



Comberton Update

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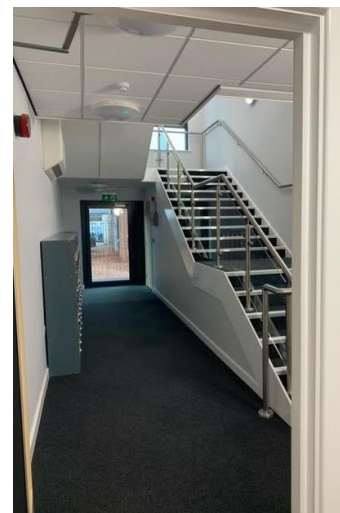
**Comberton
Primary School**

*A caring community
for all to shine*

A huge welcome to the start of the academic year 2024-25! If your child has just joined us at Comberton, we are delighted to welcome your family to our school community.

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 the new building and the children are taking real care in making sure it remains clean and tidy!

Here is a sneaky peak inside:



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

Attendance continues to be a really high priority for us at Comberton – we need the children here every day to ensure they get the most out of every learning experience and can build on their learning day after day. The new statutory Government guidance “Working Together to Improve School Attendance” was released on 19th August and has new information linked to penalties which we are required to follow. 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. Over the coming weeks we will be updating our attendance policy in line with this and will share it with you once this is agreed.

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 ask that you try wherever possible to make any appointments outside of school hours and holidays are only taken during the school holiday periods. Thanks in advance for your support with this.

Dinners

We understand that some parents have not yet received the registration emails from Innovate School Dinners. If you have still not received your email please reach out to Innovate via the following email, and they'll assist you in getting started. primary@impactfood.co.uk Thank you for your patience whilst we iron out the initial teething problems!

PTFA

Thank you to the PTFA for hosting our new starter coffee meet and greet on Wednesday morning. It was lovely to see some of our new families able to attend. For anyone that did not see the facebook posts over the summer, a huge thank you to all the volunteers associated with the PTFA who demolished the old nursery shed in preparation for the new nursery shed which they sourced. It is already in use and has really improved not only nursery storage but also the outside area. The PTFA are always keen for new members or volunteers who can offer an hour here and there at the events. If you would like to join the PTFA whatsapp group, then please let the office know and they can put you in contact.

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!

There is the odd child wearing trainers or coloured tights and tops. Tights should be grey and any thermal clothes for the very cold weather should be white. Please can we ask that our school uniform policy is adhered to at all times. This is available on the website or from the office.

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

Years 4,5,6, Lockers

The children are delighted with their new lockers which look so smart and grown up! We are still awaiting the number system to label them which will make things much easier! As communicated in the newsletter before the holidays (12.7.24), we have requested that all children 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. Although some children have brought smaller rucksacks, the straps and buckles are getting caught and damaging the lockers. 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.

Data Form

Next week, you will receive a copy of the current data that we hold for your child (years 1-6). This includes contact details, medical information and media permissions. Please ensure you check this and return it immediately so that we have the most up to date information. We require this to be returned even if there are no changes.

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 Thursday 3rd October for any children who are interested in joining our school in September 2025. Please spread the word to anyone you know who may be interested. The deadline for applications for admissions September 2025 is 15th January 2025.



Parenting Workshops

Starting Well Partnership
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The Starting Well Partnership offers an exciting array of parenting groups and workshops. All sessions are free to attend and run by trained staff and volunteers from the Starting Well Partnership.

Some of the workshops available include:

- Fussy Eaters
- Sleep
- Understanding Your Child's Behaviour
- Understanding Your Teen's Brain & Development

These workshops run across the county. Book by calling our 1 simple number: 01905 520 032 or scan the QR code to visit www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/startingwellpartnership



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Time for Me

Come along for a hot drink, crafts and a chat with our fab team!

These peer support sessions provide a range of simple tools to help you cope better with everyday stresses and worries

Drop in sessions, no need to book!

Brookside Family Hub, Borrington Road, Kidderminster DY10 3ED

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month

4th and 18th September, 2nd and 16th October, 6th and 20th November, 4th and 18th December

12 – 1 pm

For more information, please contact us on; 01562 827 207 / 01299 877 920



SEN PEER SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH SEND

THIS GROUP HAS BEEN SET UP BY PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR PARENTS/CARERS TO SHARE INFORMATION/GAIN SUPPORT AND SOCIALISE IN A CHILD FREE ENVIRONMENT.

This group meets from 9:30am-11am

Brookside Family Hub, Borrington Road, Kidderminster, DY10 3ED

This group is for parents/carers only.

11th and 25th Sept

9th and 23rd Oct

13th and 27th Nov

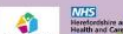
11th Dec

No diagnosis is required to attend these drop in sessions. For more information, please contact us on 01562 827207/ 01299 877290 or email us at admin.wyreforest@barnardos.org.uk




Autumn 2024	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Brookside Family Hub Borrington Rd, Kidderminster, WORCS, DY10 3ED	Well Child Clinic 11am-3pm Please call to book.	Breast Buddies Peer Support group 10 - 11:30am	Midwife Clinic Appointments	Midwife Clinic Appointments	Speech & Language Appointments 9am-3pm
	Stay, Weigh & Play 0 - 5 years 9:30 - 11am		Birth & Beyond Preparation for parenthood 9:30 - 11:30am (running in Oct and Dec)	Time for Baby stay & play Non-movers 10 - 11am Term time only	Understanding your Baby Group for parents with babies aged 0-6mths 10am - 12pm 6/9 - 25/10 01/11 - 20/12
	Understanding your Child Group for parents 5 - 7pm 23/9 - 2/12	Birth & Beyond Preparation for parenthood 4 - 6pm (running in September and November)	SEN Peer Support group Parents/carers 11/09, 25/09, 9/10, 23/10, 13/11, 27/11, 11/12 9:30 - 11am		Time for Me For Parental/Carers 4/09, 18/09, 2/10, 16/10, 6/11, 20/11, 4/12 12 - 1pm
Half Crown Wood Family Hub Princess Way, Stourport-on-Severn, WORCS, DY13 0EL	Speech & Language Appointments 9am - 3pm Drop in to a Talking Walk-in session 2nd Monday of the month 11:30am - 12:30pm	Midwife Clinic Appointments	Well Child Clinic 9 - 11:30am 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month Please call to book	Understanding Your Child: Group for parents St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School, DY13 0EL 9am - 11am 25/9 - 27/11	Understanding Your Child: Additional Needs Group for parents 10am - 12pm 26/9 - 5/12
Community Groups & Activities	Understanding your Child Group for parents Bewdley Primary School, Stourport Rd, Bewdley DY12 1BL 9:15 - 11:15am 23/9 - 2/12	Understanding your Child with Additional Needs Group for parents Treetops Children Centre, 63 Woodbury Rd, Kidderminster DY11 7JJ 12 - 2pm 24/9 - 03/12	Understanding your Child Group for parents St George's Primary School, DY10 2BX 9am - 11am 24/9 - 26/11	Self-weigh at Bewdley Library Dog Ln, Bewdley DY12 2EF 10am-11am 2nd Wednesday of the month	Understanding your Teen Group for parents Baxter College, Habberley Road, DY11 5PQ 9am - 11am 25/9 - 27/11
	Self-weigh at Stourport Library Civic Centre, New St, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 8UN 11am-12pm 1st Monday of the month				You can book on to many of our groups using the QR code and link below: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/startingwellpartnership

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Dates Next Week:

Mon 9th Sep	
Tues 10th	Swimming starts for year 5 (TBC)
Weds 11th	8:45 – 9am – Welcome Wednesday. All parents welcome to read in class. 9am – Phonics workshop for Reception parents
Thurs 12th	
Fri 13th	Violin lessons start Year 6 Football sessions with Kidderminster Harriers

Looking ahead

Tues 24th Sep – y5 trip to Bishops Wood
Tues 24th Sep – Peter Cooper Assemblies
Mon 30th Sep – Visiting athlete – workshops and assembly
Tues 1st Oct – year 1 Falconry visit in school
Thurs 3rd Oct – Open day and evening 6pm
Fri 22nd Oct – School photos
Mon 21st Oct 3:30 – 7pm – Parents Evening
Tues 22nd Oct 3:30 – 5:30pm – Parents Evening
Weds 23rd Oct 3:30 – 5:30pm – Parents Evening
Thurs 24th Oct – PTFA Halloween Discos
Fri 25th Oct – Break up for Half Term