

Comberton Update

20.9.2024



**Comberton
Primary School**

*A caring community
for all to shine*

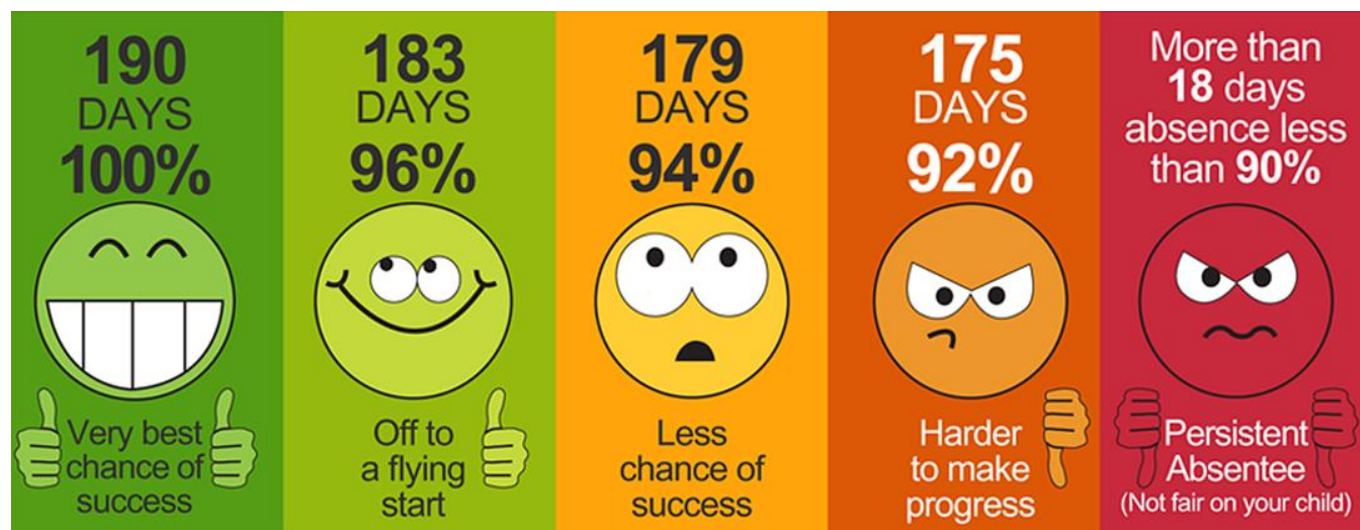
Attendance

Whole School Attendance – 96.4%

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 1 – Mrs Waters with 98.7%

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 4 - Mrs Wassell with 97.7%

Congratulations and keep it up!



Learning

Children in Reception have continued to make a fantastic start with their phonics. There are children already applying these new sounds to begin to write simple words. I have observed several children trying really hard with accurate letter formation – well done!

In year 2 they have been getting creative and producing some wonderful backgrounds for their planet art work. They have developed a range of painting techniques to mix colours carefully for effect and they are looking fantastic! They have also been exploring a range of feelings in PSHRE, using drama to consider different scenarios and how they could respond.

Year 3 have been responding to a short film called 'Marshmallows' in English and using this to inspire their descriptive writing about the Mallodile, thinking carefully about their vocabulary choices.

Children have been securing their knowledge of place value across the school at age appropriate levels. They have used concrete apparatus well to support their understanding of number. This is laying the foundations for the upcoming focus on calculation!

Plea for Donations!

Early years are desperate for some additional balance bikes and scooters to support the children with physical development. If anyone has or knows of anyone who has a balance bike or scooter that they no longer need but is in relatively good condition, then we would be most grateful for donations. We are looking for approximately 4 of each.



Dinners



It has been wonderful having all the children eating hot dinners in the dining hall and having access to the rainbow salad bar. The children's feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and the quality and quantity have improved dramatically since these changes to arrangements.

Now that the ordering system is working efficiently, **all school meals must be ordered on the Friday for the following week.** Please provide a lunchbox for your child if you have not ordered a lunch through Innovate (IFG).

Sensory Garden

As you know, we are hoping to develop a large sensory garden where the year 5 mobile used to be. We have had quotes from gardening companies but the pricing is extortionate! If there is anyone out there who has any knowledge or expertise in the landscaping area (or knows someone who has) and would be willing to help us at looking into whether we can do any of this ourselves, then the PTFA and I would be hugely grateful! Please contact school if you may be able to help.

Harvest

This year for Harvest, we would like to collect non-perishable food items such as tins and dry goods to donate to Kidderminster Foodbank. We are working in collaboration with Brook Court Care Home to collect items to deliver to the foodbank. Once collected, some of our year 6 pupils will help us take these to Brook Court and hold a short Harvest Service with the residents of the care home.

If you are able, please send any food goods in between Monday 30th September and Friday 4th October where we will make a large display in the hall. Please ensure all food items are within their use by dates.

Hello Yellow – 10th October

Hello Yellow is a campaign by the mental health charity Young Minds which encourages everyone to wear yellow for World Mental Health Day to show their support for young people's mental health.

We would like to invite everyone at Comberton to show their support by wearing yellow for the day and bringing a small donation (suggested £1) for this worthwhile charity. The children will also be taking part in a range of activities in class to support their understanding of mental health.

Leadership Roles

Pupil leadership roles have been voted for and selected to include: Wellbeing Champions, School Council, Sports Crew and Digital Leaders. Meetings are already underway in looking at how they can begin to influence change and make a positive difference within school. For example, Digital Leaders have been agreeing and issuing IT User Agreements and Sports Crew are exploring the relaunch of our PE Houses.

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.

PTFA Halloween Discos Years 1-6 24th October







Transferring to Secondary School in September 2025?

- If you live in Worcestershire **and**
- Your child is in their final year at Primary School.

You need to apply for a school place by **31st October 2024**.

For more information and to apply, visit:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Visit your local library to use a computer and apply for free. Or call us on **01905 822 700**.

Find out more online:
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Dates Next Week:

Mon 23rd Sep	
Tues 24th	Year 5 Trip to Bishop's Wood No swimming for year 5 due to trip Peter Cooper Assemblies
Weds 25th	8:45 – 9am – Welcome Wednesday. All parents welcome to read in class.
Thurs 26th	
Fri 27th	Violin and Guitar lessons Year 6 Football sessions with Kidderminster Harriers

Looking ahead

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

Tues 15th Oct – Year 2 trip to Hartlebury Museum

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