

Comberton Update

17.01.25

Attendance

Whole School Attendance: 94.8%

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 3 – Mrs Larkman with 98.6%

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 5 – Mrs Hughes with 97.7%.

Congratulations and keep it up!

Ofsted Inspection

As you will all know, we have had our Ofsted Inspection this week. Ofsted visit schools on a cycle of every 4-5 years. It was 5 years and 1 week since the school's last visit!

It was a very thorough and rigorous process and they looked at all areas of school life. These fall under 5 categories for us because we have Nursery and Reception aged children:

- Quality of Education
- Behaviour and Attitudes (including attendance)
- Personal Development
- Leadership and Management (including safeguarding)
- Early Years

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey or spoke with inspectors on the playground. We were so proud of the children. They were keen to share their learning and opinions with the inspection team. The report will be published within 30 working days of their visit (at the very latest) and we will circulate this to you as soon as we have it. We look forward to sharing this with you.

Learning

We have been in and out of lessons all week and seen some wonderful learning opportunities. Nursery have enjoyed their text 'The Gingerbread Man' and have been designing their own gingerbread men, making them out of playdoh and re-enacting parts of the story. They have been exploring the number seven as well as focusing on rhyming words.

In Reception their story was 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The children have been making 'wanted' posters for Goldilocks and learning about different types of bears to write facts they know. Children were using the large construction bricks to build houses and walls to trap Goldilocks!



Children love reading at Comberton and that's no surprise given the vast opportunities they have to explore a wide range of texts. One year 5 pupil just couldn't put his book down this morning during reading for pleasure time and even wanted to carry on into his own time!

One of our year 4 pupils is reading books from home and then bringing them in to add to our library for other children to read and enjoy. Thank you and happy reading everyone!



Young Voices

41 children from our year 4, 5 and 6 choir took part in a spectacular performance at Birmingham's Genting Arena this week. Young Voices is the largest children's choir in the world with over 5000 children performing to a vast arena audience. The children have been learning a large repertoire of songs since September ready for this amazing show where they performed alongside professional musicians and dancers. This year's artists included the lead singer from Strictly Come Dancing, a contestant from Britain's Got Talent and MC Grammar as well as professional Street dance crew 'Urban Strides'. The children returned exhausted but absolutely buzzing from this incredible experience. A huge thank you to Mr Price, Mrs Fox, Mrs Astill, Miss Hollick and Miss Goddard who accompanied the children (not getting back until very late at night) and a special thanks to Mr Price for the organisation of the event and running of choir.



Pharmacy First Service

Parents can now access healthcare advice from local pharmacies as a walk in service and in some cases via a video consultation. This avoids the delay of waiting for a GP appointment. In person consultations are available in private rooms.

The service can be used for:

- Earache (from 12 months to 17 years old)
- Impetigo (from 12 months old)
- Infected insect bites (from 12 months old)
- Sore throats (from aged 5 years)
- Sinusitis (from aged 12 years)
- Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs) for women aged from 16 to 64 years
- Shingles (from aged 18 years)

The pharmacist can provide advice and if necessary NHS medicine (meeting normal prescription charges).

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 20.01.25:

Monday 20th January	SCARF workshops
Tuesday 21st January	SCARF workshops Y4 swimming
Wednesday 22nd January	SCARF workshops 8:45 – 9am Welcome Wednesday – all parents welcome to read in class
Thursday 23rd January	
Friday 24th January	Harriers football session 4JW Guitar and Violin Lessons

Looking ahead

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