



A nurturing
school

Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

A very warm welcome back to all our pupils, families and staff. We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break and have had the opportunity to relax, make special memories and recharge for the exciting year ahead. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school and to begin another fantastic year of learning, discovery and achievement at Colmers Farm Primary School. A special welcome goes to all our new pupils and families joining our school community—we are delighted to have you with us and we know you will quickly feel at home. We have really enjoyed seeing smiling faces and hearing about everyone's summer adventures.



Attendance

Every parent/carers wants to give their children the best chance to succeed in life. Did you know that research ([click here](#)) shows that **primary pupils with near-perfect attendance (95% to 100%) have 30% higher odds of reaching the expected standard in reading, writing, and maths** compared to those with lower attendance. Missing just 10 days of school over the year noticeably lowers a child's chances of being expected. Although we understand that children get ill from time to time, coughs, runny noses, headaches and feeling tired are not excuses for a child to miss school. If in doubt, please send your child into school and we will look after them and call you if they do not improve. Thank you for your support with helping your child to succeed.

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome two new permanent members of staff to our school community this term. They are Mr Kemp (Year 6) and Miss Brown (Year 5). We are excited to have them join our team and know they will make a wonderful contribution to the life of our school. We hope you will join us in giving them a very warm welcome as they settle into their new roles, and we wish them every success for the year ahead.

Change of details

If your details have changed over the holidays, such as home address, phone number, email address or authorised collectors of your child, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Geography and History Topic Homework

Before the holidays, all pupils in Years 1-6 received a knowledge organiser sheet for their new geography and history topics. As part of this there were some homework ideas for children to work on either during the holidays or during this term. This is a great way of inspiring our pupils about their topics. Once your child has completed a piece of homework, please send it into school for us to celebrate and display. We always love to see what they have produced.



Nut Free School Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and carers that we are a nut-free school. To help keep every child safe, please do not include any foods containing nuts in packed lunches or break-time snacks. This includes items



such as peanut butter, chocolate spreads containing nuts, cereal bars with nuts and any other nut-based products. We appreciate your support and understanding in helping us provide a safe environment for all members of our school community.



KS2 Snacks

In KS2, our pupils can bring their own snacks into school and eat these during their break times. Please can we remind parents that all snacks should be healthy, such as vegetables and fruit. Pupils will not be allowed to consume unhealthy snacks during these times.

Latin

We are excited to announce that, as part of our commitment to providing a rich and ambitious curriculum, we will be introducing Latin as part of our language offer for our Key Stage 2 pupils. Latin is a fascinating language, which provides pupils with a deeper understanding of the origins of many words we use today in English, supporting the development of their English vocabulary, spelling and reading skills. Through studying Latin, children will explore links to history, mythology and ancient civilisations, while developing curiosity, resilience and an appreciation of different cultures. This exciting addition to our curriculum will enrich our pupils' learning experiences and help them to build strong foundations for future language learning.

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.

You receive a message online from someone you don't know asking for your full name, school and where you live. What should you do?

- A) Tell them because they seem friendly.
- B) Give them some of the information.
- C) Ask them questions first.
- D) Don't reply, block or report them if possible, and tell a trusted adult.

Correct answer: D – It is very important that you do not give our personal information online to anybody. The best thing to do, if you get a request like this, is to tell a trusted adult as soon as you can.



Let's see what great things we can achieve together this year.

Mr Williams
Headteacher



What's new on the school website

- Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter
- A Prevent Strategy information page



S	M	A	R	T
Stay Safe	Don't Meet Up	Accepting Files	Reliable?	Tell Someone
Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.	Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.	Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.	Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?	Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.
				

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:

Ada	3M	8
Kenisha	3J	8
Gracie-May	6K	11
Amy	5B	10



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 you 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](#).