

Comberton Update



Comberton
Primary School

*A caring community
for all to shine*

10.01.25



Happy New Year from everyone at Comberton! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed lots of special time with your families.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance: 94.9%

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 1 – Miss Haycocks with 97.6%

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 4 – Mrs Wassell with 99.3% - they've done it again!

Congratulations and keep it up!

Our updated attendance policy (in line with Government guidance) which has been developed with our partner KPSA schools has been circulated this week. Please note the flow chart which indicates the trigger points for monitoring and involvement from school. We aim to support in every way we can to ensure your child is in school every day possible.

Learning

The children have all returned so positively and it has been lovely to see them focused and settled from the start.

Many children from across Reception through to year 4 who attend phonics have moved to their new phonics groups having made great progress last term and these are already working well.

Year 4 have enjoyed their practical science investigation exploring liquids and solids and were really keen to share their new knowledge with me! They were particularly fascinated by the honey and oil which did not freeze and why not.

Year 6 were also getting scientific using the microscope to observe the nucleus of an onion skin as part of their learning to understand how bacteria is different to plants, animals and fungi.

Year 5 were working in pairs to choreograph a section of a dance routine and rehearsed repeatedly to commit the sequence to memory.

Maths KIRFs

Spring 1 has started and each year group has a new maths KIRF (Key Instant Recall Fact) they are learning. KIRFs aim to develop your child's fluency and mental maths skills and the idea is they can instantly recall the knowledge. Regular practice - little and often – helps children to retain these facts and keep their skills sharp. They are not designed to be a time-consuming task and can be practised anywhere – in the car, walking to school, etc. Throughout the half term, the KIRFs will also be

practised in school and your child's teacher will assess whether they have been learned.

Earlier this week, a sheet was sent home (via Parent Mail) which detailed your child's KIRF for Spring 1 and contained some ideas for ways to practise the skill. Please also see the KIRF section of the school website (Curriculum - Maths - How to help your child at home - KIRFs) to download activities.

We hope that you enjoy working alongside your child with this mathematics work.



Uniform Supplier

We have met with a new supplier this week who will be supplying our uniform moving forward. We are really pleased with the service that they are going to offer and the quality of the samples that have been shared. We have also had positive feedback from other local schools who use them. You will be able to order and pay online and then the uniform will be delivered here for us to give out to you. We are also pleased to share that the costs are less than those at the school shop. We are hoping that this should all be up and running in a couple of weeks' time and will share further details as soon as we have them.

Breakfast Club & Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy:

We have vacancies for both breakfast club and lunchtime supervisor roles. A separate Parentmail communication has been sent regarding these positions: please speak to a member of the office team or Mrs Frost for further information.

The PTFA have 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.

Dates for w/c 13.01.25:

Monday 13th January	
Tuesday 14th January	Young Voices Choir 12noon – 10/10:30pm Y4 swimming
Wednesday 15th January	8:45 – 9am Welcome Wednesday – all parents welcome to read in class
Thursday 16th	
Friday 17th January	Inclusive Sports Festival at Baxter College for selected year 4 pupils Harriers football session 5HH Guitar and Violin Lessons

Looking ahead

Mon 20th Jan - SCARF workshops

Tues 21st Jan - SCARF workshops

Weds 22nd Jan - SCARF workshops

Fri 24th Jan- Harriers football session 4JW

Tues 28th Jan – 5RB to Brook Court Residential Home for Storytelling

Fri 31st Jan- Harriers football session 4RI

Weds 5th Feb – Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools Collection – start collecting together unwanted clothes!!

Thurs 6th Feb – Year 6 Enterprise day

Fri 7th Feb – Harriers football session 3NL

Mon 10th Feb 3:30-7pm – Parents evening (NB this is likely to be different for 3AH)

Tues 11th Feb 3:30-5:30pm – Parents evening (NB this is likely to be different for 3AH)

Tues 11th Feb – Safer Internet day

Weds 12th Feb 3:30-5:30pm – Parents evening (NB this is likely to be different for 3AH)

Thurs 13th Feb – PTFA Valentines Discos

Fri 14th Feb – Harriers football session 3AH

Fri 14th Feb – Break up for Half Term

Mon 24th Feb – Pupils return to school

Tues 25th Feb – Dog's Trust assemblies and workshops

Weds 26th Feb – Dog's Trust assemblies and workshops

Thurs 27th Feb – Dog's Trust assemblies and workshops

Fri 28th Feb – Harriers football session 2HW

Thurs 6th Mar – World Book Day

Fri 7th Mar – Harriers football session 2LH

Fri 14th Mar – Harriers football session 1SW

Fri 21st Mar – Harriers football session 1SH

Fri 28th Mar – 9-10am PTFA Mother's Day tea and cake

Fri 28th Mar – Harriers football session 6CJ

Fri 4th April – Harriers football session 6TP

Fri 4th April – Non Uniform Day – collecting Eggs for the Easter Fayre

Thurs 10th April – 2-3:30pm Easter Fayre

Fri 11th April – Break Up for Easter

Mon 28th April – Pupils return to school