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Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th July 2026



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that your week has gone well. Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of this academic year.

Attendance

As we head into the final week of the school year, let's make one last push for excellent attendance! Every day in school counts, with pupils continuing to enjoy exciting learning opportunities, end-of-year celebrations and time with their classmates before the summer break. Finishing the year with strong attendance helps children end on a positive note and ensures they don't miss out on these important experiences. Thank you to all our families for your continued support throughout the year—we look forward to seeing every child in school every day next week!



Netball Team

On Tuesday, our school's Year 5 and 6 netball team was in action against our local MAT 'rivals' Turves Green Primary School. Our team showed great resilience, coming from 4-0 down to win 4-6. Lorelei (6G) was player of the match. The children on both teams were delightful. Well done girls!



Well done Mikey

On Saturday Mikey competed in his first ever kick boxing competition. He did brilliantly, finishing second in his group winning silver. We are very proud of Mikey and what he has achieved. This is always one of my favourite parts of the newsletter, celebrating our pupils' achievements. If your child has done anything that you would like us to celebrate, please send it into enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org. Please also remember that these achievements make great evidence for our KS2 SAGE award



Year 1 Showcase

On Tuesday, our Year 1 children proudly took to the stage for their fantastic history showcase. They performed confidently in front of an audience, demonstrating excellent oracy skills by projecting their voices clearly and speaking with confidence and expression. The children shared their learning about four significant explorers they have studied this year: Amelia Earhart, Ibn Battuta, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. They impressed everyone with their knowledge, enthusiasm and clear presentations, bringing each explorer's story to life. We are incredibly proud of all the children.

Year 6 – Safeside Visit

Our Year 6 pupils recently visited Safeside, where they took part in a range of realistic, hands-on scenarios designed to help them stay safe as they become more independent. Throughout the day, the children learned how to respond to situations involving fire safety, road and rail safety, water safety, personal safety and emergency situations. They asked thoughtful questions and engaged fully in every activity. The visit provided invaluable life skills and has helped our pupils to think carefully about their safety.



Aldi Voucher

Each month we do a special draw to award two £20 Aldi voucher to recognise pupils who have either above 97% for the year so far or for who have improved their attendance over the last month. For June we had an impressive 243 pupils in the draw. Congratulations to our two lucky winners for June who are: Dhrisha (5E) and River (RJ).



Year 5 – Stratford Upon Avon Visit

This week, Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic educational visit to Stratford-upon-Avon. Their first stop was the Stratford Butterfly Farm, where pupils took part in a guided tour and learnt about a variety of butterfly species, their life cycles and their natural habitats. The children were fascinated by the colourful butterflies flying freely around the tropical enclosure. They also visited the Minibeast Metropolis, where they discovered more about a range of insects and invertebrates, including the remarkable leafcutter ants. A particular highlight for many pupils was the opportunity to hold a stick insect and learn more about it. After an enjoyable lunch beside the River Avon, we took a stroll into the town centre to visit *The Play's The Thing* exhibition. The exhibition offered pupils a unique insight into the history of theatre-making in Stratford-upon-Avon, allowing them to explore historic costumes, props and artefacts linked to Shakespearean productions.

End of Year School Reports

On Monday, you will be emailed your child's end of year school report. It's been a delight reading these reports and finding out more about each child's achievements and progress during the year. We hope that you enjoy reading these and celebrating your child's successes.

Rock Steady Performance

Well done to all our pupils who took part in the Rocky Steady performance to parents and other pupils. These pupils have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in these lessons and the performance gave them the ideal opportunity to showcase their new skills. Every child played beautifully on stage and the audience supported the bands tremendously. Well done everybody and thank you to those parents/carers who were able to attend.



E-safety Question

e-safety is a vital skill for all children to develop. This is why we ask you to ask and discuss with your children one e-safety question each week. See this week's question below.

Why should you use different passwords for different accounts?

- A) It makes your accounts harder to hack
- B) It makes your phone run faster
- C) It helps you to give passwords to your friends so they can only access one account.
- D) It means you never need to update them

Correct answer = A – Sometimes passwords are hacked or leaked. If this happens, having different passwords will prevent these people from accessing your accounts on other websites.



I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 13 th July	Science Day	Whole School – dress as scientists
Monday 13 th July	Water Safety Assembly	KS2
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Governor Awards	Whole School
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	9.15am
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Party Day	Year 1-5 and EYFS – 1pm-3pm Year 6 Disco – 4.30pm-6pm
Friday 17 th July	EYFS Graduation	9.15am
Monday 20th July 2026	Summer Holidays	School closed to all pupils
Thursday 3rd September 2026	Back To School	Whole school

What's new on the school website

- Key Stage 2 (KS2) Test Results Delayed Letter
- Year 6 – Walking Home Unaccompanied Letter



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Diyara	RJ	Daisy	1W
Finley	2K	Ava S	3S
Tayibah	4B	Gracie-Mae	5HN
Sean	6F	Irella	RL – Lunchtime award
		Elizabeth	3M – Attendance award



This week's

Celebration Assembly recipients



Mason and Harper-Mae	RJ	Haislee and Mylah	RL
Theo	1W	Yad	1RW
Marcello and Rian	2K	Cleo	2L
Ivy	3M	Icy	3S
Lilliemae	4B	Ruby and Layton	4J
Aisha	5E	Ruby	5HN
Ava-Rae	6F	Hope and Sophie-Mae	6G



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	128	131	136	106

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	2120	2249	2406	2292



S Stay Safe Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know. 	M Don't Meet Up Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.	A Accepting Files Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems. 	R Reliable? Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth? 	T Tell Someone Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable. Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!	Please follow us on Twitter! Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday! @Colmers_FarmPS 
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Happy Birthday Messages

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

Damari

RL

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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 would you get down from the moon if your spaceship ran out of petrol?**

Year 1: **What is one thing you would like your Year 2 teacher to know about you?**

Year 2: **What are the four safe water rules?**

Year 3: **What were the features of a hillfort?**

Year 4: **What water safety tips do we need to remember over the summer?**

Year 5: **How do Hindus steer away from temptation and why do they do this?**

Year 6: **What safety tip can you remember from the trip to Safeside?**

**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 **92.8%** - 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	84.23%	92.31%
RL	87.62%	93.81%
1RW	85.56%	91.85%
1W	91.72%	93.79%
2K	89.60%	91.60%
2L	86.33%	92.00%
3M	92.31%	92.31%
3S	82.86%	87.86%
4B	85.52%	92.86%
4J	87.74%	96.13%
5E	88.33%	92.00%
5HN	91.79%	95.00%
6F	85.19%	92.96%
6G	89.03%	94.84%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



RL – 93.81%

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



4J – 96.13%



HAIRCUT MONDAYS

**FREE HAIR CUTS FOR ALL AGED 5-18 YEARS OLD
PROVIDED BY A PROFESSIONAL HAIRDRESSER**



**15TH JUNE 2026
22ND JUNE 2026
29TH JUNE 2026
27TH JULY 2026
3RD AUGUST 2026
17TH AUGUST 2026**

4PM-8PM

**PLEASE EMAIL BERNIE ON BERNIEM@TRIDENTGROUP.ORG.UK
OR PRIVATE MESSAGE ANITA ASHTON ON DEELANDS HALL
COMMUNITY GROUP ON FACEBOOK TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT
OR POP IN AND SEE A MEMBER OF THE TEAM**



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Water Safety Awareness Message from West Midlands Fire Service

During the hot spell over the late May Bank Holiday weekend and half-term holiday, there were a number of tragic incidents around the country, many involving young people. The forecast over the coming weeks is for temperatures to rise again.

To keep yourself and your loved ones safe around water please be aware of the following:

- Of all drownings in 2025, 57% took place in inland water – canals, rivers, lakes, ponds – the type of bodies of water we have lots of in the West Midlands.
- Even if the weather is warm the water may be cold, causing your body to go into cold water shock.
- If you fall into water Float to Live – put your head back, float on your back and keep yourself stable by using small movements of your hands.
- Once you are stable you may call for help or swim to the bank if it is feasible.
- Do not go into the water to save people or pets. Call 999 and ask for the Fire Service.

For more information about staying safe around water please visit the West Midlands Fire Service water safety page (<https://www.wmfs.net/safety/water-safety/>) or the RNLI Education Resources page (<https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources>).



Water safety matters



This week, we have been focusing on the important topic of water safety following recent events reported across the country during the half-term break.

As part of this learning, KS1 children watched a water safety video with their teachers and took part in class discussions about how to stay safe around water. KS2 pupils took part in a classroom assembly focused on recent news stories and the dangers of swimming in lakes, reservoirs, canals and other open water areas.

Our aim is to ensure that all children understand the potential dangers associated with water and know how to keep themselves safe, particularly as the warmer weather approaches and more families spend time outdoors.



Conversation starter for families. Parent– child discussion.

What are some safe and unsafe places to swim or play near water?

Why can lakes, reservoirs, canals and rivers be more dangerous than they look?

What should you do if you see someone in trouble in the water?

How can we make sure we stay safe when visiting the beach, swimming pool, or open water areas as a family?



Why is it important to listen to warning signs, lifeguards and adults around water?



Website to explore at home.

<https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources>

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/support-us/our-campaigns/safety-on-our-waterways/water-safety-for-kids>

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/resources-for-babies-and-pre-schools-children>

Water Safety Top Tips

Always swim with an adult nearby.

- Never swim in lakes, reservoirs, canals, or rivers.
- Read and follow warning signs around water.
- If you fall into water unexpectedly, remember:
Float to Live.
- In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard if near the sea.

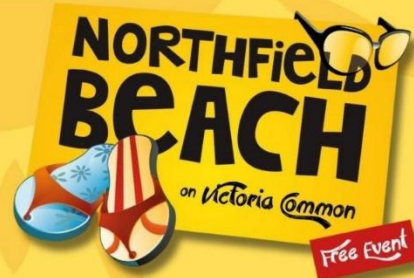
Remember: Water may look calm and safe, but hidden dangers such as cold temperatures, strong currents and deep water can be very dangerous.



Share #FloatToLive



Victoria Common, Northfield
Wednesday 22nd July 2026
10:00am – 4:00pm



A DAY OF FREE ACTIVITIES

for children and adults with additional needs and their families

Accessible / Disabled parking • Changing Places Toilet • SEND friendly
cooking, art, sports, crafts, circus, play • Level access site • Quiet /
Sensory dome • Disabled-led performances • Carers advice & support
• Northfield Disability Forum



**A day of free activities
at Victoria Common in
Northfield**

When: Wednesday 22nd July
10am to 4pm



A day of fun for children and adults with
extra needs and their families. Here are
some things you can join in with:



Arts and Crafts



Cooking



Sports



Circus



Shows by disabled performers



There is also a changing places toilet and
disabled parking.



We have free fruit and water.
And food stalls you can buy food from.





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=Z86aaeTSzUuzA9K74rm78UtsZJS1sGdFip4igifYn11UMFZROlpEUUJKNUJDTVBVRkE5NM3OUFXSC4u>) to submit online.



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For more information please contact: Christine Legore on 07770 762056 or via email at christine.legore@birmingham.gov.uk or
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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](#).