

Comberton Update

06.12.24

Attendance

Whole School Attendance – 95.1%

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 2 – Mrs Heath with 98.1%

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 5 – Mrs Bennett with 97.5%

Congratulations and keep it up!

Learning

School has been very much filled with Christmas cheer and children rehearsing their Christmas plays. The children gain so many skills through this experience, not to mention the biggest of them all which is having the confidence to stand up in front of an audience. We know you are going to love coming to watch!

We had an external advisor in school this week as part of our work further developing phonics provision. Phonics teaching was noted to be consistently strong across all groups and children are getting phonic provision that very specifically matches their individual needs both through small group and 1:1 work.

Mrs Frost Absence

Just to inform you that unfortunately I will not be in school next week due to needing to have a minor operation. There is never a good time to be away from school but I am particularly disappointed to be missing the Christmas plays that I know the children have been working so hard on. I will very much be there in spirit and am relying on the staff and children to tell me all about how brightly they shone when I return. As always, Mrs Phillips and the rest of the Senior Leadership Team will be available with any queries or concerns during my absence.



PTFA Film Night

A huge thank you to the volunteers from the PTFA for the organisation and running of the film night and for your support in sending your children. We hope they had a lovely time!

PTFA News

I am delighted to share that the PTFA reached their £200 target with Asda Shopping. Thank you for your support.

The PTFA have also secured a place on the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme:

Comberton Primary School needs your votes to get a share of Tesco's Stronger Starts fund. Comberton Primary School is bidding for a cash boost from the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme. Stronger Starts provides grant awards of up to £1,500 to local community projects, with a particular focus on children and young people. Three groups in every community have been shortlisted to receive grant awards and Tesco customers can vote for the group they think should take away the top award in their local Tesco store.

Comberton Primary School is one of the groups on the shortlist in Kidderminster, raising money for a sensory garden for the pupils, staff and the community, offering a safe green space for all.

Voting is open in all Tesco stores from Mid-January to the end of March 2025. Customers will cast their vote using a blue token given to them at the check-out each time they shop.

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

Support Your Local Event!



Enquiries can be sent to

sophie.swain@googlemail.com

Wyre Forest School Sport Partnership

WFSSP have shared their Christmas Wellbeing newsletter, which is attached with this email.

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:

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| Mon 9th Dec | |
| Tues 10th Dec | 9:30 and 2:30 Year 2 Christmas Play |
| Weds 11th Dec | No welcome Wednesday due to events in school. 9:30 and 2:30 Year 1 Christmas Play Year 3 Trip to Worcester Cathedral |
| Thurs 12th Dec | 9:30am Reception Christmas Play 11am Selected children to see Panto at Brook Court |
| Fri 13th Dec | Christmas Jumper Day Violin and Guitar lessons Year 6 Football sessions with Kidderminster Harriers |

Looking ahead

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 – Nursery, Rec, Years 1 and 2 Christmas party day – wear party clothes for Magic Russ!

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

Thurs 19th Dec – Year 4 Christmas Party Day – wear party clothes

Fri 20th Dec – Years 3,5 and 6 Christmas Party Day – wear party clothes!

Fri 20th Dec – Year 6 to Boing Zone

Friday 20th Dec – Break up for Christmas