

Comberton Update

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**Comberton
Primary School**

*A caring community
for all to shine*

Attendance

Whole School Attendance – 95.1%

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 3 – Mrs Larkman with 95.7%

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 4 – Mrs Wassall with 96.7% 5th week in a row – incredible!

Congratulations and keep it up!

Learning

It's all been about bringing the curriculum to life this week in the Early Years especially.

Nursery had a visit from the dentist, where they were learning about how to look after their teeth and keep themselves healthy.

Reception went on a local walk to visit St Chad's church as part of their RE learning. They explored the parts of the church and enjoyed bible stories through role play.



Year 3 have been learning all about the Stone Age in history and exploring what life was like in those times, making comparisons to their own lives. In English they have been reading 'The Stone Age Boy' which is adding to their understanding of the period.

As a result of the school council suggestions, during PSHRE, children across the school have been making wreaths for their classroom doors to consider what they will 'give' this Christmas.

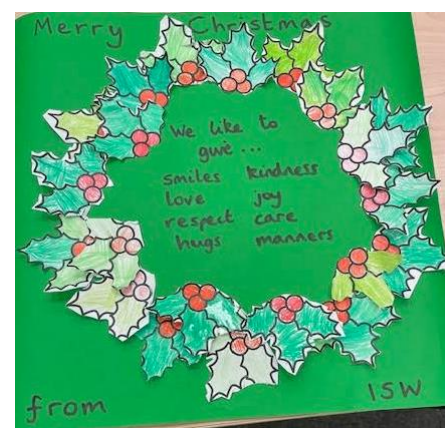
Pupil Voice

I had the pleasure of speaking to groups of children from across the school alongside one of our school Governors this week to find out their opinions about our wider curriculum offer. The children spoke really positively about the trips we do from school and how these help with their learning and got particularly animated when they recalled the number of visitors that we have into school. Children were also very positive about the clubs offer at Comberton. When asked if there was anything else that they would like to see on offer, the main suggestion was basketball - so we will look into whether this could be possible later in the year.

The children could articulate how school promotes positive mental health, including days such as Hello Yellow and Odd Socks day as well as being able to talk in depth about how school supports them to be 'good people'. Children talked extensively about our school rules 'Ready, Respectful and Safe', alongside our values and made links to British Values.

Parking

We have had further concerns raised regarding parking outside of school. This time a particular vehicle is parking on the corner of Comberton Avenue but tucking itself onto the entire pavement. This is meaning that parents are having to wheel pushchairs onto the road to go around it to get by. It was raised in our parent feedback that school staff should control the parking however, unfortunately, as a school, **we have no authority over parking outside of school** as this is council owned land. All we can



do is make a plea to our school community to ask you to park safely and considerately in order to protect our families. Thank you to those who do every day.

School Uniform Shop

We have heard from the School Uniform Shop in Kidderminster who have shared that they cannot continue trading. They will be closing on Tuesday 10th December 2024. They are half pricing all of our uniform so this would be a great opportunity to stock up at a bargain price.

We are in the process of liaising with several other uniform companies and will let you know as soon as our new provider is arranged.

The Worcestershire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is back for winter 2024!

During the school holidays, eligible families can book FREE holiday activities, family passes and events through the programme.

Funded by the Department for Education, HAF is primarily for children in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals aged 5-16, however, the programme does support other children and young people otherwise considered vulnerable (including LAC, SEND and refugee status).

Families can search and book activities through the HAF booking site. If you would like any support with this then please get in touch.

More information about the programme is available on the Worcestershire County Council website [here](#) or you can contact the HAF Team at providers@hafworcestershire.co.uk

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13th December, children are invited to come to school wearing Christmas jumpers. The school Council have decided that they would like to raise money for Crackerjacks – a charity that supports people and families with disabilities.

PTFA Raffle

The PTFA will be raising money for a whole school pantomime trip 2025 with their Christmas raffle. Tickets will be available to purchase via parent pay or at our Christmas plays. They have worked hard to secure some fantastic prizes!



Dates next week:

Mon 2nd Dec	
Tues 3rd Dec	
Weds 4th Dec	8:45 – 9am – Welcome Wednesday. All parents welcome to read in class.
Thurs 5th Dec	PTFA Film night – 3:15 – 4:15 Nursery and Reception, 4:30 – 5:30 KS1 and 2
Fri 6th Dec	Violin and Guitar lessons Year 6 Football sessions with Kidderminster Harriers

Looking ahead

Tues 10th Dec – 9:30 and 2:30 Year 2 Christmas Play

Weds 11th Dec – 9:30 and 2:30 Year 1 Christmas Play

Weds 11th Dec – Year 3 Trip to Worcester Cathedral

Thurs 12th Dec – 9:30am Reception Christmas Play

Thurs 12th Dec – 11am Selected children to see Panto at Brook Court

Fri 13th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

Mon 16th Dec - Thurs 12th Dec – 11am Selected children to see Panto at Brook Court

Mon 16th Dec – Year 5 to see King Charles show

Tues 17th Dec – 9-10:30am Nursery stay and sing

Tues 17th Dec – 6pm Year 5&6 carol concert

Weds 18th Dec – 6pm Year 3&4 carol concert

Weds 18th Dec – Christmas Dinner

Thurs 19th Dec – Year 6 to sing at Brook Court

Fri 20th Dec – Year 6 to Boing Zone

Friday 20th Dec – Break up for Christmas