



A nurturing school

Colmers Farm Primary School

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that your week has gone well.

## Attendance

**ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW!**

### GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



**Reception Pupils**  
Building the solid foundations that all future learning will be built 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. Missing 10% of the school year – That’s 19 missed days or just over 2 days a month – can have a severely negative effect on a child’s performance at school. **As a school we aim for 96% attendance or higher to give every pupil the best chance of success.**



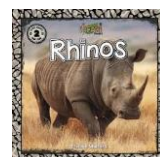
Our school’s attendance figure for this year so far is

**93.5%**

This means that on average approximately 24 pupils are missing out on their education everyday. This is too many pupils. Every child deserves the best chance to succeed. Let’s give them this by ensuring they attend school as often as possible.

### Author Visit: Tristan Walters

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome author Tristan Walters into our school. He spoke to the children about his wildlife books, sharing his passion for animals and nature. Pupils asked thoughtful questions and were fascinated by the animal artefacts he brought along to show them. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit, and Tristan was very impressed with their enthusiasm, curiosity and excellent behaviour.



## Year 5's Basement Project Visit

As part of their year group charity project our Year 5 pupils were delighted to welcome to our school visitors from The Basement Project Charity, a local organisation supporting people experiencing homelessness and hardship. The visit linked closely with our Rights Respecting School ethos and taught pupils about kindness, community and helping others. In preparation, children donated cereal boxes to create an impressive cereal box domino display, illustrating how small actions can make a big difference. During the visit, pupils listened to an engaging talk and watched powerful real-life stories showing the impact of the charity's work, encouraging empathy and understanding. Inspired by what they learned, the children designed creative new logos for the charity, reflecting its mission and values. The experience was both meaningful and inspiring, helping pupils understand how they can make a positive difference in the world.



## Uniform Reminder

Uniform plays an important role in fostering our sense of school community and in terms of promoting equality. As a school we expect all pupils to arrive in full school uniform each day, including wearing black shoes, or in their PE kits on PE days. We very much appreciate your support with this.



## Football Tournament

Ten enthusiastic Year 5 and 6 pupils proudly represented our school at the Kings Norton District Football Tournament, held at Five Ways Sports Club in Hopwood on Tuesday after school. Competing against a range of local schools, the team showed excellent sportsmanship, teamwork and determination throughout the event. All pupils demonstrated great commitment on and off the pitch, making our school proud as they took on the challenge of playing in a competitive local tournament. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their skills, build confidence and enjoy playing football in a supportive and exciting setting. Thank you to Miss Jennings and Miss McCarron for taking our pupils to this event.



## E-safety Quiz

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

What is a computer virus?

- (A) A game you download to have fun.
- (B) Something that makes your computer work faster.
- (C) A harmful program that can damage your computer.
- (D) A message you send to friends.

Correct Answer: C – Computer viruses can get onto your computer through a number of ways. They usually infect computers through opening links within emails from people pretending to be somebody else. Only open links from people you trust.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Mr Williams**  
**Headteacher**

## What's new on the school website

- Summer Picnic letter
- Year 6 Safeside at Eastside Letter
- Year 6 Attendance Letter
- Year 2 St Stephen's Church Trip Letter
- Basement Project Visit



**Winning pupil –  
Shea 4B**



**Winning class –  
6G**



**Winning class – 6G  
Winning pupil –  
Zayn 5E**

Top 3 Class Scores This Week	
1 <sup>st</sup>	6G 42269
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6F 23275
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4B 22040



Top 3 Pupils Scores This Week	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Arash 6G 19,338,670
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paige 6F 9,098,491
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Noah 6F 7,138,021

Next Week's Battles:	
	<b>5HN vs 4J</b>
	<b>6F vs 5E</b>

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>Bank Holiday Monday</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Mock SATs Week	Year 6
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	SATs week	Year 6
<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>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	St Stephens Church Trip	2L – 9.10am 2K – 1.05pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Farm Trip	Pathways children
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
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Sports Day	Whole School
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	School Transition Day	Whole School
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Stratford-upon-Avon Trip	5HN
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Stratford-upon-Avon Trip	5E
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 1 Showcase	Year 1
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Rock Steady Concert	Whole School
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Safeside Fire Safety Trip	Year 6
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Summer Picnic and Summer Fair	Whole School
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 6 Cinema and Bowling Trip	Cinema – 10am Bowling – 1.30pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Governor Awards	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Party Day	Year 1-5 and EYFS – 1pm-3pm Year 6 Disco – 4.30pm-6pm
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	<b>Summer Holidays</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>

# This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Rueya	RJ	Harrison	1W
Hayley	2K	Freya	3S
Shea	4B	Poppy	5HN
Drew	6F	Danae	4J – Lunchtime award



## This week's

### Celebration Assembly recipients



Irella	RL	Riley	RJ	Ali	1W
Freya	1RW	Logan	2K	Remi	2L
Arhaan	3M	Kade	3S	Logan	4J
Reggie-Jay	4B	Paityn	5E	Szymon	5HN
Ellis	6F	Ethan	6G		







## HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	234	248	287	272

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	537	604	704	648



<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;"><b>@Colmers_FarmPS</b></p> 
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### Happy Birthday Messages

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

Luna	1W	6
Klaus	RJ	5
Ruby	4J	9
Teddy	3S	8
Cleo	2L	7
Arash	6G	11
Amir	4B	9
Leighton	3S	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:**    **Where did the dinosaur take Marianne in our story?**
- Year 1:**        **Who is Neil Armstrong?**
- Year 2:**        **When is your birthday?**
- Year 3:**        **What has changed in Birmingham over the years?**
- Year 4:**        **What did you learn from our author (Tristan Walters) visit and what might that inspire you to do?**
- Year 5:**        **What are three features of a letter?**
- Year 6:**        **Should children always have the right to make their own decisions, even if adults think they might make the wrong choice?**

**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 **93.5%** - 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	93.0%	96.5%
RL	96.67%	92.63%
1RW	91.43%	89.29%
1W	99.67%	97.67%
2K	94.4%	95.6%
2L	95.0%	94.67%
3M	94.81%	94.07%
3S	94.64%	95.14%
4B	87.67%	88.33%
4J	90.65%	90.65%
5E	95.81%	96.77%
5HN	93.21%	95.36%
6F	97.86%	93.33%
6G	90.32%	91.29%

### CLASS AWARDS:

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



**1W – 97.67%**

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



**5E – 96.77%**



# Wellbeing Weekly



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

As the summer term progresses, it's common for both children and parents to feel tired and stretched, so it's important to be intentional about protecting your family's mental health and wellbeing. Small, consistent routines—like getting outside for fresh air, keeping regular sleep times and having moments to talk and reconnect—can make a real difference. Try to notice signs of stress in yourself and your child and respond with patience rather than pressure, especially as school demands increase. It's also okay to lower expectations where needed; not every day has to be perfectly balanced. Prioritising simple things like shared meals, downtime and open conversations can help everyone feel more supported, calm and ready to finish the term positively.

## Conversation starter for families

### Parent-child discussion

How can we make time as a family to look after our wellbeing this week?

What helps you feel calm and happy after a busy day at school?

When you spend time outside, how does it change the way you feel?

Who can you talk to when you have big feelings or worries?

What is one thing we can do together this week to support each other's wellbeing?



### Wellbeing Tip of the Week

**Make time for a daily "check-in" moment together.**

Spend just 5–10 minutes each day talking and listening—this could be during a walk, at dinner or before bed. Ask simple questions like *"What made you smile today?"* or *"Is there anything on your mind?"*

**Why it helps:** Regular check-ins help children feel heard, supported, and more confident sharing their feelings. It also strengthens family connection and builds positive routines around mental wellbeing.

### Wellbeing activity for outside of school

#### Family Relax & Reset Time

Set aside 10–15 minutes each day to relax together. This could be:

- Sitting outside and listening to sounds
- Doing simple breathing (slow breaths in and out)
- Quiet drawing or reading in the garden

**Why it helps:** Builds a routine for managing stress and gives children space to unwind after school.



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OUT  
SIDERS**



# 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



A marathon is 26 miles. In the middle you can see Ajay Haridasse who got to the finish line but then stumbled and fell. He tried to get up but he couldn't. **Why do you think he couldn't get up?**

Aaron Beggs from Northern Ireland appeared at Ajay's side and pulled him to his feet. Ajay stumbled again and Robson De Oliveira from Brazil appeared on his other side. Robson and Aaron helped him walk to the finish line. **Do you think Robson and Aaron knew Ajay? What do you think they said to Ajay when they**

## Years 3-6



St George is the patron saint of England. St George's day is on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. You might have seen celebrations last week to mark St George's day.

**What is a patron saint, why do we have one?**

**What sort of symbols are used today to celebrate St George?**

**Why do you think St George is the patron saint of England? How is St George representative of England today?**

In England today there are lots of different people from different nations living and working together. You can be born in a different country and feel welcome in England. In 2021 there was a census that showed how many people live in England and Wales today and how many were born in different countries.



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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 18



You have the right to be raised by your parent(s) if possible.



**What do you think it means for a child to be cared for by their parents?**

**Why do you think parents or carers are important in helping children grow and learn?**

**Can you think of ways your family helps you feel safe, loved and supported?**

**What can families do together to make sure everyone feels happy and included?**

**If a child can't live with their parents, what other people might help care for them and why is that important?**



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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

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=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](mailto: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**



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