

Comberton Update

02.05.25



**Comberton
Primary School**

*A caring community
for all to shine*

Attendance

Whole School Attendance: 95%

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 1 – Miss Haycocks with 98.4%

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 5 – Mrs Bennett (2nd week in a row) and Year 4 – Mrs Wassell with 98.3%

Congratulations and keep it up!

Learning

The children have all returned ready and raring to go with their Summer Term learning. Year 6 are busy revising for their SATs in two weeks' time and children attending phonics have all moved into their new groups where they are doing a fantastic job.

In assemblies, the children have been noticing what is new around school for the summer term. They have loved looking in detail at our new large scale map on the outside wall and this will support the children during their Geography learning. They have also noticed our new values signs and been reflecting on how these are demonstrated on the playground and around school.

Sporting Successes

Congratulations to our year 2 team who attended a cricket festival this morning. They represented the school brilliantly and had a great time!



Also huge congratulations to Daisey in Year 6 who represented Kidderminster in the ESF football tournament 2025 facing teams from across the UK. Her team were runners up in the whole tournament which was a huge achievement! We are really proud of you Daisey!



Well done to all the year 4s and 5s who took part in Bikeability levels 1 and 2 this week. The children were a credit to the school and the instructors spoke very highly of their attitude and skill.

Nursery Rate

Our nursery hourly rate will be increasing from 1st April to £5.37 in line with Government funding.

PTFA Success

Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for the TESCO STRONGER STARTS application. We have been awarded £1000 towards our sensory garden project. We will be liaising with the School Council to see which elements from the wish list they would like to have with this money.

Thank you to everyone who voted for us in store!

Phonics Workshop

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend our Year 1 Phonics parent workshop. We hope you found it useful. If you were unable to attend but would like further information, please pop and see Miss Haycocks or Mrs Waters.

Maths KIRFS

Summer 1 has started and each year group has a new maths KIRF (Key Instant Recall Fact). KIRFs aim to develop your child's fluency and mental maths skills and the idea is that 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 Summer 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.



VE Day Poppy Donations

We have a Poppy Appeal collection box in school in time for the VE day anniversary which includes a limited number of metal pin badges (recommended £2.50) and stickers (any donation). School Council will be collecting donations in the library on the day (Thursday May 8th) at playtime if your child would like to donate.

Parent Governor

We are still looking for parents who may be interested in joining our Governing Body. Governors always comment on what a rewarding role this is. Please contact the office or speak to myself on the playground if you would like to know more.



Best Start website

Visit the Best Start website for information, advice and support for families during pregnancy and the early years including:

- pregnancy and postnatal information and services
- feeding, sleep, development
- baby/ toddler groups
- activities to do at home
- information for dads
- support for parents/ carers
- health and wellbeing, finance, housing advice etc

worcestershire.gov.uk/beststart



Crazy
HAIR DAY

Thursday 22nd May

Please join us for a crazy hair day where children and staff are encouraged to wear their hair in a temporary crazy style to raise funds towards the PTFA Panto trip in December

THERE WILL BE A PRIZE FOR THE MOST CREATIVE STYLE

A suggested £1 donation (per child) will be available to pay via ParentPay or cash on the day

Dates for w/c 28.04.25:

Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday — school closed
Tuesday 6th May	Year 3 AH swimming
Wednesday 7th May	8:45 – 9am Welcome Wednesday – all parents welcome to read in class 9am – WEST Parent Workshop – Supporting your child’s sleep KPSA Maths Competition at Cookley (selected pupils)
Thursday 8th May	VE Day donations
Friday 9th May	Guitar and Violin Lessons

Looking ahead

w/c 12th May – KS2 SATS

Friday 16th May – VR workshops for years 3 and 6

Tues 20th May - KPSA Reading Competition at Cookley (selected pupils)

Weds 21st – Fri 23rd May – Year 6 Residential

Thurs 22nd May – PTFA Crazy Hair day, break up for half term

Fri 23rd May – TED Day – School closed to pupils

Mon 2nd June – Pupils return to school
W/c Mon 2nd June – Statutory Multiplication Check for Year 4 pupils
w/c 9th June – Phonics Screening Test – Year 1
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Mon 9th June – Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks
Weds 11th June – KPSA Drumming workshops at Offmore (selected KS2 pupils)
Tues 17th June – Animal Man in for Nursery & Reception
Fri 20th June – Year 6 Leaver’s Photo
Tues 24th June – 6pm New Reception Induction Evening
Mon 30th June – Weds 3rd Jul – King Charles Transition days
Mon 30th June – Comberton transition day – all children to new class teachers
Thurs 3rd July – Year 5 Secondary experience day at King Charles
Thurs 3rd July - Sports Day (years and times TBC)
Fri 4th July - Sports Day (years and times TBC)
Tues 8th July 2:45 – 3:10pm – PTFA AGM in the school hall
Weds 9th July – Report home to parents
Thurs 10th July 3:15 – 4pm Reception end of year disco
Thurs 10th July – 4:30-6pm Year 6 Leavers Disco
Fri 11th July – 11-1 Nursery sports event and Teddy Bear’s Picnic
Mon 14th July – Art Gallery (years and times TBC)
Tues 15th July – Art Gallery (years and times TBC)
Weds 16th July 2-4pm – Summer fayre
Fri 18th July – 1:30-3 – Year 6 Leavers event
Fri 18th July – break up for summer