

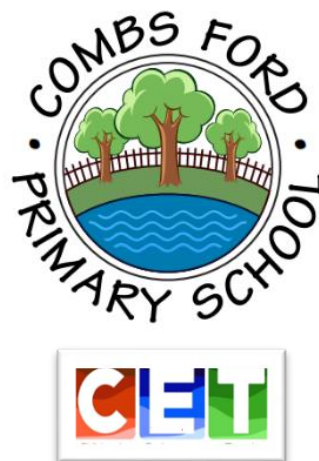
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Friday Update

(5th September 2025)

We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer! ☀️

The children have had an excellent first few days in school! All children have settled well into their new classes and have enjoyed the activities their teachers organised for them. It has also been lovely to welcome our new Bear Cubs in EYFS, who have enjoyed their settling in time and a shared lunch with their families this week!



Children in Badgers class each decorated a puzzle piece and worked as a team to put it all together.

You will be receiving the first half-termly update from class teachers about all of the exciting learning and events happening this half-term. This year, we are going to be providing more opportunities for families to come into school and see all of the great things we are doing here at Combs! Please keep an eye out for any additional events we have coming up in the diary dates below.

Incredible Fundraising!

A massive congratulations to Gracie Morley and her older brother Archie who walked a whopping 15 miles from Stowmarket to Ipswich to raise money for the St Elizabeth Hospice! This is just one of many other charity events they have done over the past few years to raise over £4,000 for various charities. We're very proud of you, Gracie! 🦋



The Combs Code

The children's first day on Wednesday was all about fresh beginnings and a chance for Mr Wesley to launch the new rewards system with the children. This will be rewarding all children who follow our new school rules, known as 'The Combs Code'. We have a new motto to 'Be the best that you can be!' and four clear rules to follow: We are kind, we work hard, we are respectful and we persevere. The children have already responded to this very positively and their attitude to school this week has been excellent!

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Team Points

Your child will have been assigned a team colour (Red, Blue, Yellow, Green). We will now be rewarding children who follow the Combs Code with team points and on our Friday Celebration Assembly, those team points from each class will contribute towards tokens in the new totaliser! Once a team reaches its target number, they will earn a team reward (such as a non-uniform day, movie and popcorn party or another special treat).



Connection Time

With building relationships being at the core of our school's ethos, we are introducing 'Connection Time'. Every Friday, children will get to enjoy some class connection time with their teacher, which could range from PSHE activities, board games, draw-alongs or show-and-tells! 🧩

Attendance Duck Race

With excellent attendance being instrumental to children's achievement in school, we are introducing a little fun online activity on Friday afternoon in class where all children who gain 100% attendance for the week get entered into an online race where the winner receives a sticker! 🦆

School Uniform and Coats

Please can we ask families are familiar with the school's uniform policy and to speak to the office if they have any queries. Although the weather has remained warm, the rain has visited us on numerous occasions and many children have not had waterproofs with them so they can enjoy the outdoors. Please can families remind their child to bring these into school with them.



Communication

Your child will have come home with a brand-new home school diary. We have introduced these as a great way to provide you with school information and a place to record your child's reading at home. We have now closed the class teacher email accounts. If you have any information/queries which you need to share with teachers but are unable to do it in person, please email admin@combsfordprimary.co.uk and they will direct the email to the right place and you will get a response within 72 hours.

Parent Governors

As mentioned before the summer holidays, we would love to have some parents/carers join our Governing Body. Please collect an application form from the school office if you are interested in applying.

Dates for the Diary

Whitwell Information Meeting Y4 Parents – Wednesday 10th September – 5.30 pm
Prospective Parent Visits – Monday 15th September (9.15 am and 4 pm)
Y6 Maths Café (Parent Event) – Tuesday 16th September (morning)
Check in with the new class teachers/look at books – Wednesday 17th September 3.20 pm
Prospective Parent Visits – Thursday 18th September (9.15 am and 5 pm)
Stowupland High School Presentation to Parents – Monday 22nd September – 5pm (new time)
Y4 Whitwell Residential – Wednesday 24th September – Friday 26th September
Y6 SATs Information Evening – Monday 29th September – 5.30 pm
Y5 Anglo Saxon Trip – Tuesday 30th September
Y4 Local Walk – Thursday 2nd October
Y4 Times Table Session (Parent Event) - Tuesday 7th October
Y1 Local Area Walk – Monday 13th October
Y3 French Café for Families (Parent Event) - Tuesday 14th October (pm)
Spooky Disco – Friday 17th October
Harvest Festival Collection - Monday 20th October- Friday 24th October
Y1 Phonics Café (Parent Event) – Wednesday 22nd October (am)
Y2 Maths Café (Parent Event) – Thursday 23rd October (am)
Photographs – Friday 24th October (new date)
Last day of the Half-Term – Friday 24th October
HALF-TERM – Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October
Y4 Colchester Castle Visit – Tuesday 4th November
Children in Need - Friday 14th November (Dress up)
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
Reception Nativity – Monday 15th December (pm)
KS1 Christmas Show – Tuesday 16th December (am) (new time)
School visit to Combs Church- Wednesday 17th December (am)
KS1 Christmas Show – Wednesday 17th December (pm) (new time)
Church Visit – Wednesday 17th December (pm)
Y4 Christmas Craft afternoon (Parent Event) - Thursday 18th December (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 Tea



