



A nurturing
school

Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parent/Carers

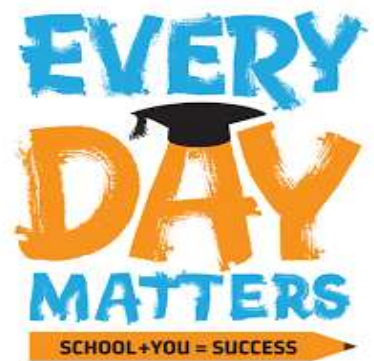
I hope that you have had a good week.

Be Ready to Shine!

The Importance of Strong School Attendance

At Colmers Farm Primary School, we know that **every school day counts!** Regular attendance is essential for children to make good progress, develop positive friendships and make the most of the many learning opportunities available to them. Every day in school helps children to build their knowledge, confidence and independence, preparing them for future success. We encourage all families to make school attendance a priority, ensuring that children arrive on time and ready to learn each day. Even missing a small number of days can add up over time and affect a child's learning and progress. Working together, we can give every child the best possible start and help them to reach their full potential.

Our aim is for every child to attend school every day, be ready to learn and make every moment count. Thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve this.



RSPCA Visit

On Monday, the children in KS1 enjoyed a visit from Laura from the RSPCA. They learnt about the important work the charity does to help animals and discussed how litter can harm wildlife and the environment. After sharing ideas about where litter belongs, the children put their learning into action by taking part in a litter-picking hunt around the school grounds. They had lots of fun while helping to keep our school environment clean and safe!

It's Big Arts Week Next Week

Next week (October 19th-23rd) is Big Arts Week, a very popular time in our school calendar for all our pupils. We look forward to sharing all of the wonderful artwork which we create with you after half term. It will be on display in our upper hall on Monday 9th November from 3.30pm-4pm.



Parents' Evening

Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October are our parents' evenings. These are important for you to attend to find out how your child has started this year and to learn more about what you can do to help your child. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over these three days.

Book Fair

As you know, reading is a skill that we are always eager to develop at Colmers Farm. From today through to Wednesday 21st October we will be hosting a book fair in our lower hall. Here you can purchase new books for your child and also help the school to grow and refresh its library at the same time. We look forward to seeing you at this event.



Year 2 Martineau Garden Visit

Year 2 had a fantastic visit to Martineau Gardens as part of their science learning. The children explored a range of scientific vocabulary, including nutrients, respiration and excretion, before heading into the woods to identify different trees by their leaves. They also enjoyed a mini-beast hunt, where they counted legs and used their observations to identify a variety of creatures. After some time to play and enjoy their lunch, the children explored the kitchen garden, discovering different herbs by smelling them and describing their characteristics. It was a wonderful day of hands-on learning, and the children were a credit to the school with their excellent behaviour throughout.

Magma Maths

Maths homework is now set for KS2 on Magma Maths (in replacement of Mathletics). Pupils use Magma Maths at school so are familiar with how to use the platform. Please encourage your child to log on to Magma Maths at least weekly, as well as Times Tables Rock Stars. These platforms are engaging and will help to consolidate learning at school. The poster above provides more information about getting started. If there are any issues with logging in, please contact your child's teacher.



Athletics Competition

On Thursday after school, ten of our Year 5 and 6 pupils went to Kings Norton Rhinos to take part in an athletics event. They took part in a range of running, throwing and jumping events. Thank you to the staff (Miss McCarron and Miss Evans) for taking our pupils to this event and to the pupils for being such good ambassadors for our school.

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.

Someone you meet online starts being extra kind to you, asks you to keep your conversation a secret and wants to know personal information about you. What should you do?

- A) Keep talking to them because they are being nice.
- B) Give them your personal information so they trust you more.
- C) Stop communicating with them and tell a trusted adult straight away.
- D) Agree to meet them because they seem friendly.

Correct answer: C: Stop communicating with them and tell a trusted adult straight away.



Thank you for your continued support. I hope that you have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you all between 8:35am and 8:45am on Monday morning.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

What's new on the school website

- Year 3: Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery Letter
- Day with Robo' Workshop Letter
- NSPCC – Speak out Stay safe Programme Letter



Spelling Shed 

Competition

Winners - 4N

Next week: 4S vs 3J

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 st	Elizabeth 4N 5,980,584
2 nd	George 1W 1,888,798
3 rd	Riley 6F 1,022,182



Competition

5E vs 3J

Winning class – 5E

Winning pupil – Godpower 6F

Next Week's Battles:

	4S vs 3J
	4N vs 6F

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 19 th October 2026 – Friday 23 rd October 2026	Big Arts Week	Whole School
Friday 16 th October 2026– Wednesday 22 nd October 2026	Travelling Book Fair	3.30pm - 4pm
Friday 16 th October 2026	Bring in money for Brazilian Workshop - £1 or £2	Year 3 and Year 5
Tuesday 20 th October 2026	EYFS Parents Evening	EYFS
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	Travelling Book Fair	3.30pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	Parents Evening	Years 1 - 6
Monday 26th October 2026 – Friday 30th October 2026	Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Monday 2nd November 2026	Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 3 rd November 2026	NSPCC – Virtual Pants Assembly	Years 1-6
Wednesday 4 th November 2026 – Friday 6 th November 2026	Residential	Condoval Hall
Thursday 5 th November 2026	SAGE Workshop for Year 3 parents	3.40pm-4pm
Friday 6 th November 2026	Year 3 Diwali Performance	9.15am
Friday 6 th November 2026	Celebrating Diwali	Whole School Wear colourful clothes
Monday 9 th November 2026	Big Arts Week Exhibition	3.30pm-4pm
Tuesday 10 th November 2026	Rocksteady Assembly	Whole School – 2pm
Tuesday 10 th November 2026	Parents Evening	6K – 2pm-5pm
Wednesday 11 th November 2026	Brazilian Drumming Workshop	Year 3 and Year 5
Wednesday 11 th November 2026	OPAL Stay and Play	3pm
Thursday 12 th November 2026	Parents Evening	6K – 2pm-5pm
Thursday 12 th November 2026	School Photos	Whole School
Friday 13 th November 2026	Children In Need Day	Whole School Wear bright or spotty clothes

Monday 16 th November 2026	Antibullying Week	Odd Socks on Monday – Whole School
Monday 16 th November 2026	Flu Vaccinations	Whole School 9am-12.30pm
Tuesday 17 th November 2026	Birmingham Museum Trip	3J
Wednesday 18 th November 2026	NSPCC - Speak Out, Stay Safe	Y2, 5 and 6 Workshops
Thursday 19 th November 2026	Year One Phonics Workshop	2pm
Thursday 19 th November 2026	Birmingham Museum Trip	3M
Wednesday 25 th November 2026	RSPCA Visit	Year 5 and Year 6
Thursday 26 th November 2026	Finance Workshop	Year 5
Thursday 26 th November 2026	WWII Trip – Bewdley Museum	6F
Friday 27 th November 2026	WWII Trip – Bewdley Museum	6K
Wednesday 2 nd December 2026	RockSteady Christmas Concert	RockSteady Club
Friday 4 th December 2026	Christmas Panto	1.30pm – Years 1, 2 and 3
Thursday 10 th December 2026	Christmas Fair	3.30pm
Friday 11 th December 2026	Santa Run	Whole School
Friday 18th December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027	Christmas Holidays	School closed to all pupils
Monday 4th January 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:

Theo	RL	River	1L
Iziah	2K	Bin	3J
Felicity	4S	Ella	5B
Eliana	6F		
Lunchtime:	Bryn 6K		



This week's Celebration Assembly recipients



RJ: Ashira
1W: Jilani
3J: Ada-Rose
4S: Elsie
6F: Isbah

RL: Kyro
2B: Dexter
3M: Ada
5B: Hazel
6K: Louise

1L: Regan
2K: Camarah
4N: Tori
5E: Liliana



This week's Posh Lunch recipients

RL: Evelyn
RL: Willow
RL: Thomas

RJ: Odin
RJ: Aya
RJ: Alfie



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	238	170	239	230
This term's total	2023	1686	1978	1943





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:

River	1L	6
Mila	5E	10
Marigold	3M	8
Lilliemai	5E	10
Ivy	4N	9
Regan	1L	6
Scarlet	6F	11
Joshua	5B	10
Regon	4N	9
Theo	RJ	5
Evelyn	6K	11



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 happened when the tiger came to tea?

Year 1: What can you tell me about something positive that has happened to you?

Year 2: What did you enjoy at Martineau Gardens?

Year 3: What are your opinions on Tutankhamun's curse?

Year 4: How does OPAL improve your enjoyment of school?

Year 5: Who is Neil Armstrong and what has he achieved in his lifetime?

Year 6: What micro-organisms can you name?

**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 94.35% - 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	89.00%	92.33%
RL	90.94%	85.67%
1L	89.20%	91.20%
1W	91.25%	92.50%
2B	98.00%	97.33%
2K	97.33%	95.33%
3J	96.21%	95.52%
3M	95.52%	96.90%
4N	89.26%	87.33%
4S	90.63%	92.14%
5B	94.33%	96.33%
5E	88.33%	93.33%
6F	97.00%	94.00%
6K	88.67%	92.33%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2B – 97.33%

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



5B – 96.33%

THE COLMERS FARM SAGE AWARD

Helping our
KS2 children
discover, achieve
and grow!

The SAGE Award is for our Key Stage 2 pupils and rewards efforts, experiences and achievements both inside and outside school over their time in KS2.



S Serving the Community

Make a positive difference by helping others and contributing to school and community life.



A Aiming for Higher Things

Set yourself goals, try new experiences and raise your aspirations for the future.



G Getting Active

Take part in physical activities, try new sports and enjoy a healthier and more active lifestyle.



E Exploring the Arts

Be creative, try new artistic activities and develop your interests and talents in the arts.



FOUR LEVELS to achieve

BRONZE

8 tasks

SILVER

12 tasks

GOLD

16 tasks

PLATINUM

20 tasks

The SAGE
Award helps
children to:



Develop to
their full
potential



Broaden and
enrich experiences
and cultural
capital



Develop
interests
and talents



Encourage
activity and
healthier
lifestyles



Develop
confidence,
resilience,
independence and
strength of character



Raise and
broaden
aspirations



Celebrate
achievements
inside and
outside school



Develop
social skills
and opportunities
to take risks

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Encourage
your child to try
something new.



Get active,
help others,
aim high and
explore the arts.



Keep photos,
certificates or
written evidence
and send them
into school.



If you have any
questions, please
speak to your child's
class teacher.

EVIDENCE

For each level, pupils need evidence from all four SAGE areas, with both inside and outside school activities. Evidence can include photographs, certificates or written evidence and is kept in their SAGE folder/book with a skills slip. The same evidence cannot be reused for a later level.

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

When a level is completed, pupils receive a special badge and certificate and their names are shared in the school newsletter.

Every experience counts. Every achievement matters.
Let's help our children become SAGE!

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.



The picture shows a sheep on a cliff in Scotland. Sheep are usually highly social animals; they don't like isolation. People on fishing boats spotted the sheep and it was soon given a name – Fiona. No-one knew how the sheep got there.

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 27



You have the right to food,

clothing, a safe place to live and to have your basic needs met.

You should not be disadvantaged so that you can't do many of the things other children can do.





DEELANDS HALL

Deelands Road

Activities • Support • Wellbeing • Friends • For Everyone

What's On for our community

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









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 bernien@tridentgroup.org.uk

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



CLARION FUTURES



Trident Group

Look Good ♥ Feel Great ♥ Together



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



DEELANDS HALL COMMUNITY LOUNGE

Offering a wellbeing space

DEELANDS HALL
COMMUNITY LOUNGE
DEELANDS ROAD, B45 9RT

STARTING
FRIDAY
16TH
OCTOBER

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



YOGA

STARTING
6TH
OCTOBER



for Adults

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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STARTING
6TH
OCTOBER

YOGA



Children & Families

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 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](#).