



A nurturing school

Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you had a fabulous extended weekend last week and that this week has gone well for you.

Attendance

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



Reception Pupils

Building the solid foundations that all future learning will be build on.



Infant and Junior School Pupils

Building and consolidating curriculum skills.



Secondary School and College Pupils

Passing important exams.



University Pupils

Earning their degrees.



Workers

Being successful in their careers.

Too many absences – authorised or unauthorised – can keep our children from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year – That's 19 missed days or just over 2 days a month – can severely negatively affect a child's performance at school. **As a school we aim for 96% attendance or higher.**



Our school's attendance figure for this year so far is currently

93.5%

The national average attendance figure is 94.9%. This is what we are trying to beat each week, as we always want to be better than average at our school.

Maths Visit

On Friday last week we hosted twelve teachers who came from Sandwell and Birmingham to watch maths teaching in 1W and 2K. They were very impressed with the teaching and learning they saw. Each class represented our school fabulously. Thank you to all our pupils in these classes and to Miss Kent and Miss Wood for agreeing to host these visitors in our school.

Girls Cricket Competition

On Wednesday, pupils from our school took part in an exciting girls' cricket competition held at Moseley Ashfield Cricket Club. The event, sponsored by Zest Education, saw our team compete against other schools from across our MAT, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm throughout the day. As a special highlight, every participant received a ticket to attend the upcoming Women's T20 Cricket World Cup this June at Edgbaston, making the experience even more memorable and inspiring for everyone involved. We finished third out of the seven schools which took part, which was fabulous. Well done to all of our pupils.



Blake

Blake in Year 3 will be representing his team at a football tournament in Blackpool today, where they will be competing against teams from across the UK. We wish Blake and everyone at Rubery Juniors Football Club the very best of luck and would love to share this photo of Blake to help cheer the team on.



Year 6 SATs

This week, Year 6 have completed their SATs mock tests, and we have been extremely impressed with the effort, maturity, and determination they have shown in preparing for these assessments. The actual SATs take place next week, and we hope the children are able to enjoy a well-earned, relaxing weekend doing something they love rather than worrying about last-minute revision. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and know that, whatever the outcomes next week, all that matters is they try their very best, which we know they will do. They are an amazing Year 6 and we are so lucky to have each and every one of them at our school. Best of luck for next week everybody – You've got this!

Oscar

A few weeks ago, we featured Oscar in Year 5 in our newsletter. Oscar was raising money for a kidney research charity and was hoping to complete the Great Birmingham Run. We are delighted to announce that, while most of us were having a leisurely start to our Sunday, Oscar completed his run, raising £500 for this fabulous charity. Well done Oscar! It is so wonderful to see one of our pupils being so determined to help others.



Mrs Rayment

Well done to Mrs Rayment for gaining her 'Teaching Primary Computing' certificate from the National Centre for Computing Education last week. A lot of hard work went into gaining this qualification and we are always very proud of Mrs Rayment for all the hard work that she puts into enriching our computing offer at Colmers Farm.

Miss Murphy and Mrs Bellew

Congratulations to Miss Murphy and Mrs Bellew who completed the half marathon event in the Great Birmingham Run. They both posted a time of 2 hours and 34 minutes. Miss Murphy also raised over £1,300 for Macmillan. We are very proud of these members of staff for completing this event.



E-safety Quiz

Test what your children know about e-safety issues by asking them the question below.

You suddenly receive the following email from a friend's email address: "I've lost my voice and I urgently need your help. Email me please." What should you do:

- (A) Email your friend immediately. They need my help!
- (B) Ignore the email.
- (C) Call your friend to check they sent the message.

Correct Answer: C – Unfortunately, this is a popular email sent by people that have hacked email accounts. They will try and trick you into sending money to them. The best thing to do is to call your friend to check if they did send this message. People rarely lose their voice completely, so they will be able to tell you if this message was real or not.



Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 11 th May 2026 – Friday 15 th May 2026	SATs week	Year 6
Friday 22 nd May 2026	SH Sports morning	Year 1 and Year 4 9am – 11am
Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026	Half-Term Holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 1 st June 2026	St Stephens Church Trip	2L – 9.10am 2K – 1.05pm
Tuesday 2 nd June 2026	Soccer Aid Assembly	Year 5 and Year 6
Friday 5 th June 2026	Farm Trip	Pathways children
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
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Sports Day	Whole School
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	School Transition Day	Whole School
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Staff v Students Soccer Aid	2.30pm
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	Year 1
Wednesday 8 th July 2026	Rock Steady Concert	Whole School
Wednesday 8 th July 2026	Safeside Fire Safety Trip	Year 6
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
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Party Day	Year 1-5 and EYFS – 1pm-3pm Year 6 Disco – 4.30pm-6pm
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:

Haislee	RL	Albie	1W
Jack	2L	Manuel	3M
Summer	4J	Jacob	5HN
Phoebe	6F	Freddie	2L – Lunchtime award



This week's

Celebration Assembly recipients



Salvador	RL	Thomas	RJ	Ellizaye	1W
Aliza	1RW	Declan	2K	Bin	2L
Alyan	3M	Ryan	3S	Jackson	4J
Callum	4B	Emmett	5E	Poppy	5HN
Kayla	6F	Oliver	6G		







HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	202	185	227	200

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	739	789	931	848



<h1 style="color: #FF00FF;">S</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">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="text-align: center;">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="text-align: center;">Accepting Files</h2> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p> 	<h1 style="color: #FFA500;">R</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">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="text-align: center;">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="margin: 0;">Please follow us on Twitter!</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: 1.2em;">@Colmers_FarmPS</p> 
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Happy Birthday Messages

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

Bella-Rose	3M	8
Harper-Mae	RJ	5
Cayden	6F	11
Dior	6G	11
Darcie-Leigh	4J	9
Alyan	3M	8
Iziah	1RW	6
Mylie	1RW	6
Adriana	3M	8
Harrison	1W	6



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 Hugasaurus do to cheer up her friends?**

Year 1: **What is a quarter of 16?**

Year 2: **What does 'that' do to a sentence?**

Year 3: **What is a pictogram?**

Year 4: **What did castle owners build to create strong defences?**

Year 5: **What is a cypher and why are they used?**

Year 6: **Why is it important to prioritise healthy eating and getting enough rest leading up to SATs, and how can this help you perform your best?**

**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 **93.45%** - 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	96.5%	89.29%
RL	92.63%	91.45%
1RW	89.29%	95.22%
1W	97.67%	96.67%
2K	95.6%	97.5%
2L	94.67%	93.75%
3M	94.07%	95.83%
3S	95.14%	93.3%
4B	88.33%	86.25%
4J	90.65%	91.13%
5E	96.77%	93.95%
5HN	95.36%	95.98%
6F	93.33%	98.15%
6G	91.29%	85.08%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2K – 97.5%

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



6F – 98.15%



Wellbeing Weekly



Our assembly focus this half term is *Self-challenge*.

As SATs begin on Monday, it's completely normal for Year 6 pupils to feel a little nervous, so this weekend is a great time to focus on wellbeing and preparation. Try to get plenty of rest by going to bed early, as sleep helps your brain stay focused and calm. Eating healthy meals and drinking lots of water will give you the energy you need, while doing a small amount of revision—just 20–30 minutes—can help boost your confidence without feeling overwhelming. Make sure to take breaks and spend time doing things you enjoy, like playing outside or relaxing with family, as this will help reduce stress. **Most importantly, stay positive and remind yourself that you have worked hard and are ready to do your best.**



Conversation starter for families.



Parent-child discussion.

What helps you feel relaxed and ready for a good night's sleep?

Why do you think sleep is important for your body and your mood?

What are some healthy foods we can eat that give us energy for the day?

How can we create a good bedtime routine as a family?

How do you feel when you eat well and get enough sleep compared to when you don't?

Wellbeing Tip of the Week

Build a simple daily routine that supports both your body and mind. Try to go to bed and wake up at similar times each day so you feel well-rested and ready to learn. Eat regular, balanced meals with a mix of fruits, vegetables and protein to keep your energy levels steady. Make time each day to move your body—whether that's a walk, playing outside or a sport—and also set aside a few minutes to relax, such as reading or taking deep breaths. Limiting screen time before bed can help you sleep better and talking to someone you trust if you feel worried can really help too. Small, healthy habits like these can make a big difference to how you feel each day.

Wellbeing activity for outside of school.

Wellbeing Walk and Talk

Go for a short walk with a family member in your local area, park or green space. As you walk, take turns to share something you're grateful for, something that made you smile this week and one thing you're looking forward to. Try to notice your surroundings—what you can see, hear and feel—to help you stay calm and present. This activity supports both physical health and emotional wellbeing, while encouraging positive conversations and connection.



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TIP
of the
WEEK





Conversation starter for families. Parent– child discussion.

What was your favourite thing you played with outside today and why?

What new game or idea did you try during outdoor play?

How did you use your imagination when playing outside?

Did you work with anyone else while playing? What did you do together?

What did you learn from being outside today?

If you could add anything to your outdoor playtime, what would it be?

What challenges did you face during play and how did you solve them?



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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



Paige Tobin loves to skateboard. In this photo, Paige is 5 years old. A video shows Paige as she drops in to a 12ft bowl while wearing a princess dress with rainbow socks and a leopard print helmet. **What do skaters usually wear?**

People are praising Paige for her individuality. **What does individuality mean?**
How do you think Paige has become such a good skater?

This story is about the owner of a café called Abigail. One day a homeless person came in and asked if Abigail had any spare change for him.

Years 4-6



What is spare change, why is he asking for that?

Abigail said, "Nothing is given to me for free. You want a job? I'll give you a job!"
Abigail couldn't give Marcus a full-time job; her business was struggling and she could only afford to employ him for two hours a day. The first day he came before starting work, Abigail asked him, "Do you want some food?"

Why offer Marcus a job, is that a risk? Why not just give him some money and he'll go away?
Why offer him food before he started?



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'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 19
You have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated in body or mind.

- What does it mean to feel safe in your body and your mind at home?
- Who are the trusted adults you can talk to if you feel upset or unsafe?
- What are some signs that someone might be being treated unkindly or unfairly?
- How can families make sure everyone feels safe, respected and listened to?
- What should you do if you or someone else is being hurt or mistreated?



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Winning pupil –
Shea 4B



Winning class – 4J
374,874



Winning class – 6G
Winning pupil – Zayn
5E

Top 3 Class Scores This Week	
1 st	6G 26079
2 nd	4B 21070
3 rd	3S 5255

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 st	Shea 4B 334,874,622
2 nd	Elijah 4B 270,828,547
3 rd	Spencer 6G 24,842,420

Next Week's Battles:

Spelling Shed 



3S vs 5HN





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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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](#).