

Comberton Update

5.9.2025



A huge welcome to the start of the academic year 2025-26! If your child has just joined us at Comberton, we are delighted to welcome your family to our school community. A big welcome to our new staff at Comberton as well!

We are so proud of all the children and how well they have settled into their new classes. It has been such a positive start to the term and the school has been filled with lots of happy, smiling faces. There has been a real sense of excitement around moving to their new classes and the children are taking pride in their new rooms and resources.

Thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard on the run up to the start of term to ensure that everything is ready and inviting to welcome your children back.

I will continue to send a weekly update every Friday (by email) which shares some of the learning from the week, any key messages and dates to look out for the following week.

Attendance

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 3 – Miss Timmins 98%

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 5 – Mrs Bennett 100%

Congratulations and keep it up!

Attendance continues to be a really high priority for us at Comberton – we need the children here every day to ensure they get the most out of every learning experience and can build on their learning day after day. We will continue to monitor every child's attendance and support families to ensure your child's attendance is the best it can possibly be.

If your child is going to be late or needs to be absent from school for any reason, then please ensure you contact the school office by 9am so that we can code their absence accordingly.

We are required to follow the statutory Government guidance "Working Together to Improve School Attendance". Please note the following regarding absence and fines:

"The national threshold for considering a penalty notice is 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. This can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence (e.g. 4 sessions of holiday taken in term time plus 6 sessions of arriving late after the register closes all within 10 school weeks). These sessions can be consecutive (e.g. 10 sessions of holiday in one week) or not (e.g. 6 sessions of unauthorised absence taken in 1 week and 1 per week for the next 4 weeks). The period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years (e.g. 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the Summer Term and a further 8 within the Autumn Term)."

Each parent who is liable for the pupil's offence can be issued with a penalty notice. If issued a first penalty notice, the parent must pay £80 within 21 days, or £160 within 28 days.

Please note that the fine comes from the Local Authority and **all payments go to the Local Authority and not to the school.**

We ask that you try, wherever possible, to make any appointments outside of school hours and holidays are only taken during the school holiday periods. Please complete a leave of absence should you need to take your child out of school for any planned absence.

Thanks in advance for your support with this.

Ready, Respectful, Safe

We have looked carefully at our 3 school rules this week and how we are always working to be our very best. We are really proud of so many of the children who are showing these both inside school and on the playground.

We have added some activities to our lunchtime provision to ensure that the children have a successful lunchtime with plenty to occupy everyone's interests. This includes quieter activities such as colouring, chalks, skipping and stilts, more active sports such as football, basketball and use of the outdoor gym, as well as some more structured adult-led playground games.



School Uniform



It has been wonderful to see so many smart looking children returning to school. The children are always so proud of their shiny new shoes and new jumpers and cardigans. Thank you!

We have noticed a few girls arriving in 'hotpant' style shorts for PE which are inappropriately short for school. Please ensure PE shorts are mid-thigh length and appropriate for school.

We now have spare uniform, school shoes and PE kit for all sizes in school. If your child does not arrive in the correct uniform, we will provide them with uniform to borrow for the day. This will then be returned to a laundry basket for washing.

If you have any difficulties sourcing uniform, then please contact the office as we have plenty of spare uniform and ways in which we can help.

Years 4,5,6, Bags

As communicated in the newsletters before the holidays, children are required to have drawstring bags only. The lockers are very small and once larger coats are in there, they will only fit lunch boxes, coats and the drawstring bag. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 5,6 Walkers

If your child is in year 5 or 6 and you would like to give them permission to walk to and from school without an adult, then please contact the office to complete a permission slip.

Dinners

In order for your child/ren to receive a school meal you will need to have booked it in advance on the **Innovate** ordering system by 11pm on the Saturday for the following week. <https://ifg.kanpla.dk/> If no meal is booked by this day and time it will be expected that your child/ren will be sent with a packed lunch from home.

If you are unable to order or have not received your link, please email: primary@impactfood.co.uk

Data Form

Next week, you will receive a copy of the current data that we hold for your child (years 1-6). This includes contact details, medical information and media permissions. Please ensure you check this and return it immediately so that we have the most up to date information. We require this to be returned even if there are no changes.

Asthma

If your child has asthma, please ensure they have an in-date inhaler in school and you have completed an asthma form with your child’s class teacher.


Open Day

We will be holding our annual open day and evening on Thursday 2nd October for any children who are interested in joining our school in September 2026. Please spread the word to anyone you know who may be interested. The deadline for applications for admissions September 2026 is 15th January 2026.

PE Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2LH 1/2SW	Rec PB Y4	Y3	Y5 – swimming 1SH	Rec CF Y6

Brookside Family Hub - Autumn Term Timetable (2025)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>Stay, Weigh and Play 9.30 - 11 am Suitable for babies and children aged 0 - 5 years No need to book, just turn up!</p> <p>Well Child Clinic 9.30 am to 3 pm Bookable appointment with a Community Nursery Nurse To book call 01905 520032</p> <p>Physiotherapy Drop-in 9.30 - 11 am 1st Monday of each month For parents/carers with children aged 0 - 5 years with concerns around their child's motor skills</p> <p>Understanding Your Child / Teen A bookable group for parents 5 - 7 pm 03/11/2025 - 02/02/2026 (not including Christmas holidays)</p>	<p>Breast Buddies Peer Support Group 10 - 11.30 am To book your place email whcnhs.breastfeeding.support@nhs.net</p> <p>Men United Dad's and Male Caregivers Peer Support Group every other Tuesday 1 - 3 pm No need to book, just turn up!</p> <p>Find us on Facebook... Family Hubs - Wyre Forest</p> <p>BARNARDOS worcestershiresouthhull</p>	<p>Midwife Clinic Booked appointments</p> <p>Birth and Beyond 9.30 - 11.30 am A 4 week preparation for parenthood group for first-time parents Running on a monthly basis A bookable programme, to book call 01562 827207</p> <p>SEND Peer Support Group 1 - 2.30 pm For parents/carers of children and young people with additional needs 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month</p> <p>Twin Time 1 - 2.30 pm A group for twins and multiples, every other Wednesday</p>	<p>Midwife Clinic Booked appointments</p> <p>Time for Baby Stay and Play 10 - 11 am A postnatal stay and play group for newborn and non-movers and parents/carers. No need to book, just turn up!</p> <p>Understanding Your Child A bookable group for parents 12 - 2 pm 18/09/25 - 23/11/25 (not including half term)</p> <p>Some groups and services are provided by external partners / agencies and are subject to change</p>	<p>Speech & Language Booked appointments</p> <p>Kinship Carers Peer Support Group 9.30 - 11.30 am Second Friday of each month</p> <p>You can book onto any bookable course using the link and QR code: www.worcestershiresouthhull.gov.uk/groups</p>  <p>www.worcestershiresouthhull.gov.uk/familyhubs</p>

WORCESTERSHIRE FAMILY HUBS

LAUNCHING HEALTHY HOMES



Join us for our Stay, Weigh and Play session on Monday 8th September at 9.30am - 11am
lots of fun activities on offer and an opportunity to learn more about our new upcoming programme.
Plus, a free goodie bag per family.

MESSY PLAY **Snack Time** **Outdoor Activities**

Brookside Family Hub
Borrington Road, Kidderminster, DY10 3ED

www.worcestershiresouthhull.gov.uk/FamilyHubs **BARNARDOS** **worcestershiresouthhull**

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



SOUTH HULL APPROACH

Understanding your child from toddler to teenager

We all know being a parent can be one of the most challenging and rewarding roles you will ever take on as an adult, and sometimes we could all use a little extra help.

WEST and Starting Well Partnership are working in partnership to deliver this relaxed and fun group is suitable for families with children and young people up to 19 years old, with 2 hourly group sessions running over a 9 week period.

Please contact school and request a referral to WEST to find out more



Stay Connected
Putting an end to loneliness

www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/parenting-groups
www.camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/west



September Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 10am
Supporting A Child With ADHD	15 Sep 7pm
Improving Family Communication	16 Sep 10am
Autism Improving Communication	16 Sep 7pm
Facing Defiance	22 Sep 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	22 Sep 7pm
Understanding Anger	23 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	23 Sep 7pm
FREE Facing Defiance	25 Sep 7-8pm
Introduction To OCD	29 Sep 10am
What Is ACT?	29 Sep 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	30 Sep 10am
Anxiety Explained	30 Sep 7pm
Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm

Dates Next Week:

Mon 8th Sep	
Tues 9th	King Charles staff member to visit year 6
Weds 10th	8:45 – 9am – Welcome Wednesday. All parents welcome to read in class. 9am – Phonics workshop for new Reception parents
Thurs 11th	Swimming starts for year 5
Fri 12th	Violin lessons start Year 6 Football sessions with Kidderminster Harriers

Looking ahead

Mon 29th Sep – Learning Hib visit to Brook Court – “make do and fix”

Thurs 2nd Oct – Open day and evening 6pm

Fri 3rd Oct - y5 trip to Bishops Wood

Fri 3rd Oct – Flu vaccinations

Fri 10th Oct – World Mental Health Day

Monday 13th October - School photos

Thurs 16th Oct – Tues 21st Oct – Book Fair

Fri 17th Oct – Visiting athlete – workshops and assembly

Mon 20th Oct 3:30 – 7pm – Parents Evening

Tues 21st Oct 3:30 – 5:30pm – Parents Evening

Weds 22nd Oct - PTFA Halloween Discos

Thurs 23rd Oct – 3:30 – 5:30pm – Parents Evening

Fri 24th Oct – Break up for Half Term