

Comet News

September 2024

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all our returning children and our new children and their families. We hope you enjoy your time with us at Comet. We are looking forward to a fantastic year for all the children filled with learning, fun and friendship. We also look forward to working closely with you as parents/carers, please look out for our workshops and information sessions.



Attendance and times at Comet

At Comet we believe it is really important for children to attend every day and that they are on time. This allows your child to start the beginning of their session with their friends and gives them positive life skills on the importance of being on time.

Our session times in Sun and Star Room (3 and 4 year olds) are:-

Morning session 9am – 11.30am
Afternoon session 12.45pm – 3.15pm
30 hours provision 9am – 3pm
Full day for part time children 9am – 3.15pm

Our session times in Moon Room (2 year olds) are:-

Morning session 8.30am – 11.30am
Afternoon session 12.30pm – 3.30pm
Full-time session 9-3pm

Moon Room - Please note

If you miss the 8.30am start time you will need to wait until the garden gate is opened at 9am.

If you need to collect your child early please arrange this with the office team, however we would ask that you keep to the session times as much as possible.

Please name your child's clothes



Please can you name your child's clothes, hats & gloves especially the Comet sweatshirts. If you have lost any clothes please see the class team or the lost property box in the reception area. Don't forget to provide your child with a spare sets of clothes to keep at nursery. There is a named bag on their peg. The bag must be kept at school.

Early Years Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Do you think you are entitled to Free School Meals?

Please apply on the Hackney website or speak to the school office for more information.

[Apply for free school meals | Hackney Education](#)

If you are entitled to free school meals the school automatically gets Early Years Pupil Premium Funding of £388 per year. This means that your child will become part of our Natural Explorers group and will be able to go on local trips, be involved in Forest School and gardening activities. We really do rely on this extra funding to make sure our children get lots of different opportunities to extend their learning and interests.

All children eligible for free schools meals will receive a FREE t-shirt as a thank you for registering.

Home Learning – Book Borrowing

We have lots of information and ideas for home learning so please see your child's keyworker if you would like information on something in particular. In addition, the 'Home Learning' section of the website is also full of ideas and stories to explore with your child.



We also provide a book borrowing service. Children will be provided with a school book bag and will be able to choose a book to bring home every Wednesday. Please share this book with your child and also keep it safe and cared for.

Please return the book bag the following Tuesday ready for a new book.

There is a charge of £5 for a book and £5 for a bookbag if you lose them or do not return them at the end of your time with us.

Parent Information session

Come and find out about the nursery curriculum, how the children learn and how we work with them to support their progress.

**Wednesday 15th November at 9am &
12.45pm**

Snack donation

Please donate some fruit or vegetables each week for the children's snack time.

Either give it to the children to take to class or bring to reception.

Workshop resources – Please help

Please collect and bring in boxes, bottle tops, corks, buttons and other materials we can use for children to design and build with in our workshop area.



We have some Breakfast and Tea Club spaces available for children in Sun or Star Room, or Moon Room full time children.





We received a grant from School Food Matters and now have a living wall in the entrance to the nursery. Everything growing on our living wall is edible and we will be using the produce in nursery.

Please take a cutting if you would like to take some home to use in your cooking!

Children's Centre News

Please see this term's timetables for both Children's Centres on our website. There are lots of free services and activities that run at both centres for families with children under 5.



Saddiqa
Comet Children's
Centre Manager



Natasha
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Children's Centre Manager

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2024

- Friday 4th October 9am – coffee morning for parents of children with SEND
- Monday 7th October – Black History Week
- Monday 7th October – Drumming workshop
- Friday 11th October – Comet carnival day
- Friday 18th November – Black History photo showcase for parents
- Friday 18th November 9am and 12.45pm – Parent curriculum information session
- Monday 21st October – Recycling week
- Friday 25th October – dress up Spooky Day

28th October – 1st November – Half term holiday

- Monday 4th November – Children return to school
 - 4th November – Week of Light (fireworks and Diwali)
 - Tuesday 5th November – Firework display for children
 - Wednesday 6th November – Individual photos of children
 - Friday 8th November – Remembrance activities
 - Tuesday 13th November – Sock puppet workshop for children and parents
 - Friday 15th November – Children in Need fundraising day
 - 18th November – Road Safety Week
 - Wednesday 13th November - Primary School transition meeting for parents
 - Wednesday 27th November – parent workshop
 - Friday 13th December – Children's Christmas lunch (TBC)
 - Monday 16th December (am) & Wednesday 18th (pm) – Christmas sing-a-long for parents (TBC)
 - Friday 20th December – Children's Christmas Party & last day of term (10am - 12.30pm)
- PLEASE NOTE there will be no breakfast, tea club or full time hours on this day.**

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January – CLOSED INSET DAY

Tuesday 7th January – Children return
27th January – Luna New Year Celebrations (Year of the Snake)

17th – 21st February – Half term

Monday 24th February – children return to school
Monday 3rd March – Book Week
Thursday 6th March – World Book Day (dress up day)
Monday 10th March – International Women's day
Monday 10th March – Science week
Wednesday 12th March – sock puppet parent workshop
Friday 14th March – Holi celebrations
Monday 17th March – St. Patrick's Day
Tuesday 18th March – Global recycling day
Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day
Friday 28th – Mother's Day activities
Monday 31st March – Easter activities week
Wednesday 2nd April – Eid party (TBC)
Friday 4th April – Last day of term (**no tea club today**)

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April – closed INSET Day

Wednesday 23rd April – Children return to school & Earth Day

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday closed

12th May – Duck eggs arrive for hatching

Wednesday 14th May – Class photos

26th – 30th May – Half term

Monday 2nd June – Children return to school

Thursday 5th June – World Environment Day

9th June – Healthy Eating Week

Friday 13th June – Father's Day activities

Monday 23rd June – Windrush Day activities

Wednesday 25th June – Comet's Got Talent

Friday 4th July – Leavers Fun Day (**no breakfast or tea club**)
(**school closed for children in Sun and Star Rooms who are not leaving**)

Friday 11th July – Leavers reports to parents

Friday 11th July – Donkey day

Friday 18th July – summer end of term party & last day of term.

PLEASE NOTE there will be no breakfast, tea club or full time hours on this day.

We will update you with new events as we plan them.