Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th November 2026

A nurturing school

Dear Parent/Carers

I hope that you have all had a good half term with your families and that your children are refreshed and eager to be back at school.

A Little Extra Time Makes a Big Difference!



Why not arrive at school a few minutes before the doors open at 8:35am? Being ready and on time helps your child start the day calmly, positively and ready to learn. It also means you can enjoy a few precious bonus minutes to yourself once the children are safely in school!
A little planning can make mornings easier for everyone. Thank you for your continued support.

Years 5 and 6 Residential to Condover Hall



Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic time on their residential trip to Condover Hall! The children took part in a wide range of exciting activities, challenged themselves, developed their teamwork skills and, most importantly, made wonderful memories with their friends. We are incredibly proud of how they embraced the opportunities and represented our school. A huge thank you to Miss Rudge, Miss Freemantle, Miss Evans and Miss McCarron for giving up their time and making the trip such a success. We hope the children have had the most amazing experience and that they all sleep well this weekend after such a busy few days! The memories created on this trip will last a lifetime! Keep an eye on the news section of our school's website as we will upload a video showing photos from our trip over the next week or so.

Happy Diwali

Happy Diwali to all our families who are celebrating this festival over the weekend. We hope that you have a fabulous time with your friends and families. Thank you to those parents who were able to join us on Friday for the Year 3 Diwali performance in school – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Poppies



Please remember as we approach Remembrance Day, that poppies are available for purchase by our school community from the school office on Monday 9th November to Wednesday 11th November in exchange for a small donation in aid of the Royal British Legion.

Parents' Evenings

If you were unable to attend your child's parents' evening before the holidays, please contact the school office to arrange an alternative appointment.

SAGE Award

Over the half term you probably will have been very busy with your child. If your child has been anywhere, gained any awards/certificates or maybe just helped around the house or garden, our school's SAGE award is a great way of celebrating what they have been up to. For more information about the SAGE award, please see the SAGE award section of our school's website. Please send any photos as evidence to enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org or your child's class name e.g. 4N@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org. Please use the subject line child's name@SAGE Award e.g. Jake@SAGE Award

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 unkind messages from someone in your class on a gaming platform. What is the best thing to do?

A) Reply with an even nastier message to stand up for yourself.
B) Ignore it completely and hope it stops.
C) Save the evidence, block or report the person, and tell a trusted adult.
D) Share the messages with everyone in your class so they know what happened.

Correct answer: C — Save the evidence, block or report the person, and tell a trusted adult.



Whatever you are up to on the weekend, I hope that you enjoy it. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

What's new on the school website

- Children In Need 2026 Letter
- Birthday Treats Letter
- Year 5 Cooking and Nutrition Allergy Letter



Spelling Shed

Competition
Winners - 3M
Next Week

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1st	Bin 3J 2,281,320
2nd	Elizabeth 4N 1,530,504
3rd	Alicja 1W 1,417,729

Times Tables Rock Stars

Competition
3M vs 4S
Winners - 3M
Winning pupil - Godpower (6F)

Next Week's Battles:	
Spelling Shed	3J vs 4N
Times Tables Rock Stars	5E vs 6K

Excelsior Multi Academy Trust

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 9th November 2026 – Wednesday 11th November 2026	Remembrance Poppies on sale	In School Office
Monday 9th November 2026	Bags2School drop off	Whole School donations
Tuesday 10th November 2026	Rocksteady Assembly	Whole School – 2pm
Tuesday 10th November 2026	Parents Evening	6K – 2pm-5pm
Wednesday 11th November 2026	Brazilian Drumming Workshop	Year 3 and Year 5
Wednesday 11th November 2026	OPAL Stay and Play	3.30pm
Thursday 12th November 2026	Cinema Trip	Year 3
Thursday 12th November 2026	Parents Evening	6K – 2pm-5pm
Thursday 12th November 2026	School Photos	Whole School
Friday 13th November 2026	Children In Need Day	Whole School Wear bright or spotty clothes
Monday 16th November 2026	Antibullying Week	Odd Socks on Monday – Whole School
Monday 16th November 2026	Flu Vaccinations	Whole School 9am-12.30pm
Wednesday 18th November 2026	NSPCC - Speak Out, Stay Safe	Y2, 5 and 6 Workshops
Thursday 19th November 2026	Year One Phonics Workshop	2pm
Thursday 19th November 2026	Birmingham City Mission Assembly	9am-9.30m – Y4, Y5 and Y6 9.45am – 10.15am – EYFS, Y1, Y2 and Y3
Friday 20th November 2026	World Children's Day	Whole School – wear blue
Monday 23rd November 2026	Food Bank Collection	Whole School donations
Wednesday 25th November 2026	RSPCA Visit	Year 5 and Year 6
Thursday 26th November 2026	Finance Workshop	Year 5
Thursday 26th November 2026	WWII Trip – Bewdley Museum	6F

Friday 27th November 2026	WWII Trip – Bewdley Museum	6K
Wednesday 2nd December 2026	RockSteady Christmas Concert	RockSteady Club
Friday 4th December 2026	Christmas Panto	1.30pm – Years 1, 2 and 3
Friday 4th December 2026	Year 2 Film Night	3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 10th December 2026	Christmas Fair	3.30pm
Thursday 10th December 2026	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
Friday 11th December 2026	Santa Run	Whole School
Wednesday 16th December 2026	EYFS Nativity Performance	9.30am
Friday 18th December 2026	Governors Awards Assembly	9am-9.30am - KS2 9.45am – 10.15am KS1
Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027	**Christmas Holidays**	**School closed to all pupils**
Monday 4th January 2027	**Training Day**	**School closed to all pupils**

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Coming next week!



This week's Celebration Assembly recipients

Coming next week!





This week's Posh Lunch recipients



RL: Teddy
RL: Theo
RL: Amaal

RJ: Huntar
RJ: Arabella
RJ: Skylah

HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	278	274	316	252
This term's total	2604	2277	2521	2425



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:

Abdi Shakur	2K	7
Mason	1L	6
Myles	RL	5



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: How do the animals help the witch on the broom?

Year 1: When do we use an exclamation mark?

Year 2: What is 10 ones the same as?

Year 3: Can you retell the story of Diwali?

Year 4: What does it mean to 'find the difference'?

Year 5: What can you tell me about your BBC 500 words story?

Year 6: What is the legacy of Alexander Fleming?

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

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CHALLENGE!

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

Our current school attendance to date is 93.6% - 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 Last week	% present This week
RJ	93.33%	90.00%
RL	92.33%	92.08%
1L	87.60%	94.00%
1W	92.50%	87.50%
2B	92.67%	94.17%
2K	95.67%	99.17%
3J	89.26%	89.17%
3M	96.55%	93.97%
4N	91.33%	90.83%
4S	93.21%	94.20%
5B	94.67%	97.50%
5E	94.33%	95.04%
6F	94.67%	96.67%
6K	86.00%	95.00%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2K – 99.17%

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



5B – 97.50%

Opal Stay and Play

Wednesday 11th November 2026

3:30pm-4:30pm



Please collect your child as normal. Then join us in the playground to enjoy some play with your child/children.

All children MUST be accompanied by their parents/carers.



Join us for a fun hour of Opal, imagination and exploration!



BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation

www.bag2school.com

Colmers Farm Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!

Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Monday 9th November by 10am!

01609 780 222 www.bag2school.com helpdesk@bag2school.com

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.



When Corey went to a job interview the manager said he would not be able to do the job because it involves a lot of travel. Corey launched his own website about accessibiity to show wheelchair users how to travel easier.

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.



Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care System
Caring about healthier lives

NHS
Birmingham and Solihull

Child Death Review Team Comms

The Child Death Review Team Newsletter is circulated to all partners within Birmingham and Solihull to highlight campaigns and share learning from local child death reviews.

Learning from deaths

The CDRT have previously reviewed the death of a 2 year old infant who sadly died whilst sleeping on the top bunk of a bed. We have now been notified of another death of a baby aged 11months who was sleeping in a bunk bed. Every year babies and children die or are seriously injured following accidents in their bedrooms.

However, it doesn't have to be this way. RoSPA- Keeping Kids Safe | Bedtime safety tips for children

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) recommends that children under the age of six years do not use the upper bunk since younger children are likely to fall getting in and out, particularly half-asleep at night. The age 6 threshold comes down to coordination and awareness rather than size. Younger children generally haven't developed the balance, spatial awareness, or impulse control needed to climb a ladder safely, especially in the dark or half-asleep during the night. Most bunk bed related injuries happen during climbing or descending rather than during sleep itself, which is exactly the risk the age guidance is designed to reduce.

Parents should also consider very carefully whether allowing a child younger than six to sleep on the bottom bunk is safe for them, toddlers can get trapped. The bottom bunk carries far less risk, since there's no height or ladder involved, but it isn't automatically fine for any age either.

Many manufacturers suggest the bottom bunk can suit children from around age 4, provided the bunk bed has secure guard rails and a stable, low frame. RoSPA's own guidance is to think carefully even about the bottom bunk for children younger than 6, rather than assuming it's risk-free simply because it's closer to the floor.

Babies should always have their own cots. Safer sleep overview | The Lullaby Trust

We recommend that practitioners are mindful of this guidance when working with families.



Bunk Bed Safety Rules Once They're Using It

Once your child has reached the right age, a few ongoing habits keep a bunk bed genuinely safe day to day. Only one child should be on the top bunk at any time, and the ladder should always be used for climbing rather than any nearby furniture. Avoid hanging bags, dressing gowns, or cords near the top bunk, since these create a strangulation risk close to where a child sleeps, and check regularly that the guard rails and ladder fixings haven't loosened over time.

DEELANDS HALL
Deelands Road

What's On for our community

Activities • Support • Wellbeing • Friends • For Everyone

MONDAY

FREE Community Haircuts
1st Monday of every month
Starting 5th October
4pm till 7pm
Qualified & DBS checked

FREE 8-Week Boxing & Employability Support Course
Monday 28th September
11am till 1pm

Digikicks – Tea & T'Internet
1:20pm to 3:30pm
FREE

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

FREE Wellbeing Drop In
Craft • Food • Conversation
12 noon - 3pm



THURSDAY

Starting mid-October

FREE Children's Boxing
Ages 10-16
5pm - 6pm

Ladies' Boxing
6pm - 7pm
Chargeable session
Contact Keith on
07375 032325

FRIDAY

Starting 16th October

FREE Deelands Hall Community Living Room
Wellbeing space
12 noon till 3pm
Activities • Fitness • Food • Wellbeing

SATURDAY

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

Café Church
Food & Prayer
4pm - 6pm

SPECIAL EVENT

Charity Auction
Friday 27th November

All are welcome! Be part of something special

CLARION FUTURES · Trident Group · COMMUNITY FUND · Birmingham City Council · Birmingham Community Boxing Project

DEELANDS HALL
FREE Community Haircuts

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

Deelands Hall
Deelands Road B45 9RT

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
berniem@tridentgroup.org.uk

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

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Look Good ♥ Feel Great ♥ Together

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Trident Group

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

Trident Group

DEELANDS HALL COMMUNITY LOUNGE

Offering a wellbeing space



STARTING FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

DEELANDS HALL COMMUNITY LOUNGE
DEELANDS ROAD, B45 9RT

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



Trident Group | Birmingham City Council | COMMUNITY FUND

YOGA for Adults

STARTING 6TH OCTOBER

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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YOGA Children & Families

STARTING 6TH OCTOBER

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 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.