



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week.

School Attendance

As you know good school attendance is a priority to us as a school. I just wanted to say well done and thank you for your hard work here. Our average attendance this week was 94.5%. On four days this week our attendance exceeded our average attendance for this year so far. This was pleasing to see. Can we do even better next week?



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Year Av.
91.3%	95.7%	95.6%	95.8%	93.9%	93.3%

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

- 1RW – 95.1%
- 4J – 95.2%
- 1W – 94.9%

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

Young Voices 2026

On Thursday, a group of our enthusiastic Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils travelled to BP Pulse Live at Birmingham's NEC to take part in **Young Voices**, joining thousands of other children from across the region to form one incredible massed choir. Our pupils have been practising for weeks, and their hard work and excitement really shone through on the day. From the moment they arrived at the arena, the atmosphere was electric. The children loved rehearsing with the live band, conductor and professional performers — and the evening concert was a truly magical experience. Our pupils singing their hearts out on such a big stage was a real highlight, and we are so proud of the confidence, teamwork and joy they brought to the event. A huge thank you to the staff who supported the trip and to families for helping the children prepare so brilliantly. It was a day the children will remember for years to come!



Attendance Letters

Good attendance at school, as we know, is key to pupils achieving the highest possible outcomes and therefore having the best chances in life when they leave school. As a school we carefully monitor attendance for every pupil. Some of you next week will be receiving letters informing you that your child's attendance is below 90%, which is a cause for concern. These letters are designed to keep you informed of your child's current attendance level and to offer support if required.

Well-Being Award Questionnaires

Thank you to everybody who completed and returned the well-being award questionnaires that were sent home. We always find positive and developmental feedback about our school useful. The winner of the £20 Morrisons voucher will be announced in next week's assembly and newsletter.

Fund raising

Oscar in 5E is raising money for kidney research to help children who have kidney conditions such as his baby brother. As part of this he is currently in training to complete a run in May. If you wish to support Oscar, donations can be made via <https://ajbellgreatbirminghamrun2026.enthuse.com/pf/kirsty-bradley>. We wish Oscar the greatest of success with his training and his run.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a midday supervisor vacancy advert open. The closing date for this is 19th January. For more information please visit the school website: <https://www.excelsiormat.org/vacancies/>



Parents' Evenings

The parents' evening portal on Arbor is now live for you to book appointments. Parents' evenings are important for seeing how your child is getting on in school and to share any successes and concerns we or you may have. As a school, we aim to see at least one parent/carer for each child during these evenings. We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 11th February or Thursday 12th February.

E-safety Quiz

Please ask the question below to your child to test their e-safety knowledge.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has guidelines about the maximum screen time (TV, phones, tablets, computers) children should have each day. What is their recommendation for children aged between 6 and 12 years old?

- (a) 1 hour or less
- (b) 2 hours or less
- (c) 3 hours or less
- (d) 3 and half hours or less.

The correct answer is B - 2 hours or less (excluding homework). This time limit is to ensure that screen time does not replace sleep, activity or interactions. It also reduces the impact of screen time on mental health issues (anxiety, depression, aggression), cognitive delays, physical health problems and social/behavioural challenges.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Tuesday 27 th January 2026	Birmingham Museum Trip	3S – all day
Thursday 29 th January 2026	Birmingham Museum Trip	3M – all day
Thursday 29 th January 2026	Birmingham Mission Assembly	KS2 – 9am KS1 – 9.30am
Wednesday 4 th February 2026	Times Tables Inspire Workshop	Year 4 – 9am – 11am
Wednesday 4 th February 2026	Birmingham Country Living Museum trip	1W – all day
Friday 6 th February 2026	Birmingham Country Living Museum trip	1RW – all day
Friday 6 th February 2026	NSPCC Number Day	Whole School
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	Animal Man	RJ and RL – 9am-10am Year 1 – 10am-11am
Wednesday 11 th February 2026	Parents Evening	
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Parents Evening	
Friday 13 th February 2026	Own Clothes Day	Whole School
Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026	Half-Term Holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 23rd February 2026	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 24 th February 2026	Dentist Visit	RJ and RL
Friday 27 th February 2026	EYFS Eye Screening	RJ and RL - 9.30am
Wednesday 4 th March 2026	OPAL Stay and Play	
Friday 20 th March 2026	Red Nose Day	Whole School
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	EYFS Farm Trip	RJ
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	EYFS Farm Trip	RL
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
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
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
Monday 20th July 2026	Summer Holidays	School closed to all pupils

What's new on the school website

- Year 1 and EYFS Animal Man letter
- EYFS Dental Trip letter
- Red Nose Day letter
- Tesco Stronger Starts letter
- Own Clothes Day letter
- Year 1 EdShed letter



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Riley	RJ
Haizar	1RW
Harrison	2K
Sawyer	3M
Callum	4B
Mikey	5HN
Harley	6F
Daisy	6G – Lunchtime award



This week's congratulations

assembly recipients...



Oriana	RL	Avyanna	RJ	Albie	1W
Reece	1RW	Jayden	2K	Teddy	2L
Hailee	3M	Elsie	3S	Enah	4J
Mila	4B	Wayne	5E	Ruby	5HN
Ella-Mae	6F	Kyla-May	6G		

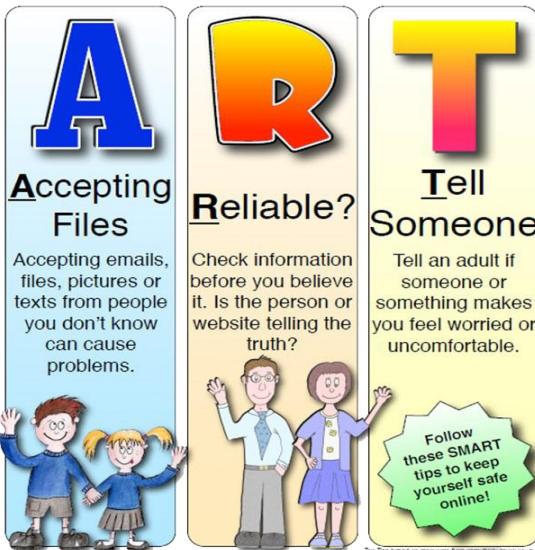


HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	257	299	253	257

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	318	390	329	329





Happy Birthday Messages

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

Oriana	RL	5
Owen	5E	10
Valentina	6G	11
Aisha	5E	10
Josh	5HN	10
Ayaan	1W	6



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 did we spy in Each Peach Pear Plum?**

Year 1: **What is the difference between a mammal and a bird?**

Year 2: **What landmarks are there in London? Which is your favourite and why?**

Year 3: **Explain what happens when two magnets meet at the same pole.**

Year 4: **Can you name any types of mountains?
Explain how they were formed.**

Year 5: **What can you say about the information in this line graph?**

Year 6: **How do you find the area and perimeter of shapes?**



**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 **93.33% - 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	This week
RJ	92.05%	97.10%
RL	89.66%	90.40%
1RW	94.14%	94.78%
1W	94.58%	95.83%
2K	94.23%	94.23%
2L	92.92%	97.08%
3M	89.29%	94.64%
3S	89.66%	90.17%
4B	78.75%	87.50%
4J	93.95%	97.58%
5E	89.92%	95.16%
5HN	91.67%	96.88%
6F	95.61%	96.12%
6G	88.33%	95.83%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



RJ – 97.10%

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



4J – 97.58%

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.

Whole school



Mubinul opened his fish and chip shop on Christmas day and served free food for anyone who wanted it. Mubinul particularly offered his fish and chips to older people, vulnerable members of the community or anyone who was alone on Christmas day. People could have chunky fish fingers, fish and chip barms and fresh tea and coffee, all free.

Why is Mubinul calling Christmas a special day when he doesn't celebrate it?

Why does Mubinul say people need a little talk?

What do you think Mubinul is trying to do here?
What can we learn from Mubinul?



NO OUT SIDERS
'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 9



You have the right to live with your parent(s), unless it is bad for you. You have the right to live with a family who cares for you.



What do you think Article 9 is trying to protect?

Why do you think children should be able to see the people who care for them?

What does "being safe" mean?

Who are the important grown-ups in a child's life?



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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

TO BOOK – Please complete the booking form and return to: BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk or

For more information please contact: Christine Legore on 07770 762056 or via email at christine.legore@birmingham.gov.uk or
Nathalie Messanvi on 07943 364833 or via email at nathalie.messanvi@birmingham.gov.uk

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=Z86aaeTSzUuzA9K74m78UtsZJS1sGdFip4igfYn11UMFZRQIpEUUJKNUJDTVBRkE5NM3OUFXSC4u>) to submit online.



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Wellbeing Weekly



Our assembly focus this half term is Kindness.

Wellbeing is essential for children because it supports their emotional, social and cognitive development, laying the foundation for lifelong health, learning and resilience. Children with strong wellbeing are better equipped to manage stress, build relationships, and thrive in school and life.

Children with higher wellbeing tend to have better concentration, motivation and classroom behaviour, which directly impacts their ability to learn and succeed academically.



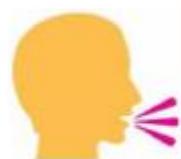
Every children has the right to be healthy in body and mind.



Conversation starter for families.

Parent- child discussion.

If your feelings were weather today, what would the sky look like?



Was there a moment you needed help but didn't ask? What might help next time?



Who made your day easier this week, and how?

Choose one small act of kindness to do each day—something tiny, doable, and genuine. It could be:



Saying something encouraging to a classmate or teacher.
Helping someone with a small task.
Sharing a smile or thank you.
Including someone who seems left out.



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](#).