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school

Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carers

What a great first full week we have had! It has been lovely to see our children back in school, happy, settled and ready to learn. Thank you to our families for their support in helping the children make such a positive start to the year.

Attendance

Excellent attendance and punctuality are vital to children's success in school, and we are delighted that we have made a positive start to our attendance this term. Our attendance is currently 95.5%! To help promote good attendance, we are going to run two new incentives, one for daily attendance and one for weekly attendance. For daily attendance, if a class gets 100% attendance, on any day, they will automatically get 5 minutes extra play or dinnertime. For weekly attendance, we are going to create a fund for children to spend as they wish during the year. This could be used, for example, to subsidise a class trip or to pay for a visit to the cinema or for a class party. Every class who gets 96% or higher attendance in a week will get £5 added to their fund. Any class who gets 100% attendance will get £20 added to their fund. We will regularly let you know how the classes are getting on. Congratulations to the following classes, who have already got their funds started this week with £5 each: RL, 1W, 2B, 2K, 3J and 3M.



Year 5 and 6 Football Team

The footballing calendar is full of passionate rivalries such as Everton vs Liverpool, Manchester City vs Manchester United and Tottenham vs Arsenal. None of these games can compare though with the very friendly rivalry of Colmers Farm vs, our closest other MAT school, Turves Green. This was the fixture that some of our Year 5 and 6 boys were lucky enough to compete in on Tuesday after school. Our boys showed excellent skills, sportsmanship and teamwork throughout and this was rewarded with an amazing 11-2 victory. Well done to everybody who took part!



Year 5 and 6 Basketball

Our Year 5 and 6 mixed gender basketball teams were in action on Thursday after-school at the Kings Norton District Competition. They did really well, with one of the teams finishing second in their league of 6 teams. Well done to everybody who took part.

Rocksteady

Exciting news! We will be partnering with Rocksteady Music School again this year to deliver fun and inclusive rock and pop band lessons right here at Colmers Farm! These weekly music lessons will take place in school and are led by professional musicians who make learning music fun. It's the perfect way for children to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time – all at school! Rocksteady lessons are also shown to amplify confidence, wellbeing and social skills. If you are interested in finding out more about these sessions, please scan this QR code.



Caught in the Act Award

We are delighted to introduce a new special award called 'Caught in the Act', which will launch on Monday. This award will be presented by visitors to our school when they spot children demonstrating outstanding behaviour, excellent manners or positive choices around the school. It provides an additional way to recognise and celebrate the many pupils who consistently do the right thing every day. We are excited for our visitors to help highlight these wonderful



role models and reinforce the high standards we are so proud of across our school community. This complements our numerous other rewards for children who make good choices at our school, examples of which include: house points, hot chocolate nominations, head and deputy headteacher stickers, governors awards, celebration certificates and post cards home.

Our KS2 SAGE Award

We are thrilled to be continuing our KS2 SAGE Award this year! We love hearing about the amazing things our children achieve outside of school and recognising the talents, skills and qualities that make them shine. Whether it is mastering a new hobby, taking part in a sports club, helping at home, supporting the community or showing kindness to others, every achievement deserves to be celebrated. Parents and carers, please share photographs, certificates or a short description of your child's achievements with us via enquiry@colmersfarm.exelsiormat.org or your child's class name (e.g. 4N@colmersfarm.exelsiormat.org). We cannot wait to see what our children have been getting up to and to celebrate their successes with the whole school community! For more information about the SAGE award, please visit the SAGE section of our school website.

Uniform

It has been wonderful to see so many children looking smart and taking pride in their school uniform as we begin the new term. A smart appearance helps to create a positive learning environment and reflects our high expectations. Please can we remind all families that children should wear appropriate school shoes as part of their uniform. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain these high standards.



Geography and History Topic Homework

It's been wonderful to see the geography and history homework coming into school this week. Thank you for working with your children on these and for helping to inspire children's interest about their new topics. Below are just a few examples that have been brought in (Ruby 5B (Desert Biome), Hunter 2B (Titanic Model and Facts) and Alex 2K (Air Balloon)). We look forward to seeing many more over the coming weeks, which we will display either in classrooms or outside of my office.



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.

Which of these is safe to share online?

- A) Your home address
- B) Your school password
- C) Your favourite animal
- D) Your phone number

Correct answer: C. Take care to never share any personal information online, which could be used to identify you.



Thank you for your continued support. I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 14 th September	Farm Animal Day	Year 1
Monday 21 st September	CO2 Assembly	Years 1-6 9:15am
Monday 21 st September	CO2 Workshop	2K – 9:30am-12noon 5B: 1pm-3pm
Monday 21 st September	Flu vaccinations	Reception – Year 6 9am-12:30pm
Tuesday 22 nd September	CO2 Workshop	2B – 9:30am-12noon 5E: 1pm-3pm
Wednesday 23 rd September	Mini First Aid Workshop	Year 3 and Year 5
Wednesday 23 rd September	Bell Boating Trip	4N
Thursday 24 th September	Bell Boating Trip	4S
Friday 25 th September	Knife Crime Workshop	Year 6
Friday 25 th September	Reading Inspire Workshop	Year 3 2:15pm
Tuesday 29 th September	Birmingham Cathedral Trip	6F 10am-12noon
Thursday 1 st October	Birmingham Cathedral Trip	6K 10am-12noon
Wednesday 7 th October	Phonics Inspire Workshop	Year 2 2:15pm
Thursday 8 th October	Finance Workshop	Year 5
Wednesday 14 th October	Martineau Gardens Trip	2K
Thursday 15 th October	Martineau Gardens Trip	2B
Thursday 15 th October	Autumn Fair	3:30pm
Tuesday 20 th October	EYFS Parents Evening	
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents Evening	
Monday 26th October 2026 – Friday 30th October 2026	Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Monday 2nd November	Training Day	School closed to all pupils

What's new on the school website

- Year 6: WWII Museum Trip Letter
- Year 4: Bell Boating Trip Letter
- Year 6: Birmingham Cathedral Trip Letter
- Year 3: Reading Inspire Workshop Letter
- Years 1 and 2: NumBots Letter
- Years 1 and 2: EdShed Letter
- Year 6: Applying For Secondary School Place Letter
- Year 1: Farm Animal Day Letter



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Renesme	1W	Ashley	2K
Roman Lee	3J	Eliana	4N
Luckie	5E	Myah	6K
Derry	2B – Lunchtime award		
Eva-Rose	2B – Attendance award		



This week's

Celebration Assembly recipients



Paisley	1L	Eylize	1W
Farmaajo	2B	Elijah	2K
Jacob	3M	Harrison	3J
Sawyer	4N	Kye	4S
Isla-Rose	5B	Rosie	5E
Paityn	6F	Bryn	6K



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
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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:

Logan	3J	8
Ethan	1L	6
Fadel	5B	10
Elijah	4S	9
Safaa	5E	10
Teddie	3M	8
Delilah	1W	6
Margot Rose	3J	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:** Can you remember any of the special pictures we have learnt this week?
- Year 1:** What has been your favourite part of this week?
- Year 2:** What was transport like in the past?
- Year 3:** What do you know about Ancient Egypt so far?
- Year 4:** What are the features of a diary entry?
- Year 5:** What are the different biomes found around the world?
- Year 6:** What do you know to look for when answering retrieval questions in reading?

**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 **95.5%** - 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		95.55%
RL		98.22%
1L		93.27%
1W		98.55%
2B		96.94%
2K		99.44%
3J		98.28%
3M		97.13%
4N		91.67%
4S		92.86%
5B		94.17%
5E		93.16%
6F		95.83%
6K		95.24%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2K – 99.44%

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



3J – 98.28%

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.



Naomi had not been on a beach since she was a child.

Why had Naomi not been on the beach?

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 28

You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.





Coffee Morning



Wednesday 16th September

10:00-11:30am

@ Colmers Farm Primary School

B45 9PD

Welcoming space for Parent/Carers to enjoy a cuppa & chat, access advice & support whilst enjoying some craft & wellbeing activities

with

resources for
autism

www.resourcesforautism.org.uk



Pathfinder
Birmingham

www.birminghampathfinder.org.uk

Please book via email to

June - j.taylor@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org or

Sarah - s.smith@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

Colmers Farm

Arts and Culture Newsletter



Discover Art, culture and creativity across Birmingham.

Each week we will share exciting exhibitions, workshops, family events, and creative opportunities happening across Birmingham. These activities are a fantastic way for young people and families to explore local culture, develop creativity, and support the city's vibrant arts community.

Heritage Open Days returns 11-20 September 2026



Welcome to England's largest festival of history and culture!

Every September thousands of volunteers across England organise events to celebrate our fantastic history and culture. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – all of which are FREE to explore. There are lots of venues to explore for free! Please see the link below for activities and events in Birmingham.

www.heritageopendays.org.uk

[Search events](#)

Featured Exhibition

Ozzy Osbourne – Working class hero
Venue: Birmingham Museum and Art gallery
Dates: Until 27th September 2026 (Tuesday-Sunday 10am-5pm)



What to Expect:

This exhibition celebrates the solo achievements and global awards of rock icon Ozzy Osbourne and the album art of the original Black Sabbath line-up to coincide with their historic homecoming concert at Villa Park on Saturday 5 July 2025..

Suitable For: All ages

Cost: Free

Further Information: [Ozzy Osbourne \(1948-2025\): Working Class Hero | Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery | Birmingham Museums](#)

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](#).