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school

Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th July 2026



Dear Parent/Carers

We have once again reached the end of another wonderful and successful school year. Over the year we've had many great achievements, memorable experiences and special moments that have made this year so successful. From exciting learning opportunities in the classroom to educational visits, sports competitions, performances and celebrations, our pupils have continued to demonstrate enthusiasm, resilience and a love of learning.

Attendance

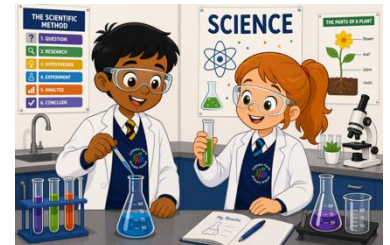
As we reach the end of another fantastic school year, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our families who have supported good attendance during this year. Every school day matters, and your commitment to ensuring your children arrive on time and ready to learn has made a real difference to their progress, confidence and friendships. For those families who have achieved excellent attendance this year, congratulations and thank you for recognising the importance of every day in school. If attendance has been more challenging, the new academic year offers a fresh start. We look forward to working together to ensure every child has the very best opportunity to succeed. Please remember that holidays should not be booked in term time for next academic year as this form of absence can have a detrimental effect on your child's learning. This is particularly the case at the start of a brand new year.

School Matters!



Science Day

Monday was a fantastic Science Day at our school, with pupils and staff embracing the occasion by dressing in lab coats and safety glasses and bringing plenty of enthusiasm for scientific discovery! Throughout the day, every class took part in a range of exciting, hands-on investigations and practical activities that encouraged children to ask questions, make predictions and think like scientists. Pupils were also inspired by watching science in action, including footage of the Artemis II mission, helping them to appreciate the incredible achievements of modern science and engineering. It was wonderful to see so much curiosity, creativity and excitement as our young scientists explored the world around them.



Platinum School Games Mark

We are delighted to announce that Colmers Farm Primary School has been awarded the School Games Platinum Award. This has been presented to our school in recognition of our outstanding commitment to physical education, school sport and promoting active lifestyles. This prestigious achievement reflects the fantastic opportunities our pupils have enjoyed throughout the year, both in school and through competitive sporting events. A huge thank you goes to Miss Jennings and Miss McCarron, whose hard work, dedication and passion have been instrumental in securing this award.



Discos

On Thursday we had our end of year discos... which are also a good opportunity for everybody to put on their dancing shoes. These were very much enjoyed by everybody. The day ended with the Year 6 leavers disco, which again they enjoyed. This is always a great way to end the year a fantastic year with our wonder Year 6s. We are really going to miss them.

KS2 SATs results

On Thursday, we also got our delayed Year 6 SATs results. They were however worth the wait. A pupil attained some of the highest SATs results we have ever had as a school, with our figures being above national average:

- Reading - EXS+ 77% GDS 23% (Nat Av 2026 - EXS+ 75%)
- Writing - EXS+ 82% GDS 16% (Nat Av 2026 - EXS+ 72%)
- Maths - EXS+ 89% GDS 26% (Nat Av 2026 - EXS+ 75%)
- RWM combined - EXS+ 70% GDS 11% (Nat Av 2026 - EXS+ 63%)
- Grammar, punctuation and spellings - EXS+ 84% GDS 44% (Nat Av 2026 EXS+ 73%)

EXS = Expected Standard

GDS = Greater Depth Standard

I would like to thank all of our Year 6 pupils and staff for all their hard work and positive attitude towards these SATs tests. Each and every one of you were brilliant! Well done!

Attendance Vouchers for July

Each month we do a special draw to award a £20 Aldi voucher to recognise pupils who have either above 97% for the year so far or for who have improved their attendance over the last month. For July, our last draw of this academic year, we had an impressive 217 pupils in the draw. Congratulations to our two lucky winners for this month who are:

- Tayibah 4B
- Freya 3S



Governors' Award Assembly

This week, we held our popular termly Governors' Award Assemblies. During these assemblies we give out three awards per year group to children who have either:

- improved the well-being of others;
- been an excellent role model to others;
- shown fantastic academic achievement and/or progress.

To help give out the awards this term, we were joined by Mrs Heath, who is one of our school governors. Congratulations to this term's very deserving winners who were:



	Governors' Award for being an excellent role model	Governors' Award for improving the well-being of others	Headteacher's Award for excellent academic progress and/or attainment
Reception	Jyana - RJ	Jilani – RL	Avyanna - RJ
Year 1	Aliza – 1RW	Noah – 1W	Camarah – 1RW
Year 2	Theo – 2L	Jack – 2L	Olivia-Lili 2K
Year 3	Arhaan – 3M	Tori – 3M	Elijah – 3S
Year 4	Chae – 4B	Ruby – 4B	Nate – 4J
Year 5	Winnie-Mae – 5HN	Aisha – 5E	Aylah – 5E
Year 6	Sophia – 6G	Phoebe – 6F	Hollie – 6G

Excelsior Olympics

On Wednesday, some of our Year 3 and 4 pupils and Year 5 and 6 took part in our MATs Olympic competition at Blue Coat School. Here our children took part in a range of athletic events against the other schools in our MAT. Both groups of pupils finished third overall which is a brilliant achievement. Congratulations to all the pupils who represented our school so well at this event.



Year 6 Leavers Performance

On Wednesday, our Year 6s performed their leavers assembly for parents. This was a funny representation of their time at school. The singing in particular was fabulous. Thank you to our Year 6 pupils and staff for their efforts to create this memorable assembly. It's been a real pleasure to see our Year 6s grow over their time at Colmers Farm. They have been amazing and we will miss them all greatly next year. Their secondary schools will be very lucky to have them and we wish them the greatest of success during the next stage of their education.

Art Builders Competition 2026

Congratulations to Paige (6F) and Olivia-Lili (2K), who were both winners in the Art Builders Art Competition 2026! The judges were incredibly impressed by the quality of their artwork. Olivia-Lili's stunning interpretation of *The Tree of Life* was praised for its exceptional attention to detail, carefully matched colours and striking features inspired by Gustav Klimt's masterpiece. Paige's beautiful recreation of Matisse's *Vase d'Anémones* was celebrated for its vibrant use of colour and the creative use of mathematical shapes to faithfully capture the original artwork. We are incredibly proud of both pupils for this fantastic achievement—well done, Paige and Olivia-Lili!



Children's Book Project

This week, our children have been very fortunate to once again receive two free books to bring home and keep. The Children's Book Project kindly donated enough books for all children to choose two and, as you will probably be aware, this is the third time this year we have been able to set up our pop-up books shop. We hope you enjoy sharing the books your children chose.



Mrs Greep

We are delighted to let you know that on Tuesday Mrs Greep gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. Mom, baby and dad are all doing well.

Leaving Staff

Unfortunately, as well as saying goodbye to our fabulous Year 6s, we are also saying goodbye to two members of staff Mrs Akhtar and Miss Hedgecox. They have both been fabulous at our school and I'd like to thank them for their dedication and hard work that they have shown in their time with us. They will both be missed. Hopefully we will see them again as teachers at our school soon.

Summer Holiday Activities

As you may have heard, the Government have removed or reduced VAT on a range of attractions during the summer holiday period to make them more affordable. As part of this campaign, they have launched an attraction finder website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Free Breakfasts

Morrisons and Kellogg's are offering a free breakfast for children and adults at Morrisons Cafés nationwide throughout the summer holiday period. The offer includes a bowl of Kellogg's cereal (Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies), dairy or non-dairy milk, and a piece of fruit. The offer is available daily from 29th June to 6th September 2026 at participating Morrisons Cafés across the UK. Families simply need to ask for a 'Kellogg's Breakfast' at the café till. A limit of one breakfast per person per day applies. The initiative aims to support families during the school holidays when household budgets can come under additional pressure and term-time breakfast club provision is not available.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding The safety, welfare and care of our pupils is always paramount to us as a school at all times of the year. If you have any safeguarding concerns about any of our pupils, or any children generally, during the holiday period, please contact Birmingham City Council Children's Trust on 0121 303 1888 - Monday to Thursday: 8:45am to 5:15pm and Friday 8:45am to 4:15pm. Outside of these hours please telephone 0121 675 4806.



E-safety Question

Does your child know what the CEOP 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 Team) 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 also – Please take some time to look at this.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support throughout the year. We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved, restful summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back safely on Thursday 3rd September for another exciting year of learning and achievement at Colmers Farm Primary School.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Henry RJ
Margot Rose 2K
Ella 4J
Ava-Rae 6F

Ollie 1H
Kaya Rose 3S
Isbah 5E
Amy 4J – Lunchtime award
Gracie-Mae 3M – Attendance award

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 has been your favourite moment in reception?

Year 1: What is your favourite memory from Year 1?

Year 2: What are you looking forward to the most this summer?

Year 3: What has been your favourite memory from Year 3?

Year 4: What have you enjoyed most this year? What are you most looking forward to about next year?

Year 5: What do you think of Tudor pouches?

Year 6: What has been your favourite memory of Colmers Farm?

HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	16	22	18	0

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	2136	2271	2424	2292



S

Stay Safe

Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.



M

Don't Meet Up

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.



A

Accepting Files

Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.



R

Reliable?

Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?



T

Tell Someone

Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.



Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

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:

Lucian	2L	7
Wissam	4B	9
Frankee	4J	9
Hannah	3S	8
Eva-Rose	1W	6
Isabelle	6G	11
Ellis	6F	11
Lincoln	4B	9
Esmee	3S	8
Millie	RL	5
Freya	3S	8
Rory	RL	5
Skyla	6F	11
Emily	5HN	10
Troyzier	4J	9
Toby	4J	9
Finley	1RW	6
Jahtyra	6F	11
Brooklyn	5E	10
Jaxson	3S	8
Keyla	1RW	6
Jack	2L	7
Michael	5HN	10
Jackson	4J	9
George	3S	8
Zacharias	3S	8
Dylan	3S	8
Frankie	1W	6
Aylah	5E	10
Danae	4J	9
Sean	6F	11
Finley	2K	7
Daisy	RL	5

Drew-Ryan	6F	11
Enah	4J	9
Louie	6G	11
Isla	1W	6
Poppy	5HN	10
Khaleesi	6G	11
Logan	2K	7
Sophia	4B	9
Ida-Lilly	1RW	6
Isabella	4B	9
Arnold	6F	11
Chase	3M	8
Sophia	6G	11
Roman-Lee	2L	8
Morrigan	RJ	6
Rian	2K	8



**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 **92.8%** - 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	% present This week
RJ	92.31%	90.1%
RL	93.81%	95.91%
1RW	91.85%	88.52%
1W	93.79%	90.71%
2K	91.60%	92.8%
2L	92.00%	92.00%
3M	92.31%	89.67%
3S	87.86%	93.33%
4B	92.86%	81.07%
4J	96.13%	88.71%
5E	92.00%	91.67%
5HN	95.00%	87.04%
6F	92.96%	90.37%
6G	94.84%	94.19%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



RL – 95.91%

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



6G – 94.19%



HAIRCUT MONDAYS

**FREE HAIR CUTS FOR ALL AGED 5-18 YEARS OLD
PROVIDED BY A PROFESSIONAL HAIRDRESSER**



**15TH JUNE 2026
22ND JUNE 2026
29TH JUNE 2026
27TH JULY 2026
3RD AUGUST 2026
17TH AUGUST 2026**

4PM-8PM

**PLEASE EMAIL BERNIE ON BERNIEM@TRIDENTGROUP.ORG.UK
OR PRIVATE MESSAGE ANITA ASHTON ON DEELANDS HALL
COMMUNITY GROUP ON FACEBOOK TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT
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Water Safety Awareness Message from West Midlands Fire Service

During the hot spell over the late May Bank Holiday weekend and half-term holiday, there were a number of tragic incidents around the country, many involving young people. The forecast over the coming weeks is for temperatures to rise again.

To keep yourself and your loved ones safe around water please be aware of the following:

- Of all drownings in 2025, 57% took place in inland water – canals, rivers, lakes, ponds – the type of bodies of water we have lots of in the West Midlands.
- Even if the weather is warm the water may be cold, causing your body to go into cold water shock.
- If you fall into water Float to Live – put your head back, float on your back and keep yourself stable by using small movements of your hands.
- Once you are stable you may call for help or swim to the bank if it is feasible.
- Do not go into the water to save people or pets. Call 999 and ask for the Fire Service.

For more information about staying safe around water please visit the West Midlands Fire Service water safety page (<https://www.wmfs.net/safety/water-safety/>) or the RNLI Education Resources page (<https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources>).



Water safety matters



This week, we have been focusing on the important topic of water safety following recent events reported across the country during the half-term break.

As part of this learning, KS1 children watched a water safety video with their teachers and took part in class discussions about how to stay safe around water. KS2 pupils took part in a classroom assembly focused on recent news stories and the dangers of swimming in lakes, reservoirs, canals and other open water areas.

Our aim is to ensure that all children understand the potential dangers associated with water and know how to keep themselves safe, particularly as the warmer weather approaches and more families spend time outdoors.



Conversation starter for families. Parent– child discussion.

What are some safe and unsafe places to swim or play near water?

Why can lakes, reservoirs, canals and rivers be more dangerous than they look?

What should you do if you see someone in trouble in the water?

How can we make sure we stay safe when visiting the beach, swimming pool, or open water areas as a family?



Why is it important to listen to warning signs, lifeguards and adults around water?



Website to explore at home.

<https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources>

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/support-us/our-campaigns/safety-on-our-waterways/water-safety-for-kids>

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/resources-for-babies-and-pre-schools-children>

Water Safety Top Tips

Always swim with an adult nearby.

- Never swim in lakes, reservoirs, canals, or rivers.
- Read and follow warning signs around water.
- If you fall into water unexpectedly, remember:
Float to Live.
- In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard if near the sea.

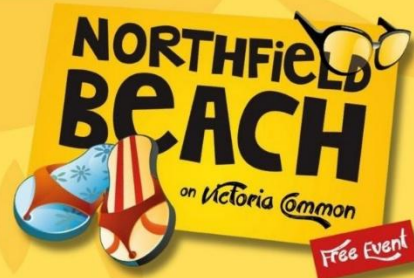
Remember: Water may look calm and safe, but hidden dangers such as cold temperatures, strong currents and deep water can be very dangerous.



Share #FloatToLive



Victoria Common, Northfield
Wednesday 22nd July 2026
10:00am – 4:00pm



A DAY OF FREE ACTIVITIES

for children and adults with additional needs and their families

Accessible / Disabled parking • Changing Places Toilet • SEND friendly
cooking, art, sports, crafts, circus, play • Level access site • Quiet /
Sensory dome • Disabled-led performances • Carers advice & support
• Northfield Disability Forum



**A day of free activities
at Victoria Common in
Northfield**

When: Wednesday 22nd July
10am to 4pm



A day of fun for children and adults with
extra needs and their families. Here are
some things you can join in with:



Arts and Crafts



Cooking



Sports



Circus



Shows by disabled performers



There is also a changing places toilet and
disabled parking.



We have free fruit and water.
And food stalls you can buy food from.



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](#).