



A nurturing school

Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a good week.

School Attendance

Our school attendance this week has been mixed, with three days under our average for the year. As we move through the term, we want to ensure every child has the very best opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive. Good attendance plays a vital role in children making strong progress, building confidence, and feeling fully part of school life. Let's see if we can get every day's attendance above our average for the year next week.

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Year Av.
93.1 %	96.6 %	93.6%	93.4%	90.7%	93.5%

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

- 1st – 1W – 95.48%
- 2nd – 4J – 95.38%
- 3rd – 1RW – 95.31%

Story in the Jar Winners

Congratulations to our three Story in the Jar competition winners from last week. They were:

- Nevaen (5E) – Matilda
- Ava Grace (4J) – The Three Little Pigs
- Rory (RL) – The Amazing Adventures of Spiderman



OPAL

We are thrilled to share that Colmers Farm has been awarded the OPAL Platinum Award with a score of 99%! This recognises our commitment to creating outstanding play opportunities for every child. Our OPAL accreditation day was a wonderful celebration of all the hard work that has gone into developing playful, enriching and joyful experiences across our school. A heartfelt thank you goes to Mrs Greep, whose leadership and passion have driven OPAL forward so brilliantly, and to Miss Hughes for her incredible dedication and support throughout the journey. We also want to express our gratitude to our fantastic OPAL Play Team, whose enthusiasm and daily commitment make OPAL such a special and vibrant part of school life at Colmers Farm.



Girls' Football Team

Our Year 5/6 girls' football team represented Colmers Farm brilliantly last week at the Excelsior MAT Girls' Football Tournament. The team showed fantastic skill, determination and teamwork throughout the competition, securing an impressive third place overall. After a tense semi-final, they were unfortunately knocked out on dreaded penalties, but they showed incredible resilience and sportsmanship. We are extremely proud of every one of our players — well done, girls!

Our Year 5/6 girls' football team were also in action this week playing five matches. They won 2, drew 2 and lost 1. A great performance girls.



Head Pupil Election

Last week we held our school-wide election to find out who our new head pupils would be. Our six Year 6 candidates (Dior, Ella-Mae, Isabelle, Khaleesi, Kyla-May and Paige) all did a very professional job with their campaigning. After the votes were counted, we are delighted to announce who our two new head pupils are. They are... Isabelle and Paige. Well done girls and thank you to all of our candidates for taking part!

Rock Steady

Our first Rock Steady lessons happened this week and the pupils I've spoken to about this really enjoyed them. It's still not too late to sign up to these. Please use the QR code to find out more information about this.



Scan QR code to find out more!



School Dinners

We are having significant numbers of pupils requesting sandwiches at lunchtime instead of a hot meal. Whilst our pupils are free to choose sandwiches if they wish, we would like for them to be more balanced here and to sometimes have hot lunches also. Our school menu is located on [our website here](#). Please can you look at this with your children and encourage them to try items from the hot menu option where possible.



E-Safety Mascot Competition

Congratulations to the six winners of our design an e-safety mascot competition. They were:

	KS1	KS2
1 st	Renesme (RL)	Neveah (5E)
2 nd	Yad (1H)	Valentina (6G)
3 rd	Cleo (2L)	Autumn (4J)

We hope that you enjoy your early Easter egg prizes.

E-safety Quiz

Does your child know how to stay safe online? Ask them the following question to find out.

When a game asks you to buy tokens to unlock new content, what is the safest thing to do?

- A. Buy the tokens straight away so you don't miss out.
- B. Use a parent's bank card without asking, as long as you pay them back.
- C. Check with a trusted adult before purchasing anything, because it may cost real money.
- D. Keep clicking the purchase button until it works.

Correct answer - C. Many games now provide options to pay real money to unlock additional content or levels. Before purchasing anything, please always check that you are fine to do this with your parents/carer.



I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Tuesday 17 th March 2026	Height and Weight Checks	Year 6 and EYFS 9.30am – 11.30am
Wednesday 18 th March 2026	Year 5 Open Morning	8.35am – 11.10am
Friday 20 th March 2026	Red Nose Day	Whole School – wear red
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Bag2School clothing collection	Whole School
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Parent Coffee Afternoon	2pm
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Easter Bonnett Parade	EYFS and KS1
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Easter Diorama competition	KS2
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Easter Bake Sale	Whole School – 3.15pm
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	EYFS Farm Trip	RJ
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	EYFS Farm Trip	RL
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Year 3 Open Morning	8.55am – 10am
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Easter Raffle Draw	Whole School
Friday 27 th March 2026	House Point Winners Own Clothes Day	
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
Tuesday 28 th April 2026	The Basement Project	Year 5 workshop and cereal domino
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

Monday 1 st June 2026	St Stephens Church Trip	2L – 9.10am 2K – 1.05pm
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
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Summer Picnic and Summer Fair	
Friday 10 th July 2026	Year 6 Cinema and Bowling Trip	Cinema – 10am Bowling – 1.30pm
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Party Day	Year 1-5 and EYFS – 1pm-3pm Year 6 Disco – 4.30pm-6pm
Monday 20th July 2026	Summer Holidays	School closed to all pupils

What's new on the school website

- Parent Coffee Afternoon Letter
- Bags2School Letter
- Tax Free Childcare Letter
- Year 6 Bowling and Cinema Letter
- Year 4: Gurdwara Visit Letter



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Thomas	RJ	Ethan	1W
Natasha	2K	Bella	3M
Safaa	4B	Evelyn	5HN
Paige	6F	Camille	3S – Lunchtime award



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Isabelle-Katie	RL	Zane	RJ	Isla	1W
Paul	1RW	Marcello	2K	Ada-Rose	2L
Charlie	3M	Jace	3S	Fadel	4J
Rosie	4B	Owen	5E	Myah	5HN
Emily	6F	Zoe	6G		



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	329	363	319	363

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	1789	1961	1796	1871



<h1 style="color: #FF00FF;">S</h1> <h2>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>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>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>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>Tell Someone</h2> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <p style="color: #008000; font-weight: bold;">Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p>	<h2 style="color: #000000;">Please follow us on Twitter!</h2> <p style="color: #000000;">Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!</p> <p style="color: #000000; font-weight: bold;">@Colmers_FarmPS</p> 
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Happy Birthday Messages

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

Arhaan	3M	8
Desmond	4J	9
Elijah	1RW	6
Rihanna	5E	10
Elsie	2K	7
Finley	3S	8
Kyla-May	6G	11
Lucas	6G	11
Emmett	5E	10
Lily	5E	10



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 thieves have to go to find the prize cow?**
- Year 1:** **What did you see on our local walk?**
- Year 2:** **What are the features of the seaside?**
- Year 3:** **What do you know about Birmingham?**
- Year 4:** **Who invaded Britain after the Romans left? What happened during this time?**
- Year 5:** **What are the visible impacts of climate change?**
- Year 6:** **Which core subject do you feel that you need to focus on more in preparation for SATs?**
What strategies could you use to support this?

**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 **93.47%** - 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	% present
	Last week	This week
RJ	98.75%	97.22%
RL	97.69%	90%
1RW	96.79%	95.71%
1W	99.33%	95.33%
2K	99.62%	88.46%
2L	96.33%	94%
3M	94.81%	93.33%
3S	97.86%	93.93%
4B	92.33%	88%
4J	97.42%	95.48%
5E	94.84%	96.45%
5HN	96.43%	95.17%
6F	95.17%	95.52%
6G	93.67%	91.33%

CLASS AWARDS:

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

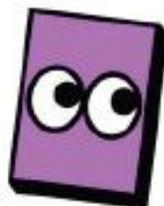


RJ – 97.22%

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



5E – 96.45%



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The World Book Day £1 books are a gift from booksellers, who fully fund the cost of the €1.50/£1 book token redemptions. Check with your local bookseller what plans they have in place for World Book Day. Find your nearest participating bookseller at worldbookday.com/participating-retailers. Please note:

- This token is for single-use only and entitles children (under 18) to ONE FREE WORLD BOOK DAY 2026 BOOK or £1 off a book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more in participating booksellers only, subject to stock availability.
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- Offer valid **12 February – 15 March 2026** inclusive.
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To contact the World Book Day team, please email: wbd@education.co.uk

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Winning pupil –
Shea 4B – 20337
points



Winning class –
3S
2,514,977



Winning class – 3M
Winning pupil – Esshac
3M

Top 3 Class Scores This Week	
1 st	6G 45663
2 nd	6F 28553
3 rd	4B 23793

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 st	Shea 4B
2 nd	Isaiah 6G
3 rd	Louie 6G

Next Week's Battles:	
Spelling Shed 	4J vs 5E
	3S vs 6F





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=Z86aaeTSzUuzA9K74m78UtsZJS1sGdFip4igifYn11UMFZRQjpEUUJKNUJDTVBVRkE5NM3OUFXSC4u>) to submit online.



TO BOOK – Please complete the booking form and return to: BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk
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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](#).