

Comberton Update

27.06.25



Comberton
Primary School

*A caring community
for all to shine*

Attendance

Whole School Attendance: 94.9%

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 3 – Mr Hatch with 96.2% - 2nd week in a row!

Years 4-6 Class Winners –Year 5 – Mrs Hughes with 96.9 %

Congratulations and keep it up!

Learning

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 learnt all about the importance of a healthy diet this week through a discussion about food groups and a hands on experience! Thanks to our wonderful PTFA, they then went on to make their very own 'pick n mix' healthy breakfast from a range of foods such as strawberries, blueberries, sultanas, granola, yoghurt, honey and a couple of treats to top it off! This was funded by the Tesco cooking and nutrition grant gained by the PTFA. We were so proud of many of the children who tried (and enjoyed) new foods during this.



Year 1 enjoyed a lovely, sunny trip to Witley Court and Gardens where they explored the features of a Church linked to their RE, took part in some Geography fieldwork and look at the ruins as part of their historical leaning. As always, the children represented our school beautifully.



Year 4 were treated to a personal performance from a professional trumpeter who really inspired them ahead of their upcoming cornet concert to parents next week.

Year 6 have been really enthused by the websites they have been designing as part of their computing learning. They have chosen an area of curriculum learning to base their websites on and have been designing, adapting, editing and finally publishing these websites.

Online Safety

There have been concerns raised about pupil's conduct online out of school when gaming or using their phones. I have spoken to individuals, classes and all of phase 2 (years 4,5 & 6) about the importance of building a positive reputation online and ensuring they are leaving behind a positive digital footprint. This includes appropriate use of language as well as ensuring comments are always kind. Please do ensure that you are regularly checking your children's phones and online activity to support with the monitoring of this.

Transition Day – Monday 30th June

The children are really looking forward to spending the day in their new classes on Monday. Many children have already had a visit to see their new classroom and meet their new teacher or see a photo of them if they are new to school. Mrs Heath's new class will have Mrs Hartley for the day (who will be teaching them every Friday in September) and Mrs Heath will introduce herself to her new children on her return to school.

Children who are moving into years 4, 5 and 6 will line up on the playground when the bell goes in the morning and be collected by their new teacher and taken to their classroom. They will then be dismissed from their classroom door. Please can we ask that you stand back from the doors when waiting to collect so that the teachers have a good view to see the collecting adults.

Children moving to years 1, 2 and 3 will be dropped off and collected directly to/from their classroom doors.

Mrs Phillips, Mrs Shelton and I will be on the playground and able to direct you to the right place should you be unsure as to where to go.

Bags for September 2025

Just a reminder that all pupils moving into years 4, 5 and 6 in September will need to have small draw string bags only (no rucksacks). The children are allocated lockers in phase 2 and these are very small by design. There is just enough room for their coat, lunchbox (if needed) and a small drawstring bag where the ties can be tucked in. Water bottles are taken into the classroom and stored there for easy access throughout the day. Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation with this.

Fruit/Snacks for September 2025

A reminder that all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are entitled to the free fruit in school provided under the Government scheme. Once children reach year 3 and above, this is no longer available and therefore, should you wish your child to have a snack at playtime, this will need to be provided from home. Please ensure snacks remain healthy such as fruit or cereal bars.

Uniform Donations

We are really low on any spare uniform for our older pupils. If your child is leaving at the end of year 6 and you have any uniform that you would be able to donate, then we would be most grateful.

New Reception Parents Induction

We welcomed lots of new (and many familiar) faces to our school on Tuesday evening as they came to support the start of their child's educational journey with us. We look forward to having our new Reception children all together on Monday morning and welcoming our new families into our school community.

Reception 2026

We are already having lots of enquiries for places for September 2026 and have shown some families around Comberton as they begin to consider their options. If you know of anyone who will be looking for a school place for their child for September 2026, then please encourage them to contact school where we will be holding an Open Day and Evening on Thursday 2nd October or alternatively, they can call the office to book a personal tour at a more convenient time.

We still have a few nursery places available for next academic year should anyone be looking for a place for their child following their 3rd birthday.

Breakfast Club from September 2025

We are delighted to share that from September, we will be offering an 'Early Drop Off' option for breakfast club from 7:30am.

We will also be moving to online bookings for breakfast club where you will be able to select the 1 hour session from 7:45 – 8:45am at the usual cost of £5 or you can also opt to add on the early drop off at 7:30am for an additional charge of £2.

We hope that this option will be of use to some of our families.

External Moderation

Every 3-4 years, schools are selected by the Local Authority for an external moderation of their year 6 writing. Reading, maths and grammar are assessed by the Government using the SATs test papers which are sent off to be externally marked. Writing assessments are made in school based on each child's work over a period of time. External moderation ensures that school judgements are accurate and consistent with those across the country.

Comberton was selected for this process this year and we are delighted to share that we received some very positive feedback, not only about the accuracy of our judgments but also about the teacher's incredibly strong subject knowledge and knowledge of the children as writers, the writing sequences of learning and also the quality of the children's writing itself. We were the last school visited and moderators said "this is some of the strongest practice we have seen this year."

Well done to all the year 6 staff and pupils!

Year 6 Leavers Disco – volunteers needed!

We hope that all of our Year 6's are signed up to attend their leavers discos – it promises to be a great event to conclude their time at primary School. The PTFA are desperate for a few more volunteers to support with the event so please contact PTFA@comberton.worcs.sch.uk if you would be able to spare an hour or 2 to help. The event takes place on Thursday 10th July 4:30-6pm.



SEN PEER SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH SEND

This group has been set up by parents and volunteers for parents/carers to share information/gain support and socialise in a child free environment.

This group meets from 1pm - 2.30pm

11th and 25th June 2025
9th and 23rd July 2025
13th and 27th August 2025



Brookside Family Hub, Borrington Road,
Kidderminster, Worcs, DY10 3ED

This group is for parents/carers only.

No diagnosis is required to attend these drop in sessions.

For more information, please contact us on 01562 827207/01299 877920 or email us at admin.wyreforest@barnardos.org.uk

Sleep Workshop

Thursday 3rd July 2025
10.00 - 12.00



Want to understand more about sleep and bedtime routines? Within this 2 hours workshop, we explore why sleep is important, how we can help develop good bedtime routines and get a restful nights sleep. Suitable for those with children aged 12 months to 10 years.

- Why is sleep important?
- What happens when we don't get enough sleep?
- Naps
- Bedtime routines & healthy habits
- Night-time waking
- Rewards & positive praise

Venue: Half Crown Wood Family Hub, Princess Way, Stourport, DY13 0EL

For more information or to book your place, please call 01562 827207 or 01299 877920 or email admin.wyreforest@barnardos.org.uk



Dates for w/c 30.06.25:

Monday 30th June	King Charles Transition days – year 6 Comberton transition day – all children to new class teachers
Tuesday 1st July	Year 3 NL swimming King Charles Transition days – year 6
Wednesday 2nd July	8:45 – 9am Welcome Wednesday – all parents welcome to read in class King Charles Transition days – year 6 Year 4 Cornet Concert to parents. 1:45-2:15 4RI, 2:30-3 4JW
Thursday 3rd July	Year 5 Secondary experience day at King Charles Sports Day - y2 9 - 10, y4 10:15 – 11:15, y3 1:45 – 2:45
Friday 4th July	Violin and Guitar Lessons Sports Day - Rec 9 - 9:45, y1 10 –11, y5 11:15 – 12:15, y6 1:45 – 2:45 6TP to Brook Court Residential Home

Looking ahead

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