



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope your week has gone well.

## School Attendance

Come rain or shine (and there has been a lot of rain this week), please remember that we want all of our children in school by 8.45am.

Our school attendance this week is only 93.4%. We managed to beat our yearly average attendance on four days this week. Let's see if we can get higher next week.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Year Av.
93.3%	94.1%	92.2%	93.9%	93.5%	93.3%

Well done to our three highest attending classes so far this year who are:

- 4J – 95.22%
- 1W – 95.19%
- 1RW – 95.13%

Remember, if you require any support or advice with attendance, please speak to Mrs Taylor or our attendance lead Miss Hooper.

## Parents' Evenings Next Week

Next Wednesday and Thursday we will be holding our Spring Term parents' evenings. Bookings are still open and can be made via the Arbor App. If you require any assistance with booking this please contact our school office. As a school, we always aim to see at least one parent/carer for every child during our parents' evenings, to share their learning, successes and areas for further development. We look forward to seeing you then.



## Congratulations Ethan

Huge congratulations go to Ethan in Reception who last weekend passed his karate grading. Ethan is now officially a yellow belt. Well done Ethan and keep up your dedication and hard work with this. If you would like to share any of your child's achievements outside of school, we would love to hear about them and to share them in our newsletter. Please send us a photo and some information about their achievement by email to [enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org](mailto:enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org)

## Year 1 Black Country Museum Visit

Year 1 had a fun and exciting day on their trip to the Black Country Living Museum. The children were full of enthusiasm as they explored what life was like during the Victorian era. They visited traditional Victorian homes, took part in a lesson at a strict Victorian school, watched a film at the old-fashioned cinema, and even enjoyed a ride on an authentic Victorian bus. It was a wonderful day filled with learning, curiosity, and memorable experiences.



## **Year 4 Times Table Workshop**

Thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to attend the Year 4 workshop about this year's Year 4 multiplication times table check. We hope that you found this useful and that you came away with lots of useful ideas about how to support your child with this. Our Year 4 teachers will be happy to help if you need any additional support.

## **NSPCC Number Day**

Our school had a fantastic time celebrating NSPCC Number Day! Children across the school came dressed in creative number-themed outfits, proudly wearing digits, equations, and everything in between. The day was filled with fun maths activities that helped raise awareness of the amazing work the NSPCC does to keep children safe. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers for your generous support—both in helping the children take part and in contributing to such an important charity. Your kindness truly makes a difference.



## **Art competition - "Show Racism the Red Card"**

We are inviting all pupils in Years 1-6 to take part in an art competition - "Show Racism the Red Card". We want to encourage participants to think about racism and produce their own work about this serious issue. Young people are welcome to produce a piece of artwork in any medium. There is also an opportunity to design a football boot and t-shirt. If it's about tackling racism, we want to see your creativity!

The Show Racism the Red Card (SRtRC) School Competition is free to enter, open to young people of all ages and abilities and is a great follow-on activity to educational work about racism.

We will be sending an entry for each category to represent Colmers Farm school. The categories are:

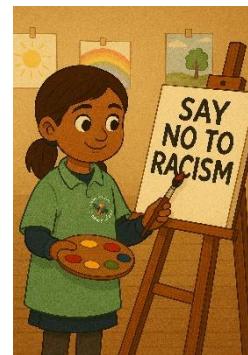
- Year 1-4 Artwork
- Year 5-6 Artwork
- Football boot design
- T-shirt design

These links provide more information about the competition:

- [School Competition - Show Racism the Red Card](#)
- [Comp 2026 Infopack Rules Guidelines.pdf](#)

The template for the t-shirt design and the boot design will be available from your child's class teacher next week. If you are creating a piece of artwork it must be no larger than A3 please.

**All entries must be returned to school by Friday 27th February. Good luck!**



## **E-safety Quiz**

Please ask the question below to your child to test their e-safety knowledge.

You are chatting to a person online and they ask you to turn on your camera on your computer. What do you do?

- (a) Say no and block them.
- (b) Turn it on, but hide your face.
- (c) Talk to your parents and ask for their permission.

The correct answer is A. Do not share images or videos online, particularly with people who you do not know. If ever you receive a request like this, it is also important that you tell your parents about it.



Thank you for your continued support.

**Mr Williams**  
**Headteacher**

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Readathon	Whole School
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Animal Man	RJ and RL – 9am-10am Year 1 – 10am-11am
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Safer Internet Day	Whole School
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Parents Evening	3.40pm-6pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Parents Evening	3.40pm-6pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Own Clothes Day	Whole School
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Half-Term Holiday</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	International Mother Language Day	Whole School
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Dentist Visit	RJ and RL
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Rocksteady	Whole School Assembly 9am KS2 Workshop 9.40am KS1 Workshop 10.20am
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	EYFS Eye Screening	RJ and RL - 9.30am
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Bell Boating Trip	5HN
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	OPAL Stay and Play	3.30pm to 4.15pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Bell Boating Trip	5E
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Red Nose Day	Whole School
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	EYFS Farm Trip	RJ
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	EYFS Farm Trip	RL
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Gurdwara Trip	4J

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Gurdwara Trip	4B
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Kenilworth Castle Trip	4J – 10am - 2pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2026	Kenilworth Castle Trip	4B – 10am - 2pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	SATs week	
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>Half-Term Holiday</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Weston-super-Mare trip	2L – all day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Weston-super-Mare trip	2K – all day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Birmingham Mission Assembly	KS2 – 9am KS1 – 9.30am
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	<b>Summer Holidays</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>

## What's new on the school website

- Year 6 SATs Books Letter
- Year 5 Bell Boating Letter
- Clothing Needed Letter
- School Mascot Competition Letter



# This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Paisley	RJ
Francesca	1W
Willow	2K
Harper	3M
Desmond	4J
Bogdan	5E
Zoe	6G
Jude	4J – Lunchtime award



## This week's congratulations

assembly recipients...



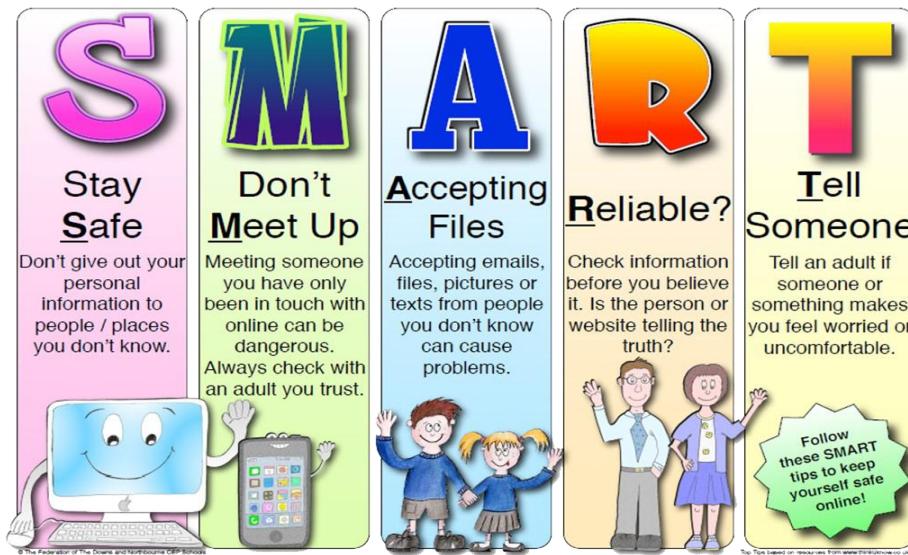
Mazie	RL	Oscar	RJ	Eva-Rose	1W
Harper	1RW	Alanah	2K	Micaiah	2L
Eliana	3M	Zacharias	3S	Josh	4J
Safaa	4B	Kayden	5E	Michael	5HN
Kaydi-Anne	6F	Isaiah	6G		

## HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	165	192	226	198

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	834	925	912	915





**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:

Jack	4J	9
Salvador	RL	5
Alivia	3M	8
Maya	RJ	5
Riley	RJ	5
Archie	3M	8
Ellizaye	1W	6
Carter	5HN	10
Duaa	5E	10
Luckie	4B	9
Mazie	RL	5
Summer-Rai	4J	9
Riley	5E	10
Daisy-May	2K	7



### 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:** **Can you describe the wolf from Little Red Riding Hood?**

**Year 1:** **What did you see at the Black Country Museum?**

**Year 2:** **What are the features of a diary entry?**

**Year 3:** **Can you explain the relationship between mm and cm?**

**Year 4:** **What causes an earthquake? Where do they happen most often?**

**Year 5:** **How do the Modern Olympics differ to the Olympics of Ancient Greece?**

**Year 6:** **Why do we highlight SATs style questions? What should we be highlighting?**

**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 93.3% - 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	This week
RJ	98.18%	91.82%
RL	95.00%	89.00%
1RW	96.55%	93.43%
1W	95.67%	96.33%
2K	96.92%	94.62%
2L	97.33%	94.33%
3M	91.43%	91.79%
3S	93.62%	95.77%
4B	89.33%	85.67%
4J	91.94%	95.61%
5E	97.74%	95.48%
5HN	97.14%	95.71%
6F	94.48%	92.76%
6G	92.67%	93.33%

### **CLASS AWARDS:**

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



**1W – 96.33%**

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



**5E – 95.77%**



# Wellbeing Weekly



Our assembly focus this half term is Kindness.

## Togetherness – An Update on Wellbeing for Every School Parent

Birmingham City Council's Family Hub programme funds local access to Togetherness, enabling parents and carers to benefit from high quality NHS developed emotional health and wellbeing content at no cost.

Togetherness is an online learning platform created by psychologists and health practitioners. It provides accessible, evidence informed learning designed to support emotional wellbeing, strengthen relationships and positively influence behaviour.

Please share this wellbeing update from the Togetherness team with all parents and carers: [Togetherness - An update on wellbeing for every school parent.](#)

If there is anything additional you would find helpful, or if your school is interested in staff training or resources, please



contact [togetherness@uhb.nhs.uk..](mailto:togetherness@uhb.nhs.uk)



## Conversation starter for families.



### Parent- child discussion.

What helps you feel better when you're upset?



What's something you've been thinking about a lot

lately?

**NO  
OUT  
SIDERS**

Is there something you wish you could worry about less?

What's something you're proud of yourself for?

Set aside just 5 minutes each day for everyone to share:

one *good* thing from their day

one *tricky* thing (if they want)

No fixing, no judging—just listening.



This small habit helps family members feel heard, supported and connected and it builds emotional wellbeing over time.



# 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.

## Years 1-3



The photo shows two penguins and their chicks who live in Sea Life in Sydney, Australia. This is a penguin family.  
**What part of the world do penguins come from?**

The two boy penguins, Sphen and Magic got together in 2018. They wanted to be daddies together and they sat on a rock, taking turns to keep it warm, hoping it would hatch and give them a chick to look after.

**Why didn't the rock hatch?**

## Years 4-6



This model is made out of LEGO and is called "Everyone is awesome.". It was designed by artist Matthew Ashton, who is Vice President of Design at LEGO.

**What do you think that job involves?  
Why do you think Mathew made this and used these colours?**

Matthew says, "Being LGBT+ myself, I knew I needed to step up to the plate and make a real statement about love and inclusivity and generally spread some LEGO love to everybody who needs it."

**What is LGBT+?**

**What does step up to the plate mean?**

**Why do you think Matthew says some people need some LEGO love- who is he talking about?**

**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.



## Article 12



You have the right to give your opinion and for adults to listen and take it seriously.



**Why do you think children should be allowed to share their views?**

**Can you explain Article 12 in your own words?**

**What is an opinion you have about something at home or school?**

**Is it okay for people to have different opinions? Why?**

**What decisions do you think children should help with in families?**



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





Winning pupil –  
Shea 27775 points



Winning class – 4B



Winning class – 5E  
Winning pupil – Ethan  
6G

Top 3 Class Scores This Week	
1 <sup>st</sup>	6G 60676 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4B 28857 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6f 21000 points

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Elijah 4B
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Camarah 1RW
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shea 4B

Next Week's Battles:	
Spelling Shed	5HN vs 6G
Times Tables Rock Stars	4B vs 6F



# Nurturing ADHD kids

This online 6 week course is free for Birmingham parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD or suspected ADHD

**LED BY ADULTS WITH ADHD**

**Does your child have ADHD or suspected ADHD?**

Are you trying to support them but find that everyone gives you different advice?

In this 6 week course, you will

- learn about ADHD
- Understand the effect on our mental health
- Understand the reasons behind behaviours
- Gain confidence in advocating for our children
- Learn new strategies
- Help our kids be confident, resilient and be their best selves

Email: [contactus@brewseducation.org](mailto:contactus@brewseducation.org)

Birmingham Resilience Education and Wellbeing Services CIC CIC Business Registration: 13240865

What parents have said about this course

*This course is literally game-changing for parents, caregivers, teachers and anyone living with a child (or adult) with ADHD. So much misunderstanding, frustration and worry could be prevented if everyone had access to this amazing resource.*

*Essential course for any parent of a child with ADHD. It changed the way I see my son and my ability to respond to his needs effectively.*

*Very informative, friendly, no pressure, enjoyable sessions*



# Nurturing ADHD kids

**NEW GROUPS STARTING SOON!**

Free online 6 week courses for parents and carers  
Each session is 90 minutes

**February 2026 courses**

Tuesday mornings 10 - 11.30 am  
starting Tuesday 24th February  
Register [HERE](#) or use QR code



Wednesday evenings 7-8.30 pm  
starting Wednesday 25th February  
Register [HERE](#) or use QR code



Registration closes at  
5 pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

If you miss the deadline, email us at [contactus@brewseducation.org](mailto:contactus@brewseducation.org) and you can join the next one starting in March



**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

TO BOOK – Please complete the booking form and return to: [BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk) or

For more information please contact: Christine Legore on 07770 762056 or via email at [christine.legore@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:christine.legore@birmingham.gov.uk) or  
Nathalie Messanvi on 07943 364833 or via email at [nathalie.messanvi@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:nathalie.messanvi@birmingham.gov.uk)

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](mailto: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=Z86aaeTSzUuzA9K74m78UtsZJS1sGdFip4igfYn11UMFZRQIpEUUJKNUJDTVBRkE5NM3OUFXSC4u>) to submit online.



For more information please contact: Christine Legore on 07770 762056 or via email at [christine.legore@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:christine.legore@birmingham.gov.uk) or  
Nathalie Messanvi on 07943 364833 or via email at [nathalie.messanvi@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:nathalie.messanvi@birmingham.gov.uk)

# 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 .... following email address: [safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org](mailto: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

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.

## Emergency out-of-hours

Telephone 0121 675 4806

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](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) at any time. Alternatively [submit an online form](#).