



We can't quite believe we are writing the final newsletter of the year. The summer term has flown by, probably because it is so jam packed. Year 6 have had a full transition programme, as have our new Y2 pupils. There have been several visits- including the Y6 residential. We have had 3 charity fairs as well as our hugely successful summer fair- read on to find our more!



Year 5 Science Experience

To kick-start their 'space' science topic in year 5, the year 5's stepped into a space dome and were transported on a cosmic journey exploring the wonders of the Universe. The experience supported their learning about the planets and their understanding of

why we have day and night. It was certainly an unforgettable experience and really engaged and captivated all of the children in year 5.

Charity Fairs

Our charity fair tradition continued this term with years 5, 4 and 3 truly getting into the spirit of creating fun activities and games for the children to enjoy- I particularly enjoyed and took advantage of the hair colouring stall in Y5 😊. Well done children for your creativity, fabulous organisation and generosity. Overall, we have raised



£1,840.42 across all 4 of our fairs which will be split between the following charities chosen by the children: Bluebell Wood Children's

Hospice, WWF for Nature.

Governor Updates

Our long-standing governor and current Chair Paul Shawley is sadly saying goodbye to our governing board. He has been a hugely dedicated and committed member of the team for over 5 years and chair as 3 and has been instrumental in ensuring the school is continually developing and improving- we shall miss his advice and support. Geoff Mellor vice chair is stepping in to the role and Jenny Judge is taking on the role of vice chair, and finally Kathryn Wareham is joining the board in September so again lots of change.

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Coming Up in the Autumn

2 & 3 September- INSET, school closed to pupils

4 Sept- school re-opens (please remember Just Y3 on the back yard for week #1)

Please see the school website for more dates

Sports day

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for this year's Sports Day, what an amazing day it was! We saw our school values demonstrated in abundance, excellent teamwork and wonderful sportsmanship throughout. From the competitive races to each different event, we are all very proud of each and every one of the children. The support from parents/carers and relatives was fantastic and very much appreciated! Thank you to Jo and team FODs for serving refreshments too.

A big well done to Sheaf house for taking 1st place and everyone who took part and gave it their best! Roll on Sports Day 2025!



Y2 to Y3 transition

Welcome to all of our new Year 3 parents and carers- we hope you have found all of the transition activities helpful. Please remember if you have any questions do get in touch as well as using the transition section of our website. We can't wait to get to know all of your lovely children in September 🌞



Summer Fayre

A huge, huge, huge thank you to Jo Brown and her team for pulling together such an incredible day. The sun shone, so many members of our community came along to support and there was a real sense of team effort from all of the parents, grandparents and staff that volunteered their time on the day. The final amount raised has yet to be confirmed however we think it is almost £10,000 which is just incredible! This will be split between both schools. The juniors are using our FODs funds to continue to make the wildlife garden a safe outdoor learning space and the second phase of the work will be completed over the holidays- thank you everyone and well done!



Staffing Updates.

A letter went home on 5th July regarding classes for next year. You may have realised that we are saying goodbye to Ms Harrison in Y3. Ms Harrison has taught at DJS since 2001- a massive 23 years! We will miss her so much and wish her well for her retirement. Also retiring is Ms Powell- our absolutely incredible sports coach and PE teacher. Ms Powell has been teaching PE for 40 years and we have been privileged to benefit from her excellent skills and input for the last 8 years- again she will be hugely missed and we wish her lots of luck. Mrs Hall is leaving us and becoming a HLTA at a school closer to home- we will miss her good sense of fun and wish her lots of luck. Mr Robinson, one of our TAs, is also leaving and having a change of career and we thank him for all of the truly fabulous work he has done

working with so many of our many pupils. Finally, Mrs Kirk is leaving us for a short time as she begins her maternity leave- we can't wait to meet her baby. We have two new teachers joining us- Miss Jackson in Y3 and Miss Pearson in Year 5. We have new teaching assistants joining us: Mrs Booth, Ms Davies, Ms Jabbar, Ms Stephenson, Ms Bennett and Ms Myers. Mr Ross is joining our cover staff team as well as co-ordinating sports competitions as are Ms Cooper and Ms McCready- I know you will all make them feel extremely welcome and part of the DJS community in September.

Year 6 Residential

Last year, we introduced a residential trip to Stratford. We wanted to provide something that would contrast with other residential trips. It would provide a cultural experience, but also a range of exciting learning opportunities.



Day One saw a visit to Warwick Castle - climbing the castle walls, watching the trebuchet and enjoying a recreation of the War of the Roses!

Day Two immersed us in the world of the Tudors - we had workshops in Stratford teaching us about the theatres, crime and punishment and what life was like in their times. The afternoon was a guided tour of the town - led by the famous local himself - William Shakespeare! Following this, the children were given an hour



to shop by themselves for a memento of their trip!

Day Three began with a trip to Butterfly World, which also had a range of other exciting wildlife - including a crocodile! Following this, we journeyed to Cadbury World - exploring not only how the company produces chocolate, but also the history of the factory and the village that was built to change conditions for its workers. Of course, we were given much chocolate to take with us, which the children (hopefully) kept safe until they made it home!



The children were fantastically behaved and we had a wonderful time with them. Thank you so much to the Dobcroft staff that volunteered their time to supervise the children - committing to a residential trip is never a small undertaking and we appreciate the adults' time, energy and enthusiasm for these types of trips - thanks to them, we are able to create wonderful adventures such as these. We are all booked ready for 2025 - and we will share the details with you soon, current Year 5!



The children who didn't attend the residential also had a fun packed few days - activities included: making a music video to a song using sign language with Mrs Dawson, a trip out to Subway with Mrs Dawson, Miss Marsden and Mr Robinson, outdoor learning, computer art, a film with snacks and an afternoon in the park!



The General Election

To mirror the significant event in real life we have done a lot of teaching and learning around democracy and our election system in school this half term. Children have had assemblies and teaching in class around themes such as constituencies, manifestos, MPs, polling stations As well as taking part in a whole school vote on the day- you will be aware that a non-uniform day was the clear winner! Children have shown so

much interest and engagement in the subject and you may have even enjoyed listening to them talk about it at home- well done children!

Premises

Hopefully you have noticed our new mural and entrance signage- it is still work in progress but we are very proud of the results so far. Local artist Luke Horton created the mural and some children across school helped him complete the work. Also happening imminently is: an additional tyre park on the field, new playground markings, and a path on the field so that den building and the trim trail can be used throughout the whole year. This is very much a result of pupil feedback who feel that the back playground isn't so much fun! A big thank you to Mr Kozalinski who works super hard to keep on top of such a big site and to Mrs Fear and Mrs Scriven for their continued gardening skills 😊

Outdoor Education Review

One of our school priorities this year has been to review our outdoor education provision. This has included reviewing the residential visits. Part of the review has included evaluating what school can sustain/deliver (including staffing), researching what other local schools offer, what offers good value for money, what pupils enjoy and what we are required to deliver as part of the curriculum. Governors have also been part of these discussions and informed of our review. From September 2024 we will continue to offer pupils a residential visit to Mount Cook in year 4. We will also be organising a day trip visit to Thornbridge Outdoors in year 5 and a more local day visit in year 3- this enables all pupils to experience the outdoor and adventurous elements of the National Curriculum. Currently as not all pupils wish to attend residential visits many are not accessing such opportunities. We will also continue to offer Stratford as a residential visit in year 6- this is so that pupils can experience a visit with a more cultural nature as we know from pupil feedback not all pupils enjoy the outdoor and adventurous activities. We have also listened to parent feedback this year and are organising Stratford independently rather than through an agency and this is enabling us to reduce the cost to pupils.

South Asian Heritage Month

This month Sheffield are celebrating South Asian heritage with a series of events across the city. We have had an assembly this week highlighting the month, particularly focussing upon the countries and the heritage of many of our pupils in such a diverse school. If you are interested in finding out more please visit:

Work Showcase Mornings

Work Showcase Open Mornings



We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school for informal 'work showcase' open mornings next academic year. Parents/carers are welcome to pop into the

classroom straight from drop off (from 8:45am) and see their child's work in their new room. Nothing fancy but hopefully a nice opportunity for you to pop in and see us. The dates are also on our whole school calendar on our website.

<https://southasianheritage.org.uk/>



Y3EF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Tuesday 17th September · Thursday 5th December
Y3JF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Wednesday 18th September · Tuesday 3rd December
Y3J	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Thursday 19th September · Wednesday 4th December
Y4C	Tuesday 24 th September
Y4H	Wednesday 25 th September
Y4WL	Thursday 26 th September
Y5CB	Thursday 23 rd January
Y5P	Tuesday 10 th December
Y5TH	Wednesday 11 th December
Y6KB	Tuesday 14 th January 2025
Y6P	Wednesday 15 th January 2025
Y6W	Thursday 16 th January 2025

Year 3-Geography Visit



Unfortunately the weather got the better of us all last week and we sadly had to cancel our Year 3 visit to the river as it was just too wet underfoot and unsafe. Well done to all of our children who coped with the disappointment and here's looking forwards to year 4 when I am sure there will be lots of other opportunities to get out and about.

Summer Music Concert

It was wonderful to hear all our talented musicians play at the summer concert. We had a full range of instrumental and vocal performances showcasing the high standard of musical ability in our school. We were very impressed by the amount of children wanting to perform and by the way they had practised their pieces to get them up to performance standard. Thank you to all parents, carers and extended family who supported the event.



Year 6 Transition

As part of preparing our Year 6 children for their move to secondary schools in September, we organised a 'Secondary Ready' week. The children were mixed up from their normal classes to be with other children who will be in their forms next year. They then moved from class to class for each lesson, with a big emphasis put on being a good self-manager and making sure they took the right equipment to their next lesson. We had lessons in Maths, English, Personal Development, Online Safety and PE. Our Year 6 children all embraced this opportunity and took part enthusiastically in all activities.



The following week our Year 6 children, who are moving to Silverdale School, spent two days at Silverdale getting to know their new school, new teachers and new friends.

Year 6 Performance & Parties

Y6 had a super busy time in their final weeks at Dobcroft. They rehearsed non-stop for their end of year production 'Dream On' - a modern version of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.' They were super confident performing it in front of a live audience, not once, not twice, but a whopping four times! There was some wonderful acting, dancing, singing, prop prepping and just general working together from all the pupils and we are incredibly proud of them!



On Friday 12th some Year 6 parents organised a leavers party at Abbeydale Sports club which was a huge success and we are super appreciative of the parents efforts in organising this- thank you to Amy Bouchier and her team for making it such a memorable evening.



If that wasn't enough, Y6 also performed a leaver's assembly for the rest of the school on their final morning at DJS. They spoke with enthusiasm and fondness about their memories of events and staff throughout their four years here and performed some leaver's songs. There were many smiles (and tears) shared by all.

To end their epic time at Dobcroft they had a fun final afternoon where they had a disco to share some final happy moments together as a year group and celebrated their time at DJS.



Communication & Dates

The new school calendar is available on our website. This will now be the most up to date version of dates and events in school and we will endeavour to ensure it remains as up to date as possible. As such we are no longer sending out a hardcopy of dates, however **if you would prefer a paper copy please email enquiries@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk** and we will get one to you- but please be mindful to keep checking the website in case things change.

Please remember that as part of our communication policy we much prefer you to email anything important to classteachers at teachers@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk and **only use DoJo for checking matters or celebrating success.**

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL
SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2024/25 ACADEMIC YEAR
 For community and voluntary controlled primary, secondary and special schools

Below are the dates and school holidays &

INSET for 24-25

INSET DATES 2024-2025 (SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Tuesday 3rd September 2024
- Monday 21st July 2025
- Tuesday 22nd July 2025
- Wednesday 23rd July 2025

INSET DATES 2025-2026

(SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)

- Monday 1st September 2025
- Tuesday 2nd September 2025
- Thursday 23rd October 2025
- Friday 24th October 2025
- Monday 20th July 2025



Routines & Reminders- September

Just a few reminders for September (as always information can also be found on our website and the transition ppt)

Week 1- mornings: Y4,5,6 please arrive on the FRONT playground, Year 3 on the BACK playground

Week 2 onwards-mornings: Y4 & Y6 Front, Y3 & Y5 BACK

Pickup- Everyone on the FRONT. Parents please ensure your child's pick up routine is constantly updated so we send them home with the right person/correct place

School Uniform- Only dark coloured trainers, shoes or boots please and black or grey trousers, shorts skirts or leggings (no sporty under garments/skins)- please see the website for more information

No after school clubs in week 1- they will all begin Monday 9th September. However from spring and summer 2025 we will begin clubs from the beginning of the year following parent feedback.

Don't forget to NAME LABEL EVERYTHING 🧐

Goodbye Year 6

It is that time again when there are so many emotions and memories to recall and cherish. We have mixed feelings as we are always sad to see your wonderful children leave our school community, but this is always balanced with a feeling of pride that they are ready in so many ways to embrace all that the future holds. Well done year 6- you have been a fabulous year group and we wish you all well on the next stage of your journey.

To all of our families I wish you a fantastic, fun summer and thank you for all of your support for school this year

Mrs Sexton