

# Comberton Update

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022.



*On behalf of everyone at Comberton, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.*

## **Attendance**

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 3 Miss Fairhurst with 92.6%

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 5 Mrs Morris with 92.6% 2<sup>nd</sup> week in a row!

Congratulations and keep it up!

## **Learning**

As well as all the fabulous festivities around school, there has continued to be some great learning. Year 3 have retold the story of 'The Bear and The Hare' using the John Lewis Christmas advert as a stimulus and Year 5 have written the most wonderful winter setting descriptions using figurative language to great effect. Reception and Year 1 have been continuing to develop their phonic knowledge with several Reception children now starting to blend phonemes to read words independently. Year 2 have been designing and making moon buggies in DT to finish off their Space theme. The sewing is finally complete in year 4 (their stockings look fantastic) and year 6 have been exploring Art Nouveau to design wallpaper using repeated patterns. Great job everyone!

## **Nursery Christmas Stay and Sing**

It was wonderful to see so many of our families at our Nursery stay and sing session, completing crafts and enjoying some festive songs performed by the children. Thank you to the nursery staff for the hard work that went into the preparation for this event.

## **A Special Visitor**

Comberton were very lucky to have a visit from Father Christmas this week. He visited each class and delivered some sharing class presents ahead of the big day. The looks on the children's faces was magical.

## **Generous Donation**

We have had a very generous donation from Peter Cooper and his King of Hearts Creative Outreach Charity. Many of you may know Peter from running the Barrel of Fun and he has also been leading some assemblies for the children here. We will be using the money to support additional activities for the children.

## **Carol Concerts**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our carol concerts and braved coming back out in these freezing temperatures. There was a fantastic turn out at both concerts and we were very proud of all the children, performing with real confidence in such a large venue. Thank you again to the staff for their hard work in putting this together.

## **Christmas parties**

It has been great to see the children having so much fun at their Christmas parties. There were party games, quizzes, Christmas crafts, talent shows, magic shows and even a trip to the cinema for year 6. Not to mention some delicious party food. We hope everyone had fun!

## **Christmas Jumper Day**

We raised £204 for Birmingham Children's Hospital – thank you for your contributions.

### **Year 5 King Charles Visit**

Year 5 took a second trip next door to King Charles to have the experience of a workshop with a real author – inspiring many of our budding writers!

### **Football Kit Design Competition Winner**

Well done to everyone who entered the competition. There were some really creative designs. Our winners are:

Phase 1

1st = Erin - 3AF

2nd = Maddison 2RHS

Phase 2

1st = Shylah 6CJ

2nd = Henley 5KH

### **Additional Flu Vaccinations**

There is another opportunity for the children to have their flu vaccination if they missed it or never consented the first time round. The vaccination team is returning to school on Wednesday 18th January. An email with the link for EConsent has been sent and must be completed in order for the vaccination to be administered.

### **Goodbye to Mrs Lewis and Enid**

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Lewis (Teaching Assistant) who is off to start her new venture and to Enid, (our long standing cleaner), who is starting her Retirement. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff and the Comberton Community, to thank them both for their hard work and commitment to the school.

### **Dates for after Christmas:**

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	TED day – school closed to pupils
Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Back to School Year 5KH Robotics Challenge Day Year 4 FAME
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	AM – attendance meetings Year 5JM Robotics Challenge Day
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	

### **Looking Ahead**

07/02/23 – Safer Internet day

13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parents Evenings

**Women's Aid 24hr Helpline**

**Support when it's needed...**

**0800 980 3331**

**Male Domestic Abuse Helpline (24Hrs)**

**Worcestershire**

**0800 014 9082**



## #SleighNoToLoanSharks

Christmas is a time for joy and happiness, but for the millions of families struggling with spiralling debt to loan sharks, it can be the most terrifying time of the year. Figures show that nearly one in ten people who borrowed from loan sharks last year did so to cover the costs of Christmas.

The England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) is concerned that ruthless loan sharks will try to cash in on the festive period as many families struggle to cope with rising food, fuel and energy bills this winter.

**Are you worried about someone who is being taken advantage of by a loan shark?  
Contact the Stop Loan Sharks 24/7 Helpline on 0300 555 2222 for support  
[www.stoploansharks.co.uk](http://www.stoploansharks.co.uk)**

[costoflivingsupport.campaign.gov.uk](http://costoflivingsupport.campaign.gov.uk)

- **Income Support**
- **Energy Bills—Cost of Living Payments**
- **Childcare Costs**
- **Household costs**
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- **Finding Work**



**Help for  
Households**

[costoflivingsupport.campaign.gov.uk](http://costoflivingsupport.campaign.gov.uk) provides access to contacts who can provide support for households.

Visit '**Discounts and Offers**' for hot meals for children for £1 and discounted children's meals at leading supermarkets.



### Food Banks

#### Worcestershire

[www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org)

**Worcester (Mon—Fri 10am—4pm)**  
**0808 2082138**  
7 Lowesmoor Wharf, Worcester WR1 2RS,  
UK

**Droitwich (Tues 12.30—2.30pm & Fri )**  
**07532 130604 / 07532 130604**  
Droitwich Baptist Church, Ombersley Street  
East, WR9 8QS

**Redditch & Bromsgrove (Mon—Thursday**  
**11am —2pm & Fri 10am— 1pm) 01527**  
**69161**  
Number 24, Church Green East,  
Redditch, B98 8DE

**Malvern Hills Foodbank (Mon—**  
**10.15am—12.45pm, Tues 1pm—**  
**3.30pm, Thurs 10.15am —12.45pm)**  
**07529 322985**  
Unit 4, Spring Court, Spring Lane  
South, Malvern, WR14 1AT

**Kidderminster (Weds 12.30—3pm,**  
**Fri 12.30—3pm) 07469 216904**  
Unit 9, Swan Shopping Centre, Black-  
well Street, Kidderminster  
DY10 2DP



## Wychavon

### The Bugs Group, WR9 [📍](#) [f](#)

Children will take part in a range of sporting activities including football, dodgeball, cricket, dance and yoga, to name a few. Children will take part in fun games that will develop their confidence and their social skills, as well as their skills in different sports.  
Age 5 - 12

### Gateway to FMA, WR11 [📍](#) [f](#)

They offer access to niche sports such as gymnastics, free running, trampolining and non-contact martial arts. There are fully qualified teachers that will deliver English, Maths, Science and Art based activities. The Christmas camps will also have a grotto set up and Santa appearances.  
Age 4 - 16

### Empower Active CIC, WR0 & WR11 [📍](#) [f](#)

For Christmas, as well as the usual sports and activities there will be Christmas themed dance and theatre, Christmas themed arts & crafts, Christmas cooking and making a Christmas Dinner, Visit from Father Christmas, street dance, Christmas Graffiti. Inflatable fun, Christmas disco and party games.  
Age 5 - 14

### Evesham Adventure Playground, WR11 [f](#)

A range of playful activities based on the adventure playground that children can drop in and out of during the session. Large free play outdoor space. Cooking and eating.  
Age 4 - 15

### Pershore Riverside Youth Centre, WR10 [f](#)

Fun Youth clubs with a range of Christmas activities - including gift making, card making, cooking and Christmas disco!  
Age 7 - 16

### KA Kits Academy CIC, WR9 [📍](#) [f](#)

KA Kits Academy will be providing children with a fun filled entertaining day, where children will learn new skills within new sporting sessions. KA Kits Academy CIC Ltd will be providing children with Winter Olympic sports which they may not have tried before.  
Age 5 - 13

### Shine Out Of School Clubs, WR11 [📍](#) [f](#)

Christmas holiday club.  
Age 3 - 10

### PAL Fitness & Education CIC, WR11, WR10 & CV37 [f](#)

They offer a wide variety of activities from cooking and arts & crafts to sports and the daily mile. Also offer SEND provision. Email [info@pal-fitness-education.org.uk](mailto:info@pal-fitness-education.org.uk) for more information.  
Age 5 - 12

### County Museum at Hartlebury Castle, DY11 [📍](#) [f](#)

The families will be able to explore the sites as well as take part in a variety of activities. Some of the activities will be interactive sessions linked to the history of the building as well as Christmas crafts and trails. Each day at these 2 venues will consist of a facilitated activity, a meal and free time to play as well as opportunities for physical activity.  
Age 5 - 11

### Energise, WR11 [📍](#) [f](#)

They are offering a multi-sport and a football session. Multi-sports is an approach to sports development that develops physical literacy through games and building understanding, creativity and confidence, in a fun, action packed, problem solving environment.  
Age 5 - 12

## Wyre Forest

### The Football Fun Factory, DY11 [📍](#) [f](#)

Unique and exciting inflatable football experience. The camp will give the children the opportunity to be active, feel safe, have fun, create lifelong experiences and make new friends!  
Age 4 - 12

### Active Youth Outreach Services, DY10 - DY13 [📍](#) [f](#)

Activities include archery, crazy golf, scooter ramps, taekwondo, circus skills and much more.  
Age 5 - 16

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