

## Combs Ford Primary School Families' Update

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June 2024

Dear Families,

May has been a month of sport, reading and variable weather! We've had teams representing the school in athletics, cricket, dodgeball and orienteering and Year 5 have enjoyed honing their woodland skills in Forest School in the rain and the sun. The children have continued to read and quiz on Accelerated Reader – you can see the statistics below – and Poppy and Taylor in Year 4 have started their very popular 'Booktastic Book Club' at break time in the School Library. EYFS have even hatched butterflies from caterpillars!

June is looking to be another busy month with sports days and many visits and visitors planned – see below for more detail.

We thank you for your continued support and are always happy to receive feedback on what you think we're doing well and what you think we need to improve. You can do this by talking to your child's class teacher or TA, speaking to the Senior Leaders on duty before school, or by phoning (01449 613 112) or emailing ([admin@combsford.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@combsford.suffolk.sch.uk)) the school.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – let's hope that the weather picks up for June so that all the exciting outdoor activities that are planned can take place in the dry!

Kathryn Day (Headteacher)

### News

| Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Window (MTC)  | Key Stage 1 Phonics Screening Check Week  |
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| <p>Year 4 will be taking their statutory Multiplication Tables Checks between Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help us to identify if your child may need additional support.</p> <p>The Multiplication Tables Check is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.</p> <p>You can find out more information in the attached leaflet.</p>   | <p>The statutory Phonics Screening Check will take place between Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>The phonics screening check is a check of your child's phonics knowledge. It helps us to confirm whether your child is making the progress expected in the national curriculum.</p> <p>With some exceptions, all pupils who have reached the age of 6 by the end of the school year must take the check during year 1. We will share child's score with you later this term.</p> <p>If your child didn't meet the standard in year 1 they will re-take the check in year 2. The results of any re-take will be shared with you.</p> <p>You can find out more information in the attached leaflet.</p>  |
| Assessment Week: 10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June  | Visits and Visitors   |
| <p>During assessment week the children will take paper-based tests from the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER). These tests are used across our Trust and are designed to be child-friendly, with an age appropriate level of support provided through the tests. Children in Years 3-5 take tests in English (reading comprehension), maths, grammar and punctuation and spelling and children in Years 1 take tests in English (reading comprehension) and maths. Children in Year 2 will take government-issued optional SATs in English (reading and grammar, punctuation and spelling) and maths (arithmetic and reading).</p> <p>Teachers use the data they provide to support assessment of your child's attainment, help them to map progress, and enable them to identify areas of strength and areas for development.</p> <p>Year 6 will not be taking any assessments during this week because they have already taken their SATs.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 1 Visit to Felixstowe (4<sup>th</sup> June)</li> <li>• Year 4 Visit to Great Yarmouth Pleasure Beach (5<sup>th</sup> June)</li> <li>• Year 3 Owls – Local Area Walk to Gateway 14 (6<sup>th</sup> June)</li> <li>• Year 3 Kestrels – Local Area Walk to Gateway 14 (7<sup>th</sup> June)</li> <li>• Year 3 Visit to Sculpture Trail at the Food Museum (11<sup>th</sup> June)</li> <li>• Year 4 Working with Jo Atkins (Suffolk Wildlife Trust) 12<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>• Kelly Sim – English Artistic Gymnast (13<sup>th</sup> June)</li> <li>• Jamie Knight – Freestyle Footballer – Assembly and Workshops (17<sup>th</sup> June)</li> <li>• Sports Day Years 1-3 (18<sup>th</sup> June)</li> <li>• Year 1 Reverend Sarah Jenkins (18<sup>th</sup> June)</li> <li>• Year 2 Visit from a Viking (20<sup>th</sup> June)</li> <li>• Sports Day Years 4-6 (20<sup>th</sup> June)</li> <li>• Year 6 Crucial Crew at 'The Mix' (24<sup>th</sup> June)</li> </ul> |
| "The Library Hideaway"   | Pre-Loved Uniform Sale  |
| <p>Remember that after Half Term, Mrs Lehocz will be opening the area outside the library for children to sit and read in the sunshine. The children have voted and called this area, "The Library Hideaway". Let's hope the sun shines for us every day in June and July!</p>   | <p>Don't forget to join Mrs McCarthy and Mrs Lehocz for their Pre-Loved Uniform Sale on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June after school on the playground or in the library (depending on the weather).</p>  |

**Combs Ford Primary School**  
**Summer Fete**  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 3.30pm until 6pm

**FOOD**, Cakes, **Mr G's Ice-Cream Van**, Crochet Stall,  
 TEDDY TOMBOLA, Hook a Duck, **Soak a Teacher**  
 Penalty Shoot Out held by HAUGHLEY UNITED FC U12,  
**MIX** SWEET BERRY CREATIONS, Lady Bug Hugs,  
 Gladwell Inflatables,  
 Face Painting, **Tombola**, *Crochery Smash*,  
 Pre-Loved Uniform Sale, *Coconut Sky*,  
 Forest School Display, *Han Gak Mu Sool Martial Arts*,  
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- RAISE MONEY FOR NEW SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Looking Back...

| Dazzling Dodgeballers   | The Booktastic Book Club!  | Our Old Library Books  |
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| <p>We took nine fantastic Year 4s to the county finals for dodgeball at Ipswich School Sports Centre. We were playing the best teams from across the county so the standard was incredible! We played Hadleigh and Nayland in the first group stage and came second. We then played against Great Finborough, Sidegate and St Johns and we ended up finishing in eighth place from the 12 teams. The children showed all of our six sporting values across the afternoon and we are so proud of their teamwork and determination.</p>  | <p>Poppy and Taylor in Year 4 came up with the brilliant idea of holding a Booktastic Book Club and it's turned out to be very popular! They've even designed their own posters! Years 1 and 2 come into the Library every Tuesday at break and Years 3 and 4 every Friday and there's a real buzz. Well done Poppy and Taylor!</p>  | <p>Our old school library books have been put to good use. Wendy came into school to pick them up – she manages little libraries in Wetherden, Elmswell, Haughley Green and Old Newton. She put 200 books in the Wetherden box and by the next afternoon all were gone. The village people were extremely happy!</p> <p>Those books which don't get taken go to St Elizabeth Charity or Age UK in Stowmarket. So, nothing gets wasted.</p>  |

| DT Week   | Growing Butterflies in EYFS   | Buddy Bench (19)  |
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| <p>There were lots of exciting projects going on around the school in DT Week. Year 3 cooked tarts using seasonal vegetables. They chopped their ingredients and prepared their tarts to be sent down to the kitchen to be cooked. They looked – and smelled – delicious!</p>  | <p>In early May, Robins and Kingfishers received an exciting delivery of caterpillars. They watched the caterpillars grow longer before finally building their little cocoons. The children waited and waited and finally the cocoons transformed into butterflies! Last week we released them in our EYFS garden where we've planted lots of purple flowers so we hope they come back and see us!</p>  | <p>The School Council are delighted to have taken delivery of the new Buddy Bench that they have been planning since September. It was built by the amazing 'Men's Shed' in Stowmarket who only charged us for materials. The cake sale on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May raised half the funds for the bench with the school match-funding the rest.</p>  |
| <p>And on the playground Year 1 were testing out their vehicles...</p>   |   | <p><b>Our School Network Reads!</b></p> <p>Here are our amazing Accelerated Reader statistics for April – let's see how many more words and books we can read in June!</p>   |

**Amazing Athletes**

Eighteen Year 3 and 4 children competed in an athletics competition at Stowupland High School. All the team mates did a 50m sprint, a 400m run, a standing long jump and a vortex throw. Their times and distances gave them points to add to the team total. We finished with a very exciting team relay at the end. Our teams came in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place out of the ten teams who took part and so many came away with stickers for the sporting values they demonstrated!



**Forest School**

Year 5 enjoyed four Fridays in the woods honing their Forest School skills in the rain and the sunshine.

They learned how to build and light fires and the importance of the Fire Safety Triangle.

They identified plants including Lords and Ladies, seed-bombed the bed outside Year 6 with wildflowers, and sang some outdoor songs – ask them about “Inside I am Wild!”

The children also honed their woodcraft skills by making name cookies (using lark’s foot and overhand knots), whipping sticks to make their own ‘talking sticks’ and lashing sticks together to make picture frames.

Their favourite things? Den building, hide and seek and, of course, making and eating s’mores. The children are looking forward to more Forest School in Year 6.



**Sports Leaders**

Five of our incredible Sports Leaders helped lead a PE fitness lesson with Badgers class. Lots of fun, smiles and red faces meant mission achieved! Great to see all the children in the room showing self belief and resilience.



**Awesome Orienteers**

We took two teams to the orienteering county finals at Haughley Park. They worked their socks off on the line event and the score event – running through woodland, fields and muddy puddles! Only the top three results were announced so we don’t know our final position but we do know that the children absolutely loved this experience and that is what is important!

**Champion Cricketers**

We were 'bowled over' by the skills, strategy and teamwork shown by our cricket team when Abbot’s Hall came to play a game here at Combs on a sunny afternoon. Our team got 89 runs and 15 runs for catches, stumps and bowling giving us a total of 104 runs. Abbot’s got 56 runs and 5 for fielding giving them a total of 61 runs. A fantastic victory and exemplary sportsmanship shown.



**June Calendar of Events**

The calendar is as up-to-date as possible but additional events may be added as the month progresses which will be emailed out to you. If there are any events or activities that you would like more information about please talk to your child's teacher or contact the school office.

| Monday 03 June  | Tuesday 04 June  | Wednesday 05 June  | Thursday 06 June   | Friday 07 June  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Window (MTC)</li> <li>Year 5 Swimming Group (Invitation Only)</li> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Miss Day (Weather Permitting)</li> <li>Whole School Assembly: Jigsaw #6 Changing Me (Mrs Tanner)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Window (MTC)</li> <li>Year 1 Visit to Felixstowe</li> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Miss Day (Weather Permitting)</li> <li>Girls' Cricket – After School with Mrs Brown</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Window (MTC)</li> <li>Year 4 Visit to Great Yarmouth Pleasure Beach</li> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Miss Day (Weather Permitting)</li> <li><a href="#">Music for Schools</a> – Music Tuition</li> <li>School Council Meeting in the Library with Mrs Oakley</li> <li>Stowmarket High School Visiting Year 6</li> <li>Pre-Loved Sale with Mrs McCarthy and Mrs Lehocz after school in the Library or Playground (depending on the weather)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Window (MTC)</li> <li>Choir (08:00 with Mrs Tanner and Mr Cole)</li> <li>Buttercups Nursery Visiting School Library</li> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Miss Day (Weather Permitting)</li> <li><a href="#">Rock Steady Music School</a></li> <li>Year 3 Owls – Local Area Walk to Gateway 14</li> </ul>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Window (MTC)</li> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Miss Day (Weather Permitting)</li> <li>Year 3 Kestrels – Local Area Walk to Gateway 14</li> <li>Whole School Celebration Assembly (Mr Wesley)</li> </ul>                   |
| Monday 10 June  | Tuesday 11 June  | Wednesday 12 June  | Thursday 13 June   | Friday 14 June  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key Stage 1 Phonics Screening Check Week</li> <li>Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Window (MTC)</li> <li>Assessment Week</li> <li>Year 5 Swimming Group (Invitation Only)</li> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Miss Day (Weather Permitting)</li> <li>Whole School Assembly: Learning Disability Week (Miss Fuller)</li> </ul>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key Stage 1 Phonics Screening Check Week</li> <li>Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Window (MTC)</li> <li>Assessment Week</li> <li>Year 3 Visit to Sculpture Trail at the Food Museum</li> <li>Buttercups Nursery Visiting School Library</li> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Miss Day (Weather Permitting)</li> <li>Girls' Cricket – After School with Mrs Brown</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key Stage 1 Phonics Screening Check Week</li> <li>Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Window (MTC)</li> <li>Assessment Week</li> <li>Year 4 Working with Jo Atkins (Suffolk Wildlife Trust)</li> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Mr Wesley (Weather Permitting)</li> <li><a href="#">Music for Schools</a> – Music Tuition</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key Stage 1 Phonics Screening Check Week</li> <li>Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Window (MTC)</li> <li>Assessment Week</li> <li>Choir (08:00 with Mrs Tanner and Mr Cole)</li> <li>Kelly Sim – English Artistic Gymnast Visiting</li> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Miss Day (Weather Permitting)</li> <li><a href="#">Rock Steady Music School</a></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key Stage 1 Phonics Screening Check Week</li> <li>Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Window (MTC)</li> <li>Assessment Week</li> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Miss Day (Weather Permitting)</li> <li>Whole School Celebration Assembly (Mr Wesley)</li> </ul> |
| Monday 17 June  | Tuesday 18 June  | Wednesday 19 June  | Thursday 20 June   | Friday 21 June  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Sports Week</li> <li>Jamie Knight – Freestyle Footballer – Assembly and Workshops</li> <li>Year 5 Swimming Group (Invitation Only)</li> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Miss Day (Weather Permitting)</li> <li>Whole School Assembly: National Sports Week (Mrs Ashton)</li> <li>EYFS New Intake Visiting (15:45)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Sports Week</li> <li>Sports Day – Years 1-3 (Morning)</li> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Miss Day (Weather Permitting)</li> <li>Year 1 – Reverend Sarah Jenkins Visiting</li> <li>Girls' Cricket – After School with Mrs Brown</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Sports Week</li> <li>Buttercups Nursery Visiting School Library</li> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Mr Wesley (Weather Permitting)</li> <li>School Council with Mrs Oakley</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Sports Week</li> <li>Choir (08:00 with Mrs Tanner and Mr Cole)</li> <li>Sports Day – Years 4-6 (Morning)</li> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Miss Day (Weather Permitting)</li> <li><a href="#">Rock Steady Music School</a></li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Sports Week</li> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Miss Day (Weather Permitting)</li> <li>Whole School Celebration Assembly (Mr Wesley)</li> </ul>   |
| Monday 24 June  | Tuesday 25 June  | Wednesday 26 June  | Thursday 27 June   | Friday 28 June  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design and Technology Week #5</li> <li>Year 5 Swimming Group (Invitation Only)</li> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Miss Day (Weather Permitting)</li> <li>Whole School Assembly (Miss Day)</li> <li>EYFS New Intake Visiting (15:45)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Miss Day (Weather Permitting)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Mr Wesley (Weather Permitting)</li> <li><a href="#">Music for Schools</a> – Music Tuition</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choir (08:00 with Mrs Tanner and Mr Cole)</li> <li>Buttercups Nursery Visiting School Library</li> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Miss Day (Weather Permitting)</li> <li><a href="#">Rock Steady Music School</a></li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 Lunchtime Football with Miss Day (Weather Permitting)</li> <li>Whole School Celebration Assembly (Mr Wesley)</li> </ul>   |