



A nurturing
school

Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parent/Carers

I hope that you have had a good week.

Be Ready to Shine!



The Big Future

The Children's Commissioner for England is very eager to hear your child's views as part of her national survey (The Big Future). This asks children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. She also wants to know what your child thinks a good childhood should look like, now and in the future. Please click on the link to complete this survey: [The Big Future](#)



Lost Property

We have a large number of unclaimed lost property items in school. All items will be on view in the playground after school on Wednesday 14th October. If your child is missing any items of clothing or lunchboxes, please come to see if it is there so you can claim it.

Many items were not labelled which results in them not being returned to their owners. Please can we ask that all items brought into school are labelled. This will help us to reunite things with their rightful owners. Thank you. You can order stick in labels from Stikins, using our school code 4825, which not only stops items being lost but generates fundraising for us as a school. You can find out more and buy your Stikins labels here: www.stikins.co.uk

Secondary School Applications

Families with children due to start secondary school in September 2027 (i.e. those children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 – current Y6 pupils) are now able to apply online for secondary school places. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2026 and places will be offered on 1st March 2027. All the information families need to make their applications is on the council website **www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions**. If you require any support, please let the school office know. Please check the dates and times of local secondary school open evenings and take the time to visit them with your child as these visits are invaluable.

Sporting Activities

On Tuesday our Year 6 girls school football team was in action against Green Meadow in the Excelsior League. The team played very well, but ultimately the game ended in a 3-1 defeat. Well done to everybody who took part and who represented our school so well. On Thursday evening, we took a team of Year 3 and Year 4 pupils to compete in an athletics event. Our team, made up of three girls and three boys from each year group, represented Colmers Farm Primary brilliantly and showed great enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship throughout the evening. The children competed in a range of events, including a long-distance race, sprint, long jump, speed bounce, tennis ball throw and javelin. It was wonderful to see them encouraging one another and giving their very best in every event. The competition ran over its expected finish time, so we are still waiting for the final results, which we expect to receive over the weekend. We will share the results as soon as we have them!



2027-2028 Reception Parents Open Day

It was a pleasure to welcome so many prospective families to our Open Day and Evening for children starting school in 2027/2028. Visitors had the opportunity to explore our Early Years Foundation Stage provision and outdoor learning environment, and the feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive. We were delighted by how impressed families were with the engaging activities, nurturing atmosphere and exciting opportunities available to our youngest learners. A special thank you must go to our wonderful EYFS children, who carried on with their learning and play as normal throughout the day, completely unfazed by the adults visiting their classroom. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school and truly showcased the confidence, independence and enthusiasm we are so proud of. We hope to welcome many of these families back again next year as they begin their journey with us.

World Mental Health Day

On Friday, our school proudly marked World Mental Health Day by inviting all children and staff to wear yellow, helping to raise awareness of the importance of positive mental health and wellbeing. The school was filled with a sea of bright yellow, creating a cheerful and supportive atmosphere while reminding everyone that it is important to talk about our feelings, look after ourselves, and support those around us. Through discussions and activities throughout the day, pupils learned about the importance of kindness, resilience and seeking help when needed, reinforcing our commitment to ensuring that everyone in our school community feels valued, supported and heard. Looking after our mental health is just as important as looking after our physical health. Here are five simple ways to support your child's well-being at home:



1. Keep routines consistent.
2. Talk and listen to your child every day.
3. Make time for family fun and quality time together.
4. Encourage healthy habits, including good sleep, exercise and a balanced diet.
5. Remember to look after your own well-being too.

Small daily actions can make a big difference to your child's happiness, confidence and resilience.

Year 2 Phonics Inspire Session

On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome Year 2 parents and carers to our Phonics Inspire Session. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for families to see how phonics is taught in school and to gain a greater understanding of the strategies and approaches we use to support early reading. It was fantastic to see so many parents engaging enthusiastically in the activities and working alongside their children. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning and demonstrated great confidence, enthusiasm and perseverance throughout the session. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the morning such a success. We hope that the ideas and resources shared will support continued learning at home and further strengthen our partnership in helping every child become a successful reader.

Guinness World Record attempt

On Thursday, children at Colmers Farm were part of a Guinness World Record attempt aiming to have the most people reading together online over 12 hours. The 'Take 10 to Read' attempt was organised by the National Literacy Trust and our children took part in sessions for different age groups throughout the day, hearing from authors and guest speakers, followed 10 minutes of reading. The campaign aim was to celebrate reading for pleasure, promote wellbeing, and be part of a global reading community. The message was simple: whatever you're into, take 10 to read into it.

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.

Why might Artificial Intelligence (AI) sometimes get things wrong?

- A) It's a trick question - AI knows everything perfectly.
- B) AI can make mistakes or use incorrect information.
- C) AI only works at night.
- D) AI can only answer maths questions.

The correct answer is B – Not everything on the internet is correct and sometimes AI can make mistakes or use incorrect information on websites.



Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

What's new on the school website

- Diwali Celebrations Letter
- Year 3 Diwali Performance Letter
- Year 5 Temporary Teacher Change Letter
- Year 6 Temporary Teacher Change Letter
- RSPCA Stem Workshop Letter
- RSPCA – EYFS, Year 2 and Year 2 Letter
- RSPCA – Year 5 and 6 – DATE CHANGE Letter
- Thank You Card Design Competition Letter
- Parents Evening Letter
- World Mental Health Day – Well-being Tree Letter



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 12 th October 2026	RSPCA Visit	EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 13 th October 2026	OPAL Assembly	KS2
Wednesday 14 th October 2026	Lost Property Uniform Collection	After School in Playground
Wednesday 14 th October 2026	Residential Trip – parents meeting	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 14 th October 2026	Martineau Gardens Trip	2K
Thursday 15 th October 2026	Martineau Gardens Trip	2B
Thursday 15 th October 2026	Autumn Fair	3.30pm
Friday 16 th October 2026– Thursday 22 th October 2026	Travelling Book Fair	3.30pm - 4pm
Friday 16 th October 2026	Bring in money for Brazilian Workshop - £1 or £2	Year 3 and Year 5
Tuesday 20 th October 2026	EYFS Parents Evening	EYFS
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	Travelling Book Fair	3.30pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	Parents Evening	Years 1 - 6
Monday 26th October 2026 – Friday 30th October 2026	Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Monday 2nd November 2026	Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 3 rd November 2026	NSPCC – Virtual Panto Assembly	Years 1-6
Wednesday 4 th November 2026 – Friday 6 th November 2026	Residential	
Friday 6 th November 2026	Year 3 Diwali Performance	9.15am
Wednesday 11 th November 2026	Brazilian Drumming Workshop	Year 3 and Year 5
Wednesday 11 th November 2026	OPAL Stay and Play	3pm
Thursday 12 th November 2026	School Photos	Whole School
Monday 16 th November 2026	Antibullying Week	Odd Socks on Monday – Whole School

Monday 16 th November 2026	Flu Vaccinations	
Wednesday 18 th November 2026	Speak Out, Stay Safe	Y2, 5 and 6 Workshops
Thursday 19 th November 2026	Year One Phonics Workshop	2pm
Wednesday 25 th November 2026	RSPCA Visit	KS2
Thursday 26 th November 2026	Finance Workshop	Year 5
Thursday 26 th November 2026	WWII Trip – Bewdley Museum	6F
Friday 27 th November 2026	WWII Trip – Bewdley Museum	6K
Wednesday 2 nd December 2026	RockSteady Christmas Concert	RockSteady Club
Friday 4 th December 2026	Christmas Panto	1.30pm – Years 1, 2 and 3
Thursday 10 th December 2026	Christmas Fair	3.30pm
Friday 18th December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027	Christmas Holidays	School closed to all pupils
Monday 4th January 2027	Training Day	School closed to all pupils

Spelling Shed 

Competition

5B vs 6K

Winners - 6K

**Top 3 Pupil Scores
This Week**

1st	Godpower 6F 18,825,000
2nd	Shea 5E 16,968,883
3rd	Bin 3J 3,580,483



Competition

Winning class – 6F

Winning pupil – Bogdan 6F

Next Week's Battles:

Spelling Shed 	6F vs 4N
TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS 	5E vs 3J

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Myles	RL	Thomas	1L
Albie	2K	Hani	3M
Noah J	4N	Joshua	5B
Emmett	6F		
Lunchtime: Hunter 4N			



This week's Celebration Assembly recipients



RJ: Ashira
1W: Jilani
3J: Ada-Rose
4S: Elsie
6F: Isbah

RL: Kyro
2B: Dexter
3M: Ada
5B: Hazel
6K: Louise

1L: Regan
2K: Camarah
4N: Tori
5E: Liliana



This week's Posh Lunch recipients

RL: Joseph
RL: Luna

RJ: Phoebe
RJ: Finley
RJ: Dexter



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	366	384	404	342
This term's total	1785	1516	1739	1713





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:

Declan	3J	8
Kyro	RL	5
Henry	1L	6
Lily-Mae	3M	8



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 is your favourite and least favourite colour and why?

Year 1: What is an algorithm?

Year 2: What different types of transport can you name?

Year 3: How were pyramids built in Ancient Egypt?

Year 4: Why is it important to stay safe online?

Year 5: How does surface area affect air resistance?

Year 6: Why is it important to stay safe online?

**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 94.6% - 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	96.33%	89.00%
RL	96.90%	90.94%
1L	95.20%	89.20%
1W	98.75%	91.25%
2B	93.00%	98.00%
2K	98.67%	97.33%
3J	96.21%	96.21%
3M	94.00%	95.52%
4N	92.41%	89.26%
4S	91.67%	90.63%
5B	96.00%	94.33%
5E	89.33%	88.33%
6F	97.00%	97.00%
6K	83.33%	88.67%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2B – 98.00%

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



6F – 97.00%



THE COLMERS FARM SAGE AWARD

Helping our
KS2 children
discover, achieve
and grow!

The SAGE Award is for our Key Stage 2 pupils and rewards efforts, experiences and achievements both inside and outside school over their time in KS2.



S Serving the Community

Make a positive difference by helping others and contributing to school and community life.



A Aiming for Higher Things

Set yourself goals, try new experiences and raise your aspirations for the future.



G Getting Active

Take part in physical activities, try new sports and enjoy a healthier and more active lifestyle.



E Exploring the Arts

Be creative, try new artistic activities and develop your interests and talents in the arts.



FOUR LEVELS to achieve

BRONZE

8 tasks

SILVER

12 tasks

GOLD

16 tasks

PLATINUM

20 tasks

The SAGE
Award helps
children to:



Develop to their full potential



Broaden and enrich experiences and cultural capital



Develop interests and talents



Encourage activity and healthier lifestyles



Develop confidence, resilience, independence and strength of character



Raise and broaden aspirations



Celebrate achievements inside and outside school



Develop social skills and opportunities to take risks

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Encourage your child to try something new.



Get active, help others, aim high and explore the arts.



Keep photos, certificates or written evidence and send them into school.



If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

EVIDENCE

For each level, pupils need evidence from all four SAGE areas, with both inside and outside school activities. Evidence can include photographs, certificates or written evidence and is kept in their SAGE folder/book with a skills slip. The same evidence cannot be reused for a later level.

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

When a level is completed, pupils receive a special badge and certificate and their names are shared in the school newsletter.

Every experience counts. Every achievement matters.
Let's help our children become SAGE!

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.



Leisa is deaf. In four years no-one has ever communicated a "good morning" or a "thank you" to her as she serves food.

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.



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.





DEELANDS HALL

Deelands Road

Activities • Support • Wellbeing • Friends • For Everyone

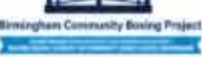
What's On for our community

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
 FREE Community Haircuts 1st Monday of every month Starting 5th October 4pm till 7pm Qualified & DBS checked	 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	 FREE Wellbeing Drop In Craft • Food • Conversation 12 noon - 3pm 
 FREE 8-Week Boxing & Employability Support Course Monday 28th September 11am till 1pm  Digikicks - Tea & T'Internet 1:20pm to 3:30pm FREE		
THURSDAY Starting mid-October	FRIDAY Starting 16th October	SATURDAY
 FREE Children's Boxing Ages 10-16 5pm - 6pm  Ladies' Boxing 6pm - 7pm Chargeable session Contact Keith on 07375 032325	 FREE Deelands Hall Community Living Room Wellbeing space 12 noon till 3pm Activities • Fitness • Food • Wellbeing 	 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	SPECIAL EVENT	
 Café Church Food & Prayer 4pm - 6pm 	 Charity Auction Friday 27th November	

All are welcome! ♥ Be part of something special









DEELANDS HALL

Deelands Road B45 9RT

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 bernien@tridentgroup.org.uk


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



CLARION FUTURES



Trident Group

Look Good ♥ Feel Great ♥ Together



WELLBEING DROP IN



Trident
Group

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



DEELANDS HALL COMMUNITY LOUNGE

Offering a wellbeing space

DEELANDS HALL
COMMUNITY LOUNGE
DEELANDS ROAD, B45 9RT

STARTING
FRIDAY
16TH
OCTOBER

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



YOGA

STARTING
6TH
OCTOBER



for Adults

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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STARTING
6TH
OCTOBER

YOGA



Children & Families

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 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](#).