepare for the event - it really made a difference. Well done to all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm in making the afternoon such a great success despite the sweltering heat! Overall, we have raised the following this year:

Year 6: £525

Year 5: £530

Year 4: £490

Year 3: £475

The money raised will go to St Luke's and Save the Children as voted for by Pupil's Parliament earlier in the year.



## Summer Music Concert

We were so proud of our talented musicians and singers who performed at this year's summer concert in Marjorie's Garden. With a full range of instruments—from percussion and woodwind to strings, brass and electronic—we enjoyed an inspiring variety of performances. Highlights included the orchestra, saxophone group, and a number of creative singing/playing duets and solos. It was wonderful to see so many children

eager to perform—thank you to everyone who supported and encouraged them!

## Weston Park- year 4

This term, the Y4 children have been learning about the Sheffield born artist Pete McKee. They have been studying his art work and have created a final piece of their own in his style. To enhance their learning even further, the children visited Weston Park Museum to view McKee's current exhibition "The Boy with a Leg named Brian" where they spent the morning immersing themselves in art work and drawing their own interpretations of his work. What a fantastic opportunity!



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## Coming Up Next term:

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept-** INSET-

school closed to pupils

**3rd September-** school

reopens to pupils

**8/9** 4WL swimming starts

**11/9** Y3 info eve (time tbc)

## Work Showcase Mornings

**8:45-9:15**

16/9 Y3T

17/9 Y3F

18/9 Y3J

23/9 Y4TH

24/9 Y4H

25/9 Y4WL

**2/10** school photos

**4/10** X country Ecclesall woods

**7/10** Y5P visit St Luke's

**14 & 15/10** parents evening

**16/10** Y5CB visit St Luke's

**18/10** XC Bolehills

**21/10** Y3F visits nursing home

**22/10** Dress Down- break up

**23 & 24/10** INSET (school closed)

## **Calendar Error**

If you looked at our calendar earlier this week, you may have noticed class assemblies for Year 4 and Year 6. These were added in error - you will be able to see these children perform in their productions at Christmas and at the end of the year.



### **Pupil Shout Out**

Huge well done to Nitin, Sam and Alfie who helped run a bake sale with Nitin's older siblings (Nayan and Amaya) ex-Dobcroft pupils for the Alzheimers Society. They raised a grand total of £300.

## **Polite reminder**

Please remember we are a NUT free school. Recently several pupils have brought in nut-based snacks which has put several pupils and staff in school at risk. We thank you for your co-operation



## **Botanical Gardens Visit- Year 3**

Earlier in the term, Year 3 had the opportunity to visit the Sheffield Botanical Gardens to learn more about plants for our Science topic. Over the course of the day, groups completed two main activities with some very informative guides who work at the gardens. The guides took them on a tour of various different areas, where they used lots of different species to explain the function of different parts of plants, and the role of flowers in reproduction. They saw plenty of great examples of pollinators in action! They also spent time in the glass pavilions, where they focussed on plant adaptation. There were lots of interesting examples, including cacti and banana plants. Children sketched some of these whilst the guides explained how the plant had adapted to thrive in different conditions. The children represented Dobcroft brilliantly throughout, and a fun time was had by all.



## **CCTV**

Over the summer holidays we are having CCTV fitted to view the external areas of the school grounds as well as the children's cloakrooms and hall. This is for safeguarding and health and safety reasons.

Please be reassured that the CCTV forage will only be used in school (if and when needed) and that footage will be erased after 30 days (as per the recommended data protection guidelines).



### Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet:

Y6 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet

where they could make clear, first-hand links with what they had learnt about in history regarding Sheffield and the Industrial Revolution. They learnt all about what Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet was famous for, imagined what it was like to live and work onsite in the Manager's House, Worker's Cottage and Counting House, saw the mighty waterwheels and picturesque dam that powered the Hamlet and explored the last complete surviving crucible steel furnace in the UK, along with the grinding hull, tilt forge and steam engine!



### Attendance & Absence

**Planned Absence:**  
Please remember to complete a request for absence form.

Unfortunately, the form needs to be completed rather than an email. If you do email then the office will send you the form to complete. All requests should be made 2 weeks prior to the absence.

### **Unplanned Absence**

Please always contact the school office and please do not use Dojo. Dojo is not reliably checked every day and all absences need to be managed by the school office staff.

### **Attendance Target**

Our attendance target for 2024-25 is 98%, and we are pleased to share that our end of year attendance is 97.63%. This is a great achievement, and we're grateful to all our families for their continued support. Thank you for working with us throughout the year to prioritise regular school attendance. We're proud of these strong figures and look forward to building on these next year!

### **Year 2 to 3 Transition**

It has been wonderful to meet our new Year 3 pupils earlier this term. They enjoyed a successful day with us and came into assembly beautifully and were keen to engage and share their learning- just fabulous. It was also lovely to meet so many parents last week during the tour around school and we hope you found the session informative in giving you a good flavour of life at the juniors. Any questions please get in touch and we all look forward to getting to know you all in September.

### **Y3J- Broomcroft Nursing Home**

Throughout this academic year the year 3s have had the opportunity to visit Broomcroft care home.

This trip supported their personal development curriculum, developing their empathy and communication skills. It gave them an opportunity to spend time with elderly people, who they might not otherwise interact with. While we were there the students did craft activities and games with the residents. Having gone multiple times, students have remembered residents' names and made gifts for them. We have been really proud to see the year 3s forming relationships and developing confidence talking to adults.



## Sports Day

What a fantastic day we had for Sports Day! The sun was shining, spirits were high, and it was truly wonderful to see all of our children working together in their house teams, earning points and showing great sportsmanship throughout the day.

Pupils enthusiastically took on a range of exciting challenges, including the water relay, long jump, obstacle course, football dribble and shoot, and the long-distance throw. The energy and determination were incredible to watch, and it was clear that everyone was giving their best effort.

One of the highlights of the day was seeing every child take part in the running races — from the fast-paced short distance sprints to our exciting new addition, the relay race!

We are incredibly proud of our students for their fantastic behaviour, teamwork, and participation. They demonstrated resilience, encouragement, and house spirit throughout the event.

A special thank you goes to our amazing Year 6 Sports Leaders, whose leadership, enthusiasm, and support helped the day run so smoothly. They are true role models for our younger students and represented the school brilliantly.



Finally, thank you to all the parents and carers who came to support the event. Your encouragement made the day even more special for the children.



## **Year 6 Residential- Stratford**

Y6 had a fantastic residential in Stratford-upon-Avon. They had a fun-filled, action-packed week and thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. Highlights included visiting Cadbury World (especially the 4-D experience – and the free chocolate, of course!); exploring Warwick Castle, where they were wowed by an incredible birds of prey



exhibition and jousting show; visiting Tudor World and finding out more about the key characters in our end of year production; discovering the sights of Stratford itself; and finally, observing some amazing animals at Stratford Butterfly Farm. What a brilliant week!



Those who did not attend still had an unforgettable week – they went to a Crown Green Bowling Tournament, enjoyed lots of computing, art and PE with Mr Ross and the majority had two full transition days at Silverdale to top it off! What a week!



## What's Been Happening in Our School Assemblies?

We've had some exciting and interesting assemblies this term that we wanted to share with you!

First, we celebrated Eid al-Adha, where we learned about this special festival in the Muslim calendar. Children shared how they celebrate with their families, and we talked about kindness, giving to others, and being thankful.



Next, we had an assembly all about Pride Month! We talked about how everyone is different and that's what makes us special. We shared stories that helped us understand the importance of being kind, respectful, and proud of who we are.

During Healthy Eating Week, we explored how to look after our bodies by eating a rainbow of fruits and vegetables.

Finally, we had a visit from Sue at Ecclesall Library: she brought some exciting books and encouraged everyone to join in and read over the holidays.

It's been a busy time in assembly – full of learning, celebrating, and fun! We're looking forward to even more in the new term.

**We already have a few visitors booked from our school community of parents and carers. If you would like to join in and make a short presentation about your faith, career or hobby, please let Mr Harrison know!**

### FODs- Summer fayre- message from FODs

A Huge Thank You - Summer Fayre Success!

What a fantastic day we had at the Summer Fayre. The sun was shining, the stalls were buzzing, and it was a real pleasure to see both school communities come together. We've had such lovely feedback about the event, and most importantly, it was brilliant to see so many families enjoying themselves.

We're thrilled to share that we raised an incredible **£8,500 profit from the day** (we will send a newsletter after summer to let you know how this money will be reinvested in the schools).

A huge thank you goes to:

- Redbrik Estate Agents, our event sponsors
- All the local businesses who generously donated raffle prizes
- Dance Unlimited and The Rock Project for their fantastic entertainment
- Abbeydale Brewery for kindly donating beer for our bar
- And of course, every single parent, teacher and member of the FODS team who gave their time, energy, and donations to make the day such a success. We couldn't have done it without you.

We're already looking ahead to our next big event, the Christmas Fayre, which will take place on

### **PAPAYA News – A Smart Step Forward!**

We're excited to share that PAPAYA (Parents Against Phones At



A Young Age) had a really successful meeting at Dobcroft! Lots of parents came along to talk about how we can support each other in giving our children a *smartphone-free childhood*.

The discussion was friendly, open, and full of great ideas. We explored worries about screen time, social media, and the pressure on kids to have phones too early. We talked about how we can work together as a community to delay smartphones and encourage healthy habits instead – like playing outside, reading, and spending time with friends in real life!

It was great to hear that so many families are on the same page and want to keep childhood simple, fun, and safe.

We'll be sharing more tips, resources, and support through Class Dojo throughout the year - as well as workshops for children as they move through the school.

Thanks to everyone who came along – together we can make a big difference.

Wednesday 10th December, 3.30 to 6.30 pm. Save the date! (More details to follow in the new term.)

Have a wonderful summer break, and if you'd like to get involved with fundraising or join the PTA next year, we'd love to hear from you. Just drop us a line at [fods.info.mail@gmail.com](mailto:fods.info.mail@gmail.com).

Thank you once again for your support,  
Jen, Gem and the FODS Team

If you would like to consider a donation to the charity PAPAAYA, here is the link to their Just Giving site:

[https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/fundstateschools?utm\\_medium=campaign&utm\\_content=campaign%2Ffundstateschools&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/fundstateschools?utm_medium=campaign&utm_content=campaign%2Ffundstateschools&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

### Goodbye and Well Done Year 6

You have been amazing and we wish you lots of luck for secondary school.

#### Play:

Y6 worked incredibly hard on their end of year production, 'Henry the Tudor Dude.' Their hard-work and commitment in terms of learning lines and songs, making props and understanding the technical side to a performance meant they were able to put on an energetic, all-singing, all-dancing show to other Dobcroft pupils, DIS pupils and parents/family members and it was enjoyed by everyone! Well done Year 6!



#### Disco:

Y6 had a fabulous final afternoon partying away at their Leaver's Disco. They had a great deal of fun bopping to their favourite songs (as well as throwing some questionable dance moves!)

#### Leaver's Assembly:

*Y6 were able to reflect on their amazing 4 years at DJS in their leaver's assembly. They reminisced about their favourite memories as well as singing a few songs that look towards exciting times in the future.*

All that is left is to wish everyone a safe, happy, and relaxing summer break from everyone at Dobcroft Juniors and we will see you all in September!