Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A nurturing school

Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Parent/Carers

I hope that you have had a good week.

Attendance – Every Day Matters – Every Day Counts!

Every day your child walks through our school gates is another opportunity to discover something new, achieve something special and create memories with friends. Childhood is full of moments that cannot be repeated, and we don't want children to miss out! Good attendance is about more than just being in the classroom. It is about building confidence, developing friendships, growing independence and developing the habits that will help children succeed throughout life. At Colmers Farm, we want every child to flourish, and that starts with being here. We know that life sometimes presents challenges but, by working together, we can overcome barriers and give our children the best possible start. **96% is our ambition, 100% is our aim, and every single day makes a difference!**

We Love Reading at Colmers Farm!

We all love reading at Colmers Farm and as a parent myself, one of the things I look forward to each day is hearing my child read at home. Life today moves at a fast pace and finding time can be difficult to do this. Finding just 10 minutes each day to listen to your child read makes a huge difference to improving their fluency, comprehension and word acquisition.



Scholastic Book Club

We are pleased to announce that we have launched a new Scholastic Book Club which enables parents to purchase books for their children online for Christmas. Books make wonderful presents that can inspire a livelong love of reading. Browse through hundreds of fantastic books and order online: clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-KLB3JKQL

Any purchase made through the Scholastic Book Club will help to add money into our Scholastic Rewards pot so we can continue to grow our own school library with new books and resources. Please order before Friday 4th December 2026 to ensure your books arrive in plenty of time for Christmas. Thank you to all our pupils and parents who visited the Book Fair in school recently. It was a great success once more, seeing families spend £547! This also earned our school over £200 in rewards which will go towards purchasing new books for our library.

Summer Holidays

As we approach Christmas, many of you will already be starting to think about our summer holidays! I'm sure the travel adverts will soon be tempting us from Boxing Day onwards! I would like to take this opportunity to remind families that our final day of the school year is **Tuesday 20th July.** We kindly ask that you take this date into consideration when making your holiday plans and, wherever possible, book holidays to take place after the end of term. Thank you, as always, for your support in ensuring that children do not miss valuable time in school.

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11th November, we joined schools and communities across the country in observing a two-minute silence to mark Remembrance Day. This was an important opportunity for us to pause, reflect and remember all those who have served and sacrificed their lives in conflicts, both past and present, to help protect our freedoms.



Rock Steady Performance

On Tuesday, Rock Steady were in school to relaunch their music programme at our school. Our pupils loved their performance. Over the last year, I've been privileged to watch how the pupils taking part in this programme have grown in terms of their confidence as singers, musicians and as individuals. We are eager for as many of our pupils as possible to take part in this exciting opportunity. Please use this QR code to find out more or to sign up or visit www.rocksteadymusicschool.com.



Brazilian Drumming Workshops

Keeping the music theme going, on Wednesday Years 3 and 5 had a special Brazilian drumming workshop in school. This links with the upcoming Year 3 geography topic of Brazil. They had a great time learning how to play each of the 6 types of instruments brought in… and as my office is near to the hall I managed to hear every beat. Our pupils were fabulous and the instructors were complementary about the pupils they worked with.



OPAL Stay and Play – report from Mrs Platt (Interim OPAL Lead)

Thank you to all the parents, carers and pupils who stayed for our OPAL Stay and Play event on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see the pupils and adults playing with our vast range of equipment and enjoying being creative, imaginative and active. I was so glad that the weather stayed dry! Thank you to parents/carers who completed an evaluation form and provided valuable feedback. We will be hosting our next OPAL Stay and Play event in the spring; we are looking forward to it!











Children in Need Day

Friday was Children in Need Day and there were spots galore all around Colmers Farm. In the afternoon children thought about their targets and what they could get better with. Please ask them about this. Thank you to all our families for their support with raising money for this special charity.

World Children's Day

We are pleased to be celebrating World Children's Day in school on Friday 20th November when we are inviting children to wear blue for the day. World Children's Day encourages children to have their voices heard, learn about their rights, and recognise the importance of respect, equality, and inclusion for all. At school, we will be exploring children's rights through a range of age-appropriate activities and helping pupils understand how they can make a positive difference.

At home to mark World Children's Day, you could:

- Wear It Blue Family Photo – dress the family in blue, take a photo, and write one sentence about why children's rights matter.
- Blue Bake for Rights – Bake blue-themed cakes or biscuits with family, attach a label explaining a chosen right Articles: 24, 31.

- Right of the Day Challenge - Children take a photo showing them enjoying a right, such as learning, playing, relaxing or spending time with family. Add a caption explaining which right it represents.

If you complete any of these activities at home, please send us your pictures or evidence so we can include it in your child's SAGE book.

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.

Your tablet displays a message saying that a new software update is available. Why is it important to install updates regularly?

A) They make your device look newer and more colourful.
B) They help fix security problems, protect your personal information and keep your device working properly.
C) They stop you needing to use a password.
D) They automatically make your internet connection faster.

Correct answer: B — Downloading updates helps to keep your device safe from hackers.



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

Mr Williams
Headteacher

What's new on the school website



- 1L's Attendance Challenge Letter
- Year 6 Teacher Letter
- Lunchtime Choir Letter
- Year 2: Movie Night Letter
- Scholastic Book Club Letter
- Anti-bullying Week Letter
- Year 6 – MP Christmas Card Competition Letter
- NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe Programme Letter
- Year 2 Showcase Letter
- World Children's Day Letter
- Year 2 – 'Day with Robo' Letter
- Year 1 Phonics Workshop Letter
- Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Letter
- Year 6 - Leavers Hoodies Letter
- Year 3 Cinema Trip Letter

Spelling Shed

Competition
Winners - 4N

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1st	George 1W 6,447,735
2nd	Elizabeth 4N 3,833,776
3rd	Stephen 4N 2,145,062

Times Tables Rock Stars

Competition
5E vs 6K
Winners – 6K
Winning pupil – Owen (6F)

Next Week's Battles:	
Spelling Shed	6F vs 5E
Times Tables Rock Stars	3J vs 4N

Excelsior Multi Academy Trust

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 16th November 2026	Antibullying Week	Odd Socks on Monday – Whole School
Monday 16th November 2026	Flu Vaccinations	Whole School 9am-12.30pm
Wednesday 18th November 2026	NSPCC - Speak Out, Stay Safe	Y2, 5 and 6 Workshops
Thursday 19th November 2026	Year One Phonics Workshop	2pm
Thursday 19th November 2026	Birmingham City Mission Assembly	9am-9.30m – Y4, Y5 and Y6 9.45am – 10.15am – EYFS, Y1, Y2 and Y3
Friday 20th November 2026	World Children's Day	Whole School – wear blue
Monday 23rd November 2026	Food Bank Collection	Whole School donations
Wednesday 25th November 2026	RSPCA Visit	Year 5 and Year 6
Wednesday 25th November 2026	Year 2 Showcase Performance	2.15pm
Thursday 26th November 2026	Finance Workshop	Year 5
Thursday 26th November 2026	WWII Trip – Bewdley Museum	6F
Friday 27th November 2026	WWII Trip – Bewdley Museum	6K
Friday 27th November 2026	Big Art Week Exhibition	3.30pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 2nd December 2026	RockSteady Christmas Concert	RockSteady Club
Friday 4th December 2026	Christmas Panto	1.30pm – Years 1, 2 and 3
Friday 4th December 2026	Year 2 Film Night	3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 10th December 2026	Christmas Fair	3.30pm
Thursday 10th December 2026	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
Friday 11th December 2026	Santa Run	Whole School
Wednesday 16th December 2026	EYFS Nativity Performance	9.30am

Friday 18th December 2026	Governors' Awards Assembly	9am-9.30am - KS2 9.45am – 10.15am KS1
Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027	**Christmas Holidays**	**School closed to all pupils**
Monday 4th January 2027	**Training Day**	**School closed to all pupils**
Wednesday 6th January 2027	Young Voices Concert	BP Arena
Tuesday 12th January 2027	Animal Visit	KS1
Wednesday 20th January 2027	Day with Robo workshop	Year 2
Monday 15th February 2027 – Friday 19th February 2027	**Half-Term**	**School closed to all pupils**
Monday 22nd February 2027	**Training Day**	**School closed to all pupils**



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

RL	Amaal	1L	Henry
2K	Alex	3J	Aliyah
4S	Camille	5B	Ruby
6F	Bogdan		
Lunchtime	Billie	5E	



This week's Celebration Assembly recipients



RJ: Nova
1W: Aeman
3J: Lowki
4S: Leighton
6F: Rihanna
RL: Evelyn
2B: Hunter
3M: Theo
5B: Fadel
6K: Jenson
1L: Thomas
2K: Lydia
4N: Alivia
5E: Isabella



This week's Posh Lunch recipients

Coming next week!



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	237	253	250	269
This term's total	2841	2530	2771	2694



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:

Olivia	4S	9
Peyton	3M	8
Eden	6K	11
Louis	5B	10
Reggie	2K	7
Elizabeth	2B	7
Romie	2B	7



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 5 made of? Tell me and show me. Is there a different way?

Year 1: What is a noun?

Year 2: Would you rather live in the town or the countryside? Why?

Year 3: Can you explain the process of mummification?

Year 4: How does OPAL support your learning in class?

Year 5: What are my personal targets?

Year 6: What was Birmingham like during World War Two?

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

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CHALLENGE!

Our whole school attendance target remains at 96% and this year we are determined to reach it!

Our current school attendance to date is 94.17% - 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	90.00%	92.67%
RL	92.08%	94.00%
1L	94.00%	95.20%
1W	87.50%	95.83%
2B	94.17%	98.00%
2K	99.17%	98.67%
3J	89.17%	92.67%
3M	93.97%	96.90%
4N	90.83%	94.67%
4S	94.20%	89.64%
5B	97.50%	95.33%
5E	95.04%	93.87%
6F	96.67%	97.67%
6K	95.00%	96.00%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2K – 98.67%

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



6F – 97.67%

Great Books Brighter Futures

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK CLUB

Reading Brings a Brighter Tomorrow ♡

Give the Gift of Reading This Christmas!

Looking for a meaningful Christmas gift?

Books make wonderful presents that can inspire a lifelong love of reading.



Browse hundreds of fantastic books for children and order online through our Scholastic Book Club:

clubs.scholastic.co.uk/C-KLB3JKQL

Scan the QR code to order online

♡ Support Our School Library ♡

Every purchase made through our Scholastic Book Club earns rewards for our school.

For every £1 spent, our school receives 20p

in Scholastic Rewards, helping us buy new books and resources for our library for all children to enjoy.





Order before 4th December

to ensure your books arrive in plenty of time for Christmas.

Thank you for supporting reading at home and helping our library grow!

Happy Reading! ♡



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.



People wear poppies because after World War I, poppies grew on the fields where battles were held. The poppies have become a symbol of rememberance.

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 12

You have the right to give your opinion and for adults to listen and take it seriously.



DEELANDS HALL
Deelands Road

What's On for our community

Activities • Support • Wellbeing • Friends • For Everyone

MONDAY

FREE Community Haircuts
1st Monday of every month
Starting 5th October
4pm till 7pm
Qualified & DBS checked

FREE 8-Week Boxing & Employability Support Course
Monday 28th September
11am till 1pm

Digikicks – Tea & T'Internet
1:20pm to 3:30pm
FREE

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

FREE Wellbeing Drop In
Craft • Food • Conversation
12 noon - 3pm



THURSDAY

Starting mid-October

FREE Children's Boxing
Ages 10-16
5pm - 6pm

Ladies' Boxing
6pm - 7pm
Chargeable session
Contact Keith on
07375 032325

FRIDAY

Starting 16th October

FREE Deelands Hall Community Living Room
Wellbeing space
12 noon till 3pm
Activities • Fitness • Food • Wellbeing

SATURDAY

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

Café Church
Food & Prayer
4pm - 6pm

SPECIAL EVENT

Charity Auction
Friday 27th November

All are welcome! Be part of something special

CLARION FUTURES · Trident Group · COMMUNITY FUND · Birmingham City Council · Birmingham Community Boxing Project

DEELANDS HALL
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
berniem@tridentgroup.org.uk

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

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Look Good ♥ Feel Great ♥ Together

CLARION FUTURES

Trident Group

WELLBEING DROP IN

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

Trident Group

DEELANDS HALL COMMUNITY LOUNGE

Offering a wellbeing space



STARTING FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

DEELANDS HALL COMMUNITY LOUNGE
DEELANDS ROAD, B45 9RT

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



Trident Group | Birmingham City Council | COMMUNITY FUND

YOGA for Adults

STARTING 6TH OCTOBER

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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YOGA Children & Families

STARTING 6TH OCTOBER

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 you 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.