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Friday Update

(24th October 2025)

Happy Half-Term everyone!

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding whilst some of our communication systems have been down over the past week. We are now happy to share that everything is back up and running again!

Forming a new 'Friends of' for Combs Ford Primary School

Fundraising is a hugely important contributor to ensuring the school can provide lovely resources for children to access and the school's big goal this year is to raise around £10,000 to build a brand-new gym trail for the playground. To help do this, we need to form a new 'Friends of' group for the school, run by family members who can help organise events and fundraisers with guidance and support from the school office and SLT. Please contact the school office if this is something you think you would be interested in joining!



Raising money for school- for free!

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Combs Ford Primary School? There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, Trainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!



1. Scan the QR Code and sign up as a supporter of Combs Ford.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and Combs Ford Primary will be really grateful for your donations.

Year 1 and 2's Learning Together Cafés

Thank you to everyone who came to Year 1's phonics and Year 2's maths cafés. We hope you found the events useful and enjoyed spending some quality learning time with your child.

Our next event is the **EYFS Phonics Café** on **Thursday 13th November at 2.15pm**. We hope you can provide an adult to come and enjoy these learning activities alongside your child! Please sign up for this on Arbor.



Year 3/4 Football

On Tuesday afternoon, our under 9 team of 10 children played against 3 local schools at Stowupland High. They enjoyed every second and gave 100% to every game. They drew all 3 matches without conceding a goal. Thank you to Mr McArdle for coming to coach and to all the families for their support 🍌.



Spooky Times in Bear Cubs...

This week, Bear Cubs found a Witch in the kitchen! She read us a story and then spent the morning learning with us. On Wednesday she reappeared- to deliver us some jelly! A fabulous end to Bear Cubs' first half-term in school. The grown-ups are so proud of all them!



Family Forum

It was lovely to have such a great turnout for our first Family Forum of the year and to receive some very helpful feedback and suggestions on how to move the school forward with regards to parental engagement activities and our relationship policy. The next one will be **on Wednesday 26th November at 2.30pm** and will be focussed on **Home Learning** and **Communication**. A sign-up will be available on Arbor. For anyone signing up, please only register against one child's name. Thank you.



Family Forum

Harvest Collection

Thank you for all of the Harvest donations we received on the playground over this week. We have no doubt that the local foodbank will be grateful to have so much food and resources to supply others with.



New PE equipment

You may have noticed we have some shiny new 5 a side goals on the field which the children are really enjoying using. These were purchased with the money raised from our Kelly Simm visit and fitness sponsored challenge in June 2024. The voucher took a while to come through but we wanted share all the fantastic equipment we have purchased with your fundraising efforts.

We now have football goals, a boxercise set, new leotards for the gymnastic teams, a gymnastics crash mat and beam, indoor table tennis sets, new footballs, new hurdles, some cricket equipment, lots of playground equipment for lunchtimes and lots of new balls, beanbags and bibs for lessons. Thank you so much for all of your support in this, it will make a big difference to the children's physical activity in school.



Scholastic Book Club

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/combs-ford/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by November 14th, 2025.**



Dates for the Diary

Key: (new) (change of date/time)

HALF-TERM – Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

Y4 Colchester Castle Visit – Monday 3rd November
Flu vaccinations- Thursday 6th November
EYFS Phonics Café- Thursday 13th November (2.15pm)
Children in Need - Friday 14th November (Dress up)
Year 1 Toy Workshop – Monday 17th November
Family Forum- Wednesday 26th November (2.30pm)
Y5 Local Walk - Thursday 27th November
Y5 Cooking (Parent Event) - Tuesday 2nd December
Parent's/Carer's Evening – Wednesday 3rd December
CET Christmas Concert Ipswich – Thursday 4th December
Parent's/Carer's Evening – Thursday 11th December
Uniform Sale- Thursday 11th December (3-4pm)
EYFS Nativity – Monday 15th December (am)
KS1 Christmas Show – Tuesday 16th December (am)
School visit to Combs Church- Wednesday 17th December (am)
KS1 Christmas Show – Wednesday 17th December (pm)
Church Visit – Wednesday 17th December (pm)
Christmas Lunch- Thursday 18th December
Y4 Christmas Craft afternoon (Parent Event) - Thursday 18th December (1.30 pm)
Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 18th December
PD Day (School closed to children) – Friday 19th December

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Wesley, Mrs Aldred, Miss Fuller
Combs Leadership Team

