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school

Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th June 2026



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all enjoyed the half term break and the weather that we had during it. Welcome to the final half term of this academic year, which is always a busy time.

Attendance

Yes, I am still going on about attendance because it really is so important to each and every one of our pupil's futures. If you want your child to achieve the very best in their lives, one of the best things that you can do is to send them into school as regularly as possible. Every day really does matter! Our school attendance is currently 93.2%. Nationally, the average is 94.9%. At Colmers Farm we always aim to be above national average for everything. Let's see if we can close this gap in the last few weeks of this academic year. Thank you for your support with this aim.



Water Safety

Over the half term break, there have unfortunately been a number of tragic incidents involving children losing their lives while swimming in lakes, rivers, canals and the sea to cool down during the hot weather. In response, we held an assembly in school this week to highlight the serious dangers associated with open water. We kindly ask that you reinforce this important safety message with your children at home, reminding them to stay safe and to avoid swimming in these environments unless properly supervised in designated areas.



Snacks in KS2

We kindly remind all parents that pupils should bring a healthy snack to school for break times only. Snacks should be nutritious, such as fruit, vegetables, or other balanced options, to support children's energy levels and concentration throughout the day. Please avoid sending sweets, crisps or high-sugar items. Please also remember that we are a no nut school and therefore no snacks should contain nuts as this could cause a medical emergency for our pupils who are allergic to these. Thank you for your support in promoting healthy habits within our school.



Uniforms

We kindly remind all parents that pupils are expected to wear full school uniform at all times, including during periods of hot weather. However, sensible adaptations can be made to ensure children remain comfortable, such as not wearing jumpers or vests and the wearing of school shorts or summer dresses. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 should continue to wear their ties as part of their uniform, although on very hot days they may be asked to remove these to help improve comfort. Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high standards of presentation.



Parental Questionnaires

This week you will have received our annual parent questionnaire to complete. Thank you to everybody who has already completed and returned these. If you have not been able to do this yet, we would be grateful if you could please do this by Friday 12th June. Additional forms are available from the office if needed. Thank you in advance for completing this and for your support.

National Thank a Teacher Day

National Thank a Teacher Day is on Wednesday 17th June. If your child would like to thank their teacher or teaching assistant, click on the link below to send them a special e-card:

[Send a free e-card](#)



Please note that National Thank a Teacher Day is **not** a day for buying flowers or presents for your child's teachers or teaching assistants. The free e-card they would love though.

Well Done Hunter!

Congratulations to Hunter in Year 3, who competed in his first ever recreational gymnastic competition 2 weeks ago. Hunter finished 1st out of 34 competitors. This is especially fantastic, as Hunter only started in October, but has already completed 3 grade awards. This is a great testament to what hard work and dedication can achieve. Well done Hunter and keep going with this.



Swimming Gala

We are incredibly proud of our pupils who took part in the Excelsior Swimming Gala held at King Edward's School. Competing against other schools within our trust, our team of nine swimmers performed brilliantly, finishing in an impressive 3rd place overall. The competition was extremely close, with only three points separating us from the overall winners. The children showed fantastic determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout, and they represented the school exceptionally well. Well done to all involved!

Year 2 St Stephen's Visit

On Tuesday, Year 2 had a wonderful visit to St Stephen's Church as part of their learning about Christianity. The children explored the church and searched for different holy symbols that are important to Christians. They also asked lots of respectful questions about the history of the church, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm. The children enjoyed learning about the role of a reverend and had the exciting opportunity to try on some of the special clothes worn at different times of the church year. Throughout the visit, the children were enthusiastic, respectful, and fully engaged in all the activities. They represented the school exceptionally well and we were very proud of their excellent behaviour and positive attitudes.

Phonic screening check

Today we celebrated Fred Frog's birthday, which brought lots of excitement to the classroom. The children showed brilliant focus as they practised their word reading ahead of next week's phonic screening check. Their blending and confidence are really growing. Please ensure you continue to use the QR codes and the phonic homework at home to support your child's progress.



Dogs

A polite reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school playground at any time, including during drop-off and pick-up. We kindly ask that any dogs are left at home or kept outside the school gates. Thank you.

E-safety Question

The internet contains lots of information and we know that not everything that we read online can be trusted. Which of these is a good sign that a website contains trustworthy information?

- A. It is the first result you see on Google
- B. A friend has recommended it
- C. It is written by a trusted organisation (like the BBC or a school)
- D. It has funny videos

Correct answer is C. It is always best to get information from a trusted website such as the BBC, who fact check their information. Although answer A is a tempting choice, the reliability of information on a website does not influence where search engines, such as Google, place websites.



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

Mr Williams
Headteacher

What's new on the school website

- Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility Letter
- Year 2 Beach Trip Information Letter
- Year 5 Colmers Science Visit Letter
- Year 1 Showcase Letter
- Science Day Letter
- Summer Fair Diary Dates Letter
- Tax Free Child Care Trial Update Letter
- School Tie Letter
- EYFS Graduation Letter



**Winning pupil –
Shea 4B**



**Winning class –
4J
253, 306**



**Winning class – 4J
Winning pupil – Zahra
4B**

Top 3 Class Scores This Week	
1 st	6G 20624
2 nd	4B 14760
3 rd	3S 6261

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 st	Elijah J (4B) 15,374,604
2 nd	Shea (4B) 3,965,509
3 rd	Hasali (6F) 3,186,948

Next Week's Battles:	
	3M vs 6G
	5E vs 5HN

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Tuesday 9 th June 2026	Wrates Photography class photos	Whole School
Tuesday 9 th June 2026	Dance Performance	2.45pm
Wednesday 17 th June 2026	Weston-super-Mare trip	2L – all day
Thursday 18 th June 2026	Weston-super-Mare trip	2K – all day
Thursday 18 th June 2026	Birmingham Mission Assembly	KS2 – 9am KS1 – 9.30am
Friday 19 th June 2026	Pre Loved Toy/Teddy Donations for Summer Fair	Bring to School Office
Monday 22 nd June 2026	Wonder Dome visit	Years 1-5
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Sports Day	Whole School
Friday 26 th June 2026	Bottle Donations for Summer Fair	Bring to School Office
Monday 29 th June 2026	Science Lesson at Colmers School	Year 5
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	School Transition Day	Whole School
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Staff v Students Soccer Aid	2.30pm
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Tombola Donations for Summer Fair	Bring to School Office
Monday 6 th July 2026	Stratford-upon-Avon Trip	5HN
Tuesday 7 th July 2026	Stratford-upon-Avon Trip	5E
Tuesday 7 th July 2026	Year 1 Showcase	2.15pm
Wednesday 8 th July 2026	Rock Steady Concert	Whole School
Wednesday 8 th July 2026	Safeside Fire Safety Trip	Year 6
Wednesday 8 th July 2026	Cake Donations for Summer Fair	Bring to School Office
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Cake Donations for Summer Fair	Bring to School Office
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Summer Picnic and Summer Fair	Whole School

Friday 10 th July 2026	Year 6 Cinema and Bowling Trip	Cinema – 10am Bowling – 1.30pm
Monday 13 th July	Science Day	Whole School – dress as scientists
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Governor Awards	Whole School
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	9.15am
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Party Day	Year 1-5 and EYFS – 1pm-3pm Year 6 Disco – 4.30pm-6pm
Friday 17 th July	EYFS Graduation	9.15am
Monday 20th July 2026	Summer Holidays	School closed to all pupils

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Oscar	RJ	Lydia	1W
Elsie	2K	Felicity	3S
Darcie	4J	Ruby	5HN
Spencer	6G	Valentina	6G – Lunchtime award



This week's

Celebration Assembly recipients

Coming next week!







HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	58	74	67	47

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	1142	1253	1340	1343



<h1 style="color: #FF00FF;">S</h1> <h2 style="color: #FF00FF;">Stay Safe</h2> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p> 	<h1 style="color: #008000;">M</h1> <h2 style="color: #008000;">Don't Meet Up</h2> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p>	<h1 style="color: #0000FF;">A</h1> <h2 style="color: #0000FF;">Accepting Files</h2> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p> 	<h1 style="color: #FF4500;">R</h1> <h2 style="color: #FF4500;">Reliable?</h2> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p> 	<h1 style="color: #FF0000;">T</h1> <h2 style="color: #FF0000;">Tell Someone</h2> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p> </div>	<h2 style="color: #0000FF;">Please follow us on Twitter!</h2> <p>Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!</p> <p>@Colmers_FarmPS</p> 
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Happy Birthday Messages

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

Alicja	RL	5
Alexander	1RW	6
Elijah	3S	8
Noah	3M	8
Godpower	5E	10
Esmee	5E	10
Zahra	4B	9
Remi	2L	7
Charlie	4J	9



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:** **Where did the family go on their bear hunt?**
- Year 1:** **How do we know it is half past?**
- Year 2:** **Tell me something you learnt on the trip to the church.**
- Year 3:** **Can you think of a fraction that is equivalent to one half? Can you prove this?**
- Year 4:** **Which times tables are you struggling with the most? What help do you need to improve?**
- Year 5:** **Why do polar bears not eat penguins?**
- Year 6:** **How does learning and performing songs help to tell the story and engage the audience in a production?**

**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 **93.2%** - let's get up to **96%**.

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 Last week	% present This week
RJ	87.73%	92.50%
RL	81.58%	90.48%
1RW	87.59%	91.11%
1W	90.67%	94.00%
2K	86.40%	92.00%
2L	85.00%	92.67%
3M	83.85%	89.62%
3S	87.14%	90.43%
4B	81.33%	89.33%
4J	94.84%	96.13%
5E	98.06%	96.33%
5HN	88.93%	94.29%
6F	89.63%	91.48%
6G	92.33%	92.00%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



1W – 94.00%

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



5E – 96.33%



HAIRCUT MONDAYS

**FREE HAIR CUTS FOR ALL AGED 5-18 YEARS OLD
PROVIDED BY A PROFESSIONAL HAIRDRESSER**



**15TH JUNE 2026
22ND JUNE 2026
29TH JUNE 2026
27TH JULY 2026
3RD AUGUST 2026
17TH AUGUST 2026**

4PM-8PM

**PLEASE EMAIL BERNIE ON BERNIEM@TRIDENTGROUP.ORG.UK
OR PRIVATE MESSAGE ANITA ASHTON ON DEELANDS HALL
COMMUNITY GROUP ON FACEBOOK TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT
OR POP IN AND SEE A MEMBER OF THE TEAM**



**DEELANDS
COMMUNITY HALL
RUBERY B45 9RR**



Weekly Assembly

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

Whole School



An annual event that is an old English tradition was held last week on a hill in Gloucestershire. The picture shows the competitors at the event. They are chasing something down a steep hill.

Can you see what they are chasing? The small object is in the picture

The photo shows the annual cheese rolling event on Coopers Hill in Brockworth. A wheel of Double Gloucester cheese is rolled down the hill and after a one second start, runners chase it. The winner is the first person to cross the finish line at the bottom of the hill. The cheese can reach speeds of 70 mph and no one in the race ever actually catches the cheese, but the winner gets to take it home.

What do you think of this traditional race? Would it be easy?



This photo shows the start of the race in 1941, during World War 2. During the war and in the years after the war, the cheese wheel was replaced by a wooden wheel.

Why do you think that happened?

Why is this about No Outsiders?
Which British value is this about?

How is this story about us in our school?



**NO
OUT
SIDERS**
'All different, All welcome'



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 discuss the questions below.



Article 21



You have the right to care and protection if you are adopted or in foster care.



Why do you think children who are adopted or in foster care need extra care and protection?

What are some ways adults can help children in foster care feel safe and loved?

Why is it important for every child to have a home where they are cared for?

How might a child feel when moving to a new family or foster home and how could people help them?

What do you think makes a family supportive and caring, even if people are not biologically related?



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Water safety matters



This week, we have been focusing on the important topic of water safety following recent events reported across the country during the half-term break.

As part of this learning, KS1 children watched a water safety video with their teachers and took part in class discussions about how to stay safe around water. KS2 pupils took part in a classroom assembly focused on recent news stories and the dangers of swimming in lakes, reservoirs, canals and other open water areas.

Our aim is to ensure that all children understand the potential dangers associated with water and know how to keep themselves safe, particularly as the warmer weather approaches and more families spend time outdoors.



Conversation starter for families. Parent-child discussion.

What are some safe and unsafe places to swim or play near water?

Why can lakes, reservoirs, canals and rivers be more dangerous than they look?

What should you do if you see someone in trouble in the water?

How can we make sure we stay safe when visiting the beach, swimming pool, or open water areas as a family?



Why is it important to listen to warning signs, lifeguards and adults around water?



Website to explore at home.

<https://mli.org/youth-education/education-resources>

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/support-us/our-campaigns/safety-on-our-waterways/water-safety-for-kids>

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/resources-for-babies-and-pre-schools-children>

Water Safety Top Tips

Always swim with an adult nearby.

- Never swim in lakes, reservoirs, canals, or rivers.
- Read and follow warning signs around water.
- If you fall into water unexpectedly, remember: **Float to Live.**
- In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard if near the sea.

Remember: Water may look calm and safe, but hidden dangers such as cold temperatures, strong currents and deep water can be very dangerous.



WMFS
West Midlands
Fire Service

Date: June 2026
Our Ref: MI92805261/EF/AMH

Dear Headteacher

The tragic loss of a teenager at Kingsbury Water Park over the Bank Holiday weekend and several other incidents across the country has highlighted the dangers of open water, especially for young people during periods of hot weather.

In the West Midlands our main sources of water danger are from canals, rivers, lakes and ponds but your pupils might be visiting the beach over the summer period.

Given the summer holidays are only a half term away, we urge you to pass on the safety messages to pupils through any written communications, during assemblies and in any wider planned communications to parents before the end of term.

Our website provides useful water safety statistics and resources [WMFS - Water Safety](#).

We also highly recommend the resources provided by the RNLI tailored to different age groups [RNLI Education Resources For Young People](#).

We do still have availability for next half term for our water safety programmes and can provide appropriate WMFS Water Safety Education for your key stages.

- For Reception we have "People Who Help Us" which introduces children to the job of a firefighter, including water safety.
- In Year 4 our operational fire crews will visit school to deliver SPARKs. The 1-hour session covers water, fire and road safety.
- Our Interactive education centre "Safeside" provides a memorable school trip covering a wide range of safety messages, including water safety, aimed at Year 5
- Our Prevention Practitioners deliver 1-hour sessions to groups of KS3 and 4 pupils and this includes a session on water safety.

Details of how to access these services and other education resources can be found on our website at [WMFS - Education Services](#).

We want all children and young people to have a fun over the summer period, but rest assured, West Midlands Fire Service will be here in an emergency, should we be called upon.

Kind regards,

Emily Fernandez
Assistant Director of Prevention



Share #FloatToLive





Be Empowered.....

BE EMPOWERED WORKSHOPS

- Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers



We warmly invite you to a series of workshops that have been written by and are led by trainers who are parent/carers of a child with additional needs themselves. They run over a period of 6 weeks, and there are a selection of face-to-face and online sessions.

These workshops are for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need, with or without a diagnosis. They are an attempt to support parent/carers through times of change and at whatever stage of the journey participants may find themselves.

Wednesday's 5/11/25 - 17/12/25
10:00am - 1:00pm
Evolve Centre, 99 Glover St, B9 4EN.

Monday's 10/11/25 - 15/12/25
10:00am - 1:00pm
Online via Zoom

Thursday's 8/1/26 - 12/2/26
10:00am-1:00pm
Lime Tree Children's Centre,
Heathfield Rd, B19 1UJ

Saturday's 10/1/26 - 13/2/26
1:00pm - 4:00pm
Online via Zoom
Joining details will be sent.

Tuesday's 10/2/26, 24/2/26 - 24/3/26
10:00am - 1:00pm
Acocks Green Methodist Church,
1 Botteville Road, B27 7YE.

Friday's 27/2/26 - 27/3/26, 17/4/26
6:00pm-9:00pm
Online via Zoom
Joining details will be sent.

Tuesday's 14/4/26 - 19/5/26
10:00am - 1:00pm
Online via Zoom
Joining details will be sent.

Thursday's 16/4/26 - 21/5/26
In Community Languages
10:00am - 2:00pm
Lime Tree Children's Centre,
Heathfield Road, B19 1UJ

Friday's 5/6/26 - 10/7/26
10:00am - 1:00pm
Online via Zoom
Joining details will be sent.

Monday's 8/6/26 - 13/7/26
10:00am - 1:00pm
Hodge Hill Family Hub, Dyson Gardens
Children's Centre, Highfield Road, B8 3QF.

TO BOOK – Please complete the booking form and return to: BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk or alternatively you can submit online either by using the QR code below or using this link (<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Z86aaeTSzUuzA9K74m78UtsZJS1sGdFip4igifYn11UMFZRQjpEUUJKNUJDTVBVRkE5NM3OUFXSC4u>) to submit online.



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For more information please contact: Christine Legore on 07770 762056 or via email at christine.legore@birmingham.gov.uk or
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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](#).