

Comberton Update

4.9.2026



A huge welcome to the start of the academic year 2026-27! If your child has just joined us at Comberton, we are delighted to welcome your family to our school community and a welcome back to our well known families.

We are so proud of all the children and how well they have settled into their new classes. It has been such a positive start to the term and the school has been filled with lots of happy, smiling faces. There has been a real sense of excitement around moving to their new classes and the children are taking pride in their new rooms and resources.

Thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard on the run up to the start of term to ensure that everything is ready and inviting to welcome your children back.

I will continue to send a weekly update every Friday (by email) which shares some of the learning from the week, any key messages and dates to look out for the following week.

Attendance

Each week I will report on the winning class with the highest attendance from phase 1 (years 1-3) and phase 2 (years 4-6). The children love hearing this announced in our celebration assemblies and it contributes to their sense of belonging as a class, working towards a shared goal. Three consecutive winning weeks for their class gives them £100 to spend as a class on a reward.

Attendance continues to be a really high priority for us at Comberton – we need the children here on time every day to ensure they get the most out of every learning experience and can build on their learning day after day. We will continue to monitor every child's attendance and support families to ensure your child's attendance is the best it can possibly be.

If your child is going to be late or needs to be absent from school for any reason, then please ensure you contact the school office by 9am so that we can code their absence accordingly.

We will be sending letters out in the next couple of weeks to families where attendance was a concern last academic year so that we can ensure we support in the right way from the start.

We are required to follow the statutory Government guidance "Working Together to Improve School Attendance". Please note the following regarding absence and fines:

"The national threshold for considering a penalty notice is 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. This can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence (e.g. 4 sessions of holiday taken in term time plus 6 sessions of arriving late after the register closes all within 10 school weeks). These sessions can be consecutive (e.g. 10 sessions of holiday in one week) or not (e.g. 6 sessions of unauthorised absence taken in 1 week and 1 per week for the next 4 weeks). The period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years (e.g. 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the Summer Term and a further 8 within the Autumn Term)."

Each parent who is liable for the pupil's offence can be issued with a penalty notice. If issued a first penalty notice, the parent must pay £80 within 21 days, or £160 within 28 days.

Please note that the fine comes from the Local Authority and **all payments go to the Local Authority and not to the school.**

We ask that you try, wherever possible, to make any appointments outside of school hours and holidays are only taken during the school holiday periods. Please complete a leave of absence should you need to take your child out of school for any planned absence.

Thanks in advance for your support with this.

Ready, Respectful, Safe

We have started to remind the children of our 3 school rules this week and how we are always working to be our very best. We are really proud of so many of the children who are showing these both inside school and on the playground.

We are continuing to add activities to our lunchtime provision to ensure that the children have a successful lunchtime with plenty to occupy everyone's interests. This includes quieter activities such as colouring, chalks, skipping and stilts, more active sports such as football, basketball and use of the outdoor gym, as well as some more structured adult-led playground games.



School Uniform



It has been wonderful to see so many smart looking children returning to school. The children are always so proud of their shiny new shoes and new jumpers and cardigans. Thank you!

We continue to have spare uniform, school shoes and PE kit for all sizes in school. If your child does not arrive in the correct uniform, we will provide them with uniform to borrow for the day. This will then be returned to a laundry basket for washing.

If you have any difficulties sourcing uniform, then please contact the office as we have plenty of spare uniform and ways in which we can help.

Years 4,5,6, Bags

As communicated in the newsletters before the holidays, children are required to have drawstring bags only. The lockers are very small and once larger coats are in there, they will only fit lunch boxes, coats and the drawstring bag. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 5,6 Walkers

If your child is in year 5 or 6 and you would like to give them permission to walk to and from school without an adult, then please contact the office to complete a permission slip.

Dinners

In order for your child/ren to receive a school meal you will need to have booked it in advance on the **Innovate** ordering system by 11pm on the Saturday for the following week. <https://ifg.kanpla.dk/> If no meal is booked by this day and time it will be expected that your child/ren will be sent with a packed lunch from home.

If you are unable to order or have not received your link, please email: primary@impactfood.co.uk

Data Forms

Due to parents being able to change all data on Arbor, these will no longer be sent.

Please ensure your child's personal details, medical information, media permission information and parent / carer contact details are kept up to date.

Asthma

If your child has asthma, please ensure they have an in-date inhaler in school and you have completed an asthma form with your child's class teacher.

Open Day

We will be holding our annual open day and evening on Tuesday 6th October for any children who are interested in joining our school in September 2027. Please spread the word to anyone you know who may be interested. The deadline for applications for admissions September 2027 is 15th January 2026.

PE Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2LH 1/2SW	Y4	Y3	Y5 – swimming 1SH	Reception Y6

Please send your child to school in PE kit on their allocated day, ensuring this consists of a plain white t-shirt, plain blue/black joggers/shorts and a blue fleece or school jumper/cardigan.

Welcome Wednesday 8:45 – 8:55am

We will be continuing with welcome Wednesday where all parents are invited to come into the classroom for the first 10 minutes of the day to share a book with your child. This is a very relaxed opportunity for you to pop into school every week and spend some time with your child in their class. Parents/grandparents – all are welcome!

Allergy awareness

There has been important new statutory government guidance regarding allergy awareness and procedures in schools. All staff will be completing the required training and we have updated our policies and procedures accordingly.

Please remind your child that food and drinks in school must never be shared with other children.

Healthy breaktime snacks

At the end of last term, we noticed a wide range of breaktime snacks being brought into school, including chocolate and other less healthy items.

Reception and Key Stage 1 children are provided with free fruit from the Government. We ask that any children bringing their own snack from home, bring a healthy fruit or vegetable snack for breaktime. Suitable choices might include an apple, banana, orange, berries, melon, carrot sticks, cucumber or peppers. Please ensure that snacks are prepared safely and appropriately for your child's age. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

PSHRE Policy Consultation

Look out for an email next week with our reviewed PSHRE policy where you will have the opportunity to provide any feedback.

Dates Next Week:

Mon 7th Sep	
Tues 8th	
Weds 9th	8:45 – 8:55am – Welcome Wednesday. All parents welcome to read in class.
Thurs 10th	Swimming starts for year 5
Fri 11th	

Looking ahead

Tues 15th Sep 5:30pm – Supporting Phonics and Reading - workshop for new Reception parents

Weds 23rd Sep – Fri 25th Sep – Book Fair

Thurs 24th Sep – Flu vaccinations

Mon 28th Sep – 5:30pm - Early Years Funky Fingers Parent workshop (Nursery and Reception)

Fri 25th Sep – McMillan Coffee Morning for Parents/Carers

Thurs 1st Oct – Year 5 trip to Bishops Wood

Tues 6th Oct – Open day and evening 6pm

w/c 5th Oct – Restart a Heart Campaign

Fri 9th Oct - Visiting athlete – workshops and assembly

Mon 12th Oct – School Photos

Thurs 15th and Fri 16th – Financial management workshops years 3-6

Mon 19th Oct 3:30 – 7pm – Parents Evening

Tues 20th Oct 3:30 – 5:30pm – Parents Evening

Weds 21st Oct 3:30 – 5:30pm - Parents Evening

Fri 23rd Oct – Break up for Half Term

Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)

Are you struggling with essential costs, heating or housing?
Support is available through the
Worcestershire Crisis and Resilience Fund

Help when families need it most

The Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) can provide support for families experiencing a financial crisis and helps Worcestershire households build long-term financial resilience.

The fund can help with:

- Food and essential household costs
- Energy bills and heating emergencies
- Essential household items
- Housing-related financial difficulties
- Support to improve long-term financial resilience and money management

What support could families receive?

Depending on the circumstances, support may include:

- Cash payments
- Energy vouchers
- Supermarket vouchers
- Essential household goods
- Advice and support services



Scan the QR to find out more or visit:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/CRF

