



A nurturing school

Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 17th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a good Easter break with your families. It was wonderful to see everybody back on Monday for the start of our Summer Term.

Attendance

Our Year 6s in a few weeks will be taking their SATs tests. They are working so hard towards these. Strong attendance is one of the most reliable predictors of higher attainment in KS2 SATs, and the pattern is remarkably consistent: pupils who attend school regularly have more secure learning, greater confidence, and better outcomes. Even a small number of missed days can interrupt the flow of teaching, making it harder for children to build the knowledge and skills assessed in Year 6. National data shows that pupils with attendance above 95% achieve significantly better SATs results than those who are persistently absent, highlighting just how important everyday presence is for long term progress. By working together to prioritise good attendance, we give every child the best possible chance to succeed, feel prepared, and reach their full potential.



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Year Av. |
|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 94% | 94.8% | 93.6% | 93.1% | 92.4% | 93.4% |

Easter Booster Group

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who attended the SATs booster group, which took place over three days at the start of the Easter holiday. The children approached each session with enthusiasm, focus and a positive attitude, making excellent use of the time to build confidence and consolidate their learning. We would also like to thank parents and carers for their continued support in encouraging attendance during the holiday period. A special thank you to Mrs Greep and Miss Freemantle for giving up their time to lead the sessions and for their dedication, energy and commitment to supporting our pupils as they prepare for their SATs.



Girls Rugby Team

Our girls' rugby team showed fantastic determination and spirit at the recent girls' tag-rugby tournament hosted by Kings Norton Rhinos, an event designed to inspire more girls to get involved in the sport. Competing in the A League — known for its tough competition — our team of eight played five impressive matches, securing two wins, two draws and only one loss. Their teamwork, resilience and growing confidence on the pitch were clear to see. A special thank-you goes to Oliver Turner, who attended. Oliver was an incredible support to the team, helping our girls to warm up and offering thoughtful coaching from the sidelines. His knowledge, encouragement and maturity were a real credit to the school.



Deputy Headteacher Interviews

After interviewing some very strong candidates on Thursday, we are delighted to announce that Miss Hooper will be our new permanent deputy headteacher. We would like to congratulate Miss Hooper on her successful interview and we look forward to working with her in this new role.

Dance Team

Our Year 5 and 6 dance team - a dedicated group of 14 girls - have been working tirelessly during their dinner breaks to choreograph a stunning routine to *Go the Distance* from *Hercules*. Their hard work paid off at the district competition, where they performed alongside seven other schools of an exceptionally high standard. We are incredibly proud to share that they placed 4th, with one judge remarking that it was "just like watching a West End show!" Their teamwork, tenacity and performance skills shone throughout, making this our strongest dance competition entry yet. Parents will soon receive details of an in-school performance so the girls can showcase their achievement.

Year 4's Visit to the Gurdwara

Our Year 4 pupils this week enjoyed two successful visits to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Smethwick, deepening their understanding of the Sikh faith and its traditions. The children learned about Sikh worship and were fortunate to listen to a group of professional musicians from India performing devotional music on traditional instruments. The musicians were visiting as part of celebrations for Vikashi, which took place on Tuesday. The visits offered a meaningful opportunity for pupils to broaden their knowledge and appreciation of different religions and communities.



E-safety Quiz

Does your child know what the CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) button does and where to find it on our school website?



Children being safe online is hugely important. It is therefore important that your child knows where the CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) button is on our school website, as this is one way of helping them to stay safe. Please take some time to show them this and to remind them what it is for. This button allows your child to report any serious e-safety concerns (such as somebody asking them to do things online which are inappropriate) to the CEOP team. This button also contains helpful information for parents about a range of e-safety issues. You may also find the e-safety section of our school website useful – Please take some time to look at this.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

| Date | Event | Additional Information |
|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Monday 20 th April 2026 | Kenilworth Castle Trip | 4J – 10am - 2pm |
| Tuesday 21 st April 2026 | Kenilworth Castle Trip | 4B – 10am - 2pm |
| Thursday 23 rd April 2026 | Messy Play Sessions | Pathways children |
| Tuesday 28 th April 2026 | The Basement Project | Year 5 workshop and cereal domino |
| Wednesday 29 th April 2026 | Author Visit – Tristan Walters | Whole School Assembly Year 3 and 4 visits |
| Monday 4th May 2026 | Bank Holiday Monday | School closed to all pupils |
| 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 |
| Friday 5 th June 2026 | Farm Trip | Pathways children |
| 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 6 th June 2026 | Blakesley Hall Museum Trip | Year 5 |
| 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 |
| Wednesday 15 th July | Governor Awards | |
| 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

- Year 5 Showcase – Climate Change letter
- Year 6 Summer Newsletter
- Year 4 Summer Newsletter



Winning pupil –
Shea 4B



Winning class –
3S - 2,655,831





Winning class – 5HN
Winning pupil –
Scarlett 6G

| Top 3 Class Scores This Week | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| 1 st | 6G 41346 |
| 2 nd | 4B 23215 |
| 3 rd | 6F 11421 |

| Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 st | Skye (5E) 4,106,356 |
| 2 nd | Arash (6G) 2,490,000 |
| 3 rd | Hasali (6F) 1,549,048 |

Next Week's Battles:

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| Spelling Shed  | 6F vs 5E |
|  | 4J vs 3S |



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

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|----------|----|-----------|----------------------|
| Delilah | RL | Luna | 1W |
| Lily-Mae | 2L | Noah | 3M |
| Hudson | 4B | Maria-Mae | 5HN |
| Lucas | 6G | Ellizaye | 1W – Lunchtime award |



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



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|-----------|-----|-------------|----|---------|-----|
| Tommy-Lee | RL | Klaus | RJ | Noah | 1W |
| Keyla | 1RW | Olivia-Lili | 2K | Jack | 2L |
| Archie | 3M | Leighton | 3S | Charlie | 4J |
| Ella | 4B | Mason | 5E | Freddie | 5HN |
| Sean | 6F | Valentina | 6G | | |








HOUSE POINTS

| | Hawkesley | Tessall | Frankley | Cofton |
|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|--------|
| This week | 103 | 137 | 196 | 186 |

| | Hawkesley | Tessall | Frankley | Cofton |
|-------------------|-----------|---------|----------|--------|
| This term's total | 103 | 137 | 196 | 186 |



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| <h1 style="text-align: center;">S</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Stay Safe</h2> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p>  | <h1 style="text-align: center;">M</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">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="text-align: center;">A</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Accepting Files</h2> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p>  | <h1 style="text-align: center;">R</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Reliable?</h2> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p>  | <h1 style="text-align: center;">T</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Tell Someone</h2> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p> | <h2 style="text-align: center;">Please follow us on Twitter!</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">@Colmers_FarmPS</p>  |
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Happy Birthday Messages

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

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|-----------|----|----|
| Camille | 3S | 8 |
| Aria | 2K | 7 |
| Paige | 6F | 11 |
| Tommy-Lee | RL | 5 |
| Bin | 2L | 7 |
| Layton | 4J | 9 |
| Emily | 5E | 10 |
| Phoebe | 6F | 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:** Can you name some of the dinosaurs from our story?
- Year 1:** If I have 4 boxes of 5 eggs, how many eggs do I have?
- Year 2:** What is a deciduous tree?
- Year 3:** What do you know about Birmingham's canal network?
- Year 4:** What ways do people show respect in a Sikh Gurdwara? Why is removing your shoes so important?
- Year 5:** What is the difference between an acute, right-angle and obtuse angle?
- Year 6:** How do the clues in the text help you understand what the author is really trying to show, even when it isn't said directly?

**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 **93.56%** - 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 | 91.83% | 96.3% |
| RL | 93.43% | 90.4% |
| 1RW | 94.11% | 96.0% |
| 1W | 95.04% | 98.7% |
| 2K | 93.96% | 88.7% |
| 2L | 93.64% | 92.3% |
| 3M | 90.62% | 93.7% |
| 3S | 93.86% | 92.4% |
| 4B | 88.89% | 83.2% |
| 4J | 95.01% | 97.1% |
| 5E | 94.51% | 92.2% |
| 5HN | 93.98% | 95.4% |
| 6F | 94.25% | 92.4% |
| 6G | 92.29% | 93.3% |

CLASS AWARDS:

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



1W – 98.7%

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



4J – 97.1%



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.



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For more information please contact: Christine Legore on 07770 762056 or via email at christine.legore@birmingham.gov.uk or Nathalie Messarvi on 07943 364833 or via email at nathalie.messarvi@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](#).