



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year from everybody at Colmers Farm Primary School. We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break with your families. It was lovely to see everybody back on Tuesday and we had a super start to the new term, despite the snowy and icy weather we've had this week.



School Attendance



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

Our Current Attendance

93.22%

Our Attendance This Time Last Year

92.06%

Difference

+1.14%

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

- 1RW – 95.13%
- 4J – 95.06%
- 1W – 94.95%

Writing Week

This week has been our writing week at Colmers Farm, with the focus being on magical beasts and mythical creatures. Our children have produced lots of different types of writing about these, including written descriptions and fact files. Year 1 even used artificial intelligence to create images of their made-up creatures! We have been very impressed with the quality of writing produced. Well done everybody!



Yamaha Baby Grand Piano Donation

We have contacted by a member of the public who would like to donate their late wife's Yamaha baby grand piano to someone who has a genuine passion for music and who would cherish and care for it. If you are interested in this, please contact the school office for more information.

Reporting Absences

Please can we remind all parents that absences must be reported to the school office via a phone call. The school office opens from 7:30am to receive these. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept messages via Studybugs or email. Thank you.

e-safety Quiz Question

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

As a school we sometimes have to spend time dealing with issues involving social media that have happened over the weekend or during holidays. One of these social media apps is WhatsApp. What is the minimum age that children should be using WhatsApp:

- (a) 11
- (b) 12
- (c) 13
- (d) 15

The correct answer is C - 13 years old. Young children often struggle to use social media apps appropriately and this can lead to children being upset or upsetting others.



Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

What's new on the school website

- Parent Questionnaire and Parent Evaluation Form
- Year 3 Spring Term newsletter
- Year 1: BCLM trip letter



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Thursday 15 th January 2026	Young Voices Concert	
Thursday 15 th January 2026	Themed Meal Day	Whole School - lunch
Friday 16 th January 2026	House point winners non-uniform day	Pupils in Cofton House
Tuesday 27 th January 2026	Birmingham Museum Trip	3S – all day
Thursday 29 th January 2026	Birmingham Museum Trip	3M – all day
Thursday 29 th January 2026	Birmingham Mission Assembly	KS2 – 9am KS1 – 9.30am
Wednesday 4 th February	Birmingham Country Living Museum trip	1W – all day
Friday 6 th February 2026	Birmingham Country Living Museum trip	1RW – all day
Friday 6 th February 2026	NSPCC Number Day	Whole School
Wednesday 11 th February 2026	Parents Evening	
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Parents Evening	
Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026	Half-Term Holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 23rd February 2026	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Friday 27 th February 2026	EYFS Eye Screening	RJ and RL - 9.30am
Wednesday 4 th March 2026	OPAL Stay and Play	
Friday 20 th March 2026	Red Nose Day	Whole School
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	EYFS Farm Trip	RJ
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	EYFS Farm Trip	RL
Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026	Easter Holidays	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 15 th April 2026	Gurdwara Trip	4J
Thursday 16 th April 2026	Gurdwara Trip	4B

Monday 20 th April 2026	Kenilworth Castle Trip	4J – 10am - 2pm
Tuesday 21 st April 2026	Kenilworth Castle Trip	4B – 10am - 2pm
Monday 11 th May 2026 – Friday 15 th May 2026	SATs week	
Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026	Half-Term Holiday	School closed to all pupils
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
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:

Mazie	RL
Harper	1RW
Ava G	2L
Abel	3M
Toby	4J
James	5HN
Phoebe	6F
Rosie	4B – Lunchtime award



This week's congratulations
assembly recipients...



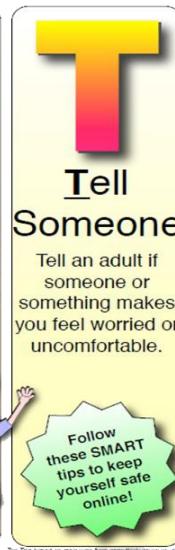
COMING NEXT WEEK!

HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	61	91	76	72

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	1772	1931	1935	1987





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:

Harper	1RW	7
Ralph	1RW	7
Kaya-Rose	3S	8
Ryan	4J	9
Chris	6G	11



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 Zog? Is he a good dragon or a bad dragon?**

Year 1: **If you were a magical creature, what would you be and why?**

Year 2: **How do you look after your beast?**

Year 3: **What makes a magical creature fantastic?**

Year 4: **What mythical creature did you create? What was special about the creature?**

Year 5: **Which would you like to be: Spartan or Athenian? Why?**

Year 6: **What do you want your mythical creature to look like?**

**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 **93.22% - let's get back 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	96.67%	92.05%
RL	76.67%	89.66%
1RW	89.63%	94.14%
1W	94.33%	94.58%
2K	87.69%	94.23%
2L	94.0%	92.92%
3M	87.14%	89.29%
3S	92.76%	89.66%
4B	76.67%	78.75%
4J	93.87%	93.95%
5E	94.19%	89.92%
5HN	94.29%	91.67%
6F	95.36%	95.61%
6G	91.67%	88.33%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



1W – 94.58%

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



6F – 95.61%

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



On New Year's Eve many people across the world celebrated the start of 2026. This photo shows the celebrations in London where there was a 15 minute firework display, the biggest in Europe.

Part of the show included a speech called, "This is what England means to me"

Thinking about the title, what do you think was said in the speech?

The mayor of London, Sadiq Khan said the London firework display was the greatest in the world; "From celebrating our wonderful year of women's sport and Europe beating the USA in the Ryder Cup to celebrating our diversity and looking ahead to a fantastic 2026, we've sent the message that London will always be a city of hope and a place for everyone."

Why do you think the Mayor chose to say London is a place for everyone?

What can we learn from the London NYE show this year?



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 8

You have the right to an identity - an official record of who you are. No one should take this away from you.



- What does "identity" mean for a child?
- Why might a child's name and nationality be important to their sense of self?
- How could a government interfere with a child's identity?
- Why do you think the UNCRC protects family relationships as part of identity?



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**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 or

For more information please contact: Christine Legore on 07770 762056 or via email at christine.legore@birmingham.gov.uk or
Nathalie Messanvi on 07943 364833 or via email at 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 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.



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Wellbeing Weekly



Our assembly focus this half term is Kindness.

Child-friendly tip or skill

A simple strategy children can use.

When something feels tricky, pause and take 3 slow breaths- in through your nose, out through your mouth.



Article 24



You have

the right to best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment and information to help you stay well.



Every child has the right to be healthy in body and mind.

Conversation starter for families



Parent-child discussion



What made you smile this week?

What helps you feel calm when you are worried?

Who was kind to you this week?

**NO
OUT
SIDERS**



A good night's sleep helps our brains learn and our bodies grow.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2026 **ARE OPEN!**

It's important you apply for your child's reception class school place online before the **15 January 2026**.

Late applications are less likely to be offered a place at any of your preferred schools.



For more information, scan the QR code



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](#).