



A nurturing
school

Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parent/Carers

I hope that your week has gone well.

Attendance

Although our school attendance is good currently, on one day of the week our attendance is lower than the others. This tends to be a Friday. We know that some pupils may be feeling more tired at the end of the week, but Fridays are however a very important school day. Please ensure that your child is in school every day as every day truly counts.



The Big Future

The Children's Commissioner for England is very eager to hear your child's views as part of her national survey (The Big Future). This asks children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. She also wants to know what your child thinks a good childhood should look like, now and in the future. Please click on the link to complete this survey: [The Big Future](#)

Year 6 Visit Birmingham Cathedral

This week, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fascinating visit to Birmingham Cathedral (St Philip's Cathedral), with classes attending on Tuesday and Thursday. I had the pleasure of accompanying the group on Tuesday and was extremely proud of the way our children represented the school. During their visit, pupils learned about the rich history of the cathedral and explored different aspects of Christianity, helping to deepen their understanding of beliefs, worship and religious traditions. The children asked some excellent questions throughout the day and showed great respect, curiosity and maturity. The visit forms part of the Colmers Farm Primary School Guarantee, which ensures that all pupils from Years 2 to 6 visit a different place of worship each year. These valuable experiences support learning in RE while helping children develop tolerance, respect and understanding of the beliefs and cultures of others.

Sporting Events

It has been a busy week for our Year 6 girls football team. They were in action on Monday in a tournament where they lost one game and drew three others. They then played a game on Tuesday against our friendly MAT rivals - Turves Green Primary School. This game ended 3-3. Well done girls for some great teamwork and for representing our school so well.



OPAL and Play Leaders – A message from Mrs Platt

This year, I have the pleasure of fulfilling the role of Interim OPAL Lead. I am really enjoying this role and observing our wonderful pupils thrive on our playground is a pleasure. I particularly enjoy seeing pupils race around the track and dig in the sandpit. This week, we have enhanced our play provision by appointing some enthusiastic volunteers from Year 5 and Year 6 to support Play Leaders. The pupils are really impressing staff with their dedication and passion for the role; their efforts will contribute towards their SAGE award. The Wellbeing Warriors have been supporting younger pupils and working with adults to ensure that our playground is a happy and safe space to enjoy. They have also enjoyed helping our new Reception pupils to settle in. The OPAL Organisers have been helping to set up activities and tidy away. The Play Leaders have commented on their commitment to going over and above to ensure that OPAL runs smoothly. Next term, we will be appointing OPAL Organisers and Wellbeing Warriors by pupil vote so please encourage your child to apply if you feel that they would enjoy one of these wonderful roles. This involvement in OPAL will develop pupils' confidence and leadership skills.



Year 5 Wellbeing Warriors: Isla-Rose, Joshua, Sophia, and Julian

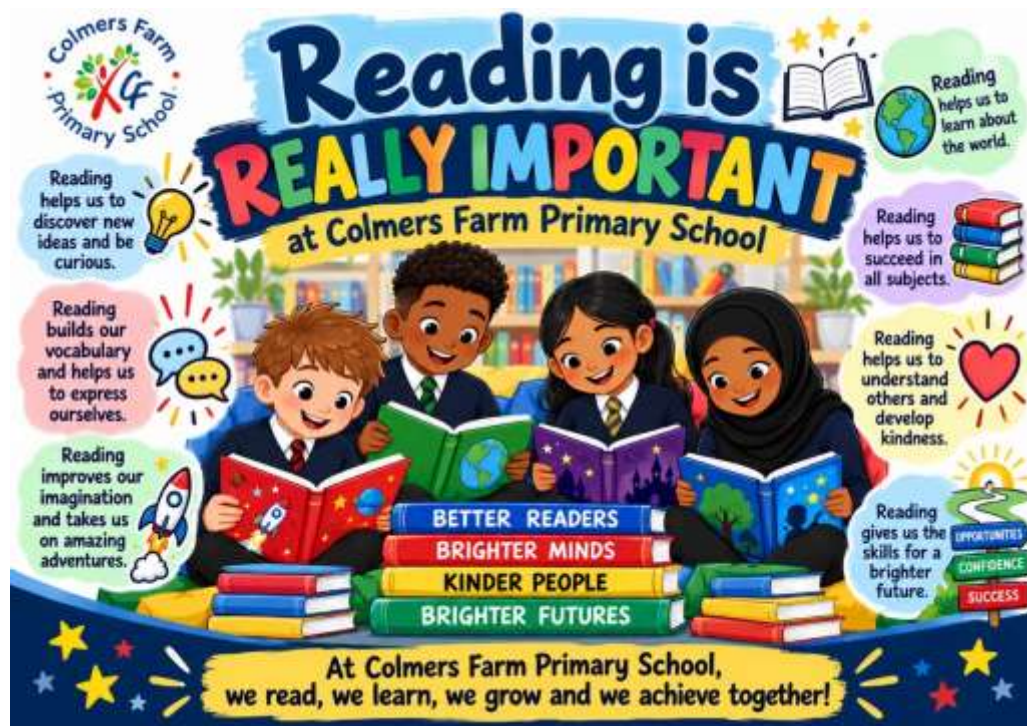


Year 6 OPAL Organisers: Gracie-May, Freddie, Umar, Brooklyn, Skye, and James



Reading is Important

At Colmers Farm Primary School, we believe that developing a love of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children. Reading for pleasure helps children to develop their vocabulary, imagination, knowledge and confidence, while opening the door to countless adventures, ideas and possibilities. We encourage families to make reading a regular part of home life, even for just 10 minutes each day. Reading together at bedtime is a particularly lovely routine – a chance to put screens away, enjoy a story together and help children relax and get ready for a good night's sleep. Whether it is a favourite story, a funny book or a new adventure, sharing a book every day can help nurture a lifelong love of reading.



Free music workshops

Rocksteady, who deliver music sessions in school, is running a number of free 'Learn to Play' song writing band workshops on Saturday 10th October. They have partnered with Hobgoblin Music Stores to run the sessions at their store in Birmingham in support of Music For All, which is dedicated to changing lives across the UK by improving access to music making. Led by professional musicians from Rocksteady, the sessions are 30 minutes long and will run from 12pm-2pm on the day. It's completely free for children to take part but spaces are limited and will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis. It is a great chance for children to try out a new instrument or practice some of their skills and have a go at writing their very own song! Places can be booked by calling Hobgoblin on 0333 800 9500.

E-safety Question

Pupils' safety is incredibly important to us at our school. It is very important that pupils also remain safe online. This is why we have a short e-safety quiz for you to discuss with your children each week. Please see this week's question below.

Whilst on the Internet a pop-up window appears saying that you are the lucky winner of a brand-new X-Box. Click this link and enter your name, address and password to claim your prize. What do you do?

- A) Click the link quickly before the prize disappears.
- B) Forward the message to all your friends so they can get a new X-Box to.
- C) Tell a trusted adult and so not click on the link or share your information.

Correct Answer: C – Unfortunately there is no X-Box to win. This is a trick to try to get you to share personal information that other people can use to pretend they are you or to access your online accounts.



Thank you for your continued support. I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Wednesday 7 th October 2026	Phonics Inspire Workshop	Year 2 2.15pm
Thursday 8 th October 2026	Finance Workshop	Year 5
Friday 9 th October 2026	World Mental Health Day	Wear Yellow
Wednesday 14 th October 2026	Residential Trip – parents meeting	3.30pm-4.30pm
Wednesday 14 th October 2026	Martineau Gardens Trip	2K
Thursday 15 th October 2026	Martineau Gardens Trip	2B
Thursday 15 th October 2026	Autumn Fair	3.30pm
Friday 16 th October 2026– Thursday 22 th October 2026	Travelling Book Fair	3.30pm - 4pm
Friday 16 th October 2026	Bring in money for Brazilian Workshop - £1 or £2	Year 3 and Year 5
Tuesday 20 th October 2026	EYFS Parents Evening	
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	Travelling Book Fair	3.30pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	Parents Evening	
Monday 26th October 2026 – Friday 30th October 2026	Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Monday 2nd November 2026	Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 3 rd November 2026	NSPCC – Virtual Panto Assembly	Years 1-6
Wednesday 4 th November 2026 – Friday 6 th November 2026	Residential	
Friday 6 th November 2026	Year 3 Diwali Performance	9.15am
Tuesday 10 th November 2026	RSPCA Visit	KS2
Wednesday 11 th November 2026	Brazilian Drumming Workshop	Year 3 and Year 5
Wednesday 11 th November 2026	OPAL Stay and Play	3pm
Thursday 12 th November 2026	School Photos	Whole School

Monday 16 th November 2026	Antibullying Week	Odd Socks on Monday – Whole School
Monday 16 th November 2026	Flu Vaccinations	
Wednesday 18 th November 2026	Speak Out, Stay Safe	Y2, 5 and 6 Workshops
Thursday 19 th November 2026	Year One Phonics Workshop	2pm
Thursday 26 th November 2026	WWII Trip – Bewdley Museum	6F
Friday 27 th November 2026	WWII Trip – Bewdley Museum	6K
Wednesday 2 nd December 2026	RockSteady Christmas Concert	RockSteady Club
Friday 4 th December 2026	Christmas Panto	1.30pm – Years 1, 2 and 3
Thursday 10 th December 2026	Christmas Fair	3.30pm
Friday 18th December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027	Christmas Holidays	School closed to all pupils
Monday 4th January 2027	Training Day	School closed to all pupils

Spelling Shed 

Competition
5P vs 5E
5E

**Top 3 Pupil Scores
This Week**

1st	Godpower 6F 16,215,000
2nd	Spencer 5E 15,052,717
3rd	Riley 6F 3,773,000



Competition
3M vs 4S

Winning class – 4S
Winning pupil - Eliana-Hope 6F

Next Week's Battles:

Spelling Shed 

5B vs 6K

**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**

5E vs 6F

Excelsior
Multi Academy Trust

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

Congratulations to all of our hot chocolate winners this week. They are:

Nala-Grace	RJ	Oriana	1W
Zubiya	2K	Brayden	3M
Kaleem	4N	Is-Haq	5B
Polly	6K		
Attendance:	Efah 3J	Lunchtime:	James 1W



This week's Celebration Assembly recipients



RJ: Arabella
1W: Daisy
3J: Declan
4S: Ava
6F: Dhrisha

RL: Luna
2B: Isla
3M: Casper
5B: Joshua
6K: Theo

1L: Casper
2K: Harriet
4N: Janaleh
5E: Sophia



This week's Posh Lunch recipients

RL: Everly
RL: Malik
RL: Kaziah

RJ: Olivia-Rayne
RJ: Jesse
RJ: Alaya



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	409	292	350	349
This term's total	1419	1132	1335	1371





Please follow us on Twitter!

Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!

@Colmers_FarmPS



Happy Birthday Messages

For this week we would like to wish Happy Birthday to:

Nevaeh	6F	11
Ariella	2B	7
Marcello	3J	8
Wayne	6F	11
Khadija	3J	8



ORACY Questions to ask your child

To further develop ORACY skills for children here at Colmers Farm, we would encourage all parents to ask their child the below question to further develop their understanding, learning and ORACY skills around the topics they are currently learning about in school.

- Reception:** What did the Rainbow Fish do to show kindness?
- Year 1:** What are adjectives?
- Year 2:** What are our five British Values?
- Year 3:** What is $146 + 40$? Explain how you know.
- Year 4:** Who was better equipped for war: The Celtic soldier or the Roman soldier? Explain your answer.
- Year 5:** How do animals, humans and plants survive in a desert?
- Year 6:** What fact can you recall from our trip to Birmingham Cathedral?

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Our whole school attendance target remains at **96%** and this year we are determined to reach it!

Our current school attendance to date is 95.07% - we are so close to 96%. Can we get there?

Can you beat this % next week?

At Colmers Farm Primary School it is important that every child feels that they belong to their class and to the school. Coming to school every day will help children feel that they belong and that they are an important member of our community.

This year we will continue to challenge the children to see whether their class's attendance can

'BEAT LAST WEEK!' ★

Class	% present	% present
	Last week	This week
RJ	98.00%	96.33%
RL	97.22%	96.90%
1L	98.80%	95.20%
1W	97.50%	98.75%
2B	97.33%	93.00%
2K	98.00%	98.67%
3J	93.79%	96.21%
3M	96.67%	94.00%
4N	90.34%	92.41%
4S	91.11%	91.67%
5B	96.00%	96.00%
5E	94.33%	89.33%
6F	97.33%	97.00%
6K	90.33%	83.33%

CLASS AWARDS:

The class with the highest attendance in EYFS / KS1 and the winner of the Colmers Cat this week is:



1W – 98.75%

The class with the highest attendance in KS2 and the winner of the Colmers Camel this week is:



6F – 97%



CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU SCHOOL CLINIC

Where: Colmers Farm Primary School

Date: Thursday 8th October

Time: 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Appointments last around 30 minutes.

To book, please contact pastoral manager
Mrs Taylor through the school office.

Book your appointment to meet the Citizen Advice
Bureau team and receive support with:

- Assistance maximising income
- Benefits (Application, Appeals, Tribunals)
- Housing Issues (Homelessness, Incorrect Banding for Council Properties, Repairs not being dealt with correctly, Evictions)
- Family Law - (Referrals can be made to Solicitors to assist with Child Arrangements Orders (C100) or divorce matters. Eligibility for Legal Aid can also be considered)
- Specialised Debt Advice - can process internal referrals to our internal debt team.

Weekly Assembly

Ask your child to tell you about the story behind the picture we looked at in assembly this week and how it relates to British Values, Rights Respecting articles and No Outsiders.



A pack of wild dogs, all brothers, have made history by making the longest ever single journey made by any mammal in Africa.

Why is this about No Outsiders? Which British Value does this link to?

Rights Respecting Article

At Colmers Farm we promote children's rights in all areas of our curriculum. We want to ensure that ALL children understand their rights so that they are healthy, happy and safe.

Look at the article below and talk about what the article means.



Article 28

You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.





DEELANDS HALL

Deelands Road

Activities • Support • Wellbeing • Friends • For Everyone

What's On for our community

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
 FREE Community Haircuts 1st Monday of every month Starting 5th October 4pm till 7pm Qualified & DBS checked	 FREE Adult Yoga Starting 6th October 2:30pm - 3:30pm  FREE Children's Yoga Starting 6th October 4pm - 4:45pm  Illuminate Shine Performing Arts Ages 5-9 5pm - 6:30pm Chargeable session Contact Kerri Ann Boyle www.illuminateperformingarts.co.uk	 FREE Wellbeing Drop In Craft • Food • Conversation 12 noon - 3pm 
 FREE 8-Week Boxing & Employability Support Course Monday 28th September 11am till 1pm  Digikicks - Tea & T'Internet 1:20pm to 3:30pm FREE		
THURSDAY Starting mid-October	FRIDAY Starting 16th October	SATURDAY
 FREE Children's Boxing Ages 10-16 5pm - 6pm  Ladies' Boxing 6pm - 7pm Chargeable session Contact Keith on 07375 032325	 FREE Deelands Hall Community Living Room Wellbeing space 12 noon till 3pm Activities • Fitness • Food • Wellbeing 	 Illuminate Performing Arts 9am - 12 noon Chargeable session Contact Kerri Ann Boyle www.illuminateperformingarts.co.uk  Cartwright & Coy Performing Arts 4pm - 8pm Contact: 07346 813139
SUNDAY	SPECIAL EVENT  Charity Auction Friday 27th November	
 Café Church Food & Prayer 4pm - 6pm 		

All are welcome! ♥ Be part of something special









DEELANDS HALL

Deelands Road B45 9RT

FREE Community Haircuts

Starting 5th October 2026
 Then 1st Monday of every month

1st Monday of every month

4pm till 7pm

Everyone Welcome










Qualified and DBS checked Hairdresser ♥

“ Community Haircut Day: Completely free styling and cuts for local residents and families looking to stretch their household budgets. ”

“ Free community haircuts. Save on your grooming essentials so you can direct your budget where your family needs it most. ”

To book email bernien@tridentgroup.org.uk

Facebook private message **anita ashton**
 find her on Deelands Hall Community Group



CLARION FUTURES



Trident Group

Look Good ♥ Feel Great ♥ Together



WELLBEING DROP IN



Drop in,
say hello,
you're
welcome
here!

WEDNESDAY
12 TILL 3

EVERYONE
WELCOME!

A safe
and friendly
space for
everyone

FREE FOOD



GAMES



PLAY, LAUGH
AND HAVE
SOME FUN!

CRAFT



GET CREATIVE
AND EXPRESS
YOURSELF

FRIENDSHIPS



MEET NEW
PEOPLE AND
BUILD CONNECTIONS

QUIET SPACE



TAKE TIME OUT
RELAX AND
RECHARGE

SIGNPOSTING



INFORMATION
AND SUPPORT
AVAILABLE



DEELANDS HALL
Deelands Road

YOU MATTER. YOUR WELLBEING MATTERS.

POP IN - YOU'RE NOT ALONE.

A partnership between Clarion Futures and Trident Group



DEELANDS HALL COMMUNITY LOUNGE

Offering a wellbeing space

DEELANDS HALL
COMMUNITY LOUNGE
DEELANDS ROAD, B45 9RT

STARTING
FRIDAY
16TH
OCTOBER

12 TILL 3 | STARTS
FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER



3 COURSE
MEAL



WEEKLY
ACTIVITIES



CONNECT
AND UNWIND



MINDFUL
MOMENTS



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES



YOGA
SESSIONS



FITNESS



SING
A LONG



MAKE NEW
FRIENDS



ANNUAL EVENTS



DAY
TRIP



CHRISTMAS
PARTY



VALENTINES
PARTY



EASTER
AFTERNOON
TEA



ALL
FREE

SUPPORTED BY LAWRENCE TURNER MP



YOGA

STARTING
6TH
OCTOBER



for Adults

GOOD FOR MIND AND BODY



REDUCES
STRESS



IMPROVES
FLEXIBILITY



BUILDS
STRENGTH



BOOSTS
MENTAL CLARITY



FREE



ADULTS SESSION
2.30PM - 3.30PM



STARTS
6TH OCTOBER



DEELANDS HALL
DEELANDS ROAD



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STARTING
6TH
OCTOBER



YOGA

Children & Families

GOOD FOR MIND AND BODY



BUILDS
CONFIDENCE



IMPROVES
FOCUS



ENCOURAGES
CALMNESS



AGES 5yrs to 18yrs

PARENTS CAN STAY WITH CHILDREN
AND JOIN IN!



SUPPORTS
HEALTHY GROWTH



DEVELOPS
BALANCE & COORDINATION



CHILDREN'S & FAMILY SESSION
4.00PM - 4.45PM



STARTS
6TH OCTOBER



DEELANDS HALL
DEELANDS ROAD



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Safeguarding at Colmers Farm Primary School

Please also see the safeguarding page on our school website for further information:

<https://www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org/our-school/safeguarding/>

If you think a child is in immediate danger, don't delay – call the police on 999

At Colmers Farm Primary School safeguarding children is of paramount importance. We have four Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) who can be contacted by parents should they have a safeguarding concern. They are:



Miss Hooper
DHT
Lead DSL



Mrs Taylor
Pastoral Lead
Deputy DSL



Mrs Smith
SENCO
Deputy DSL



Mr Williams
Headteacher
Deputy DSL

If you have safeguarding concerns about a child, please email our school using the following email address: safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

If your concern is urgent and it is out of school hours, please contact Birmingham Children's Trust - Emergency out-of-hours number: 0121 675 4806



BIRMINGHAM
CHILDREN'S TRUST

Contact Details

Monday to Thursday: 8:45am to 5:15pm

Friday: 8:45am to 4:15pm

Telephone: 0121 303 1888

Emergency out-of-hours

Telephone 0121 675 4806

The Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) provides a single point of contact for professionals and members of the public who want to seek support or raise concerns about a child.

They aim to keep all children and young people in Birmingham safe from harm. If you are concerned about a child, please contact them. They will listen, assess your concerns, and can take action if a child is at risk.



NSPCC

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, you can also contact the NSPCC. It doesn't have to be an emergency – you might be looking for guidance and support on issues affecting children.

Their team of dedicated child protection specialists will be able to advise you and take any necessary action.

Call 0800 800 5000 (10am-4pm Monday to Friday) or email help@NSPCC.org.uk at any time. Alternatively [submit an online form](#).