



A nurturing
school

Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

Arriving on time to school is important!

Colmers Farm Primary School

Be on time, Be ready to learn!

A great day starts on time!

Welcome to Colmers Farm Primary School

ASPIRE
BELONG
ACHIEVE

Arrive at school between
8:35
— and —
8:45
So you're ready for
a great day of learning!

Kind
Safe
Ready to Learn

You don't miss important learning

You start the day with your friends

You feel calm and ready

You make the most of every opportunity

Opportunities Brighter Futures

Collaboration | Ambition | Respect | Excellence

Caught in the Act

Congratulations to Mason in 1L, who was our first ever recipient of our brand new Caught in the Act award. Mason was caught in the act of being very kind and helpful, by asking if somebody needed help and by opening doors for them in the corridor. Well done Mason! Congratulations to all of our other winners this week also.

Collecting Children

As you know, children from different year groups exit from various doors at the end of the school day. We completely understand that some parents may have to visit multiple doors to collect their children. We just wanted to reassure you that we know that this may take time for you to complete and that we will happily look after your children until you have collected siblings.



SEND Workshops

This week we had held two events for parents of children with autism. On Tuesday the meeting was led by Lisa Walmsley from the Communication and Autism Team. On Thursday, we held a Resources for Autism meeting. There was a good turnout for these meetings. If you attended one of these meetings, we hope that you found it useful.

Secondary School Applications

Families with children due to start secondary school in September 2027 (i.e. those children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 – current Y6 pupils) are now able to apply online for secondary school places. The deadline for applications is 31 October 2026, and places will be offered on 1 March 2027. All the information families need to make their applications is on the council website <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>. If you require any support, please let us know. Please check the dates and times of local secondary school open evenings and take the time to visit them with your child, these visits are invaluable.



Sporting Activities

On Tuesday, our Year 5 and 6 football team were involved in another Excelsior league game, this time against The Meadows Primary School. Although the team played very well, they lost 6-2. We are very proud of their performance though. Our Year 5 basketball A and B teams were in action this week. They played against four other schools at Colmers Secondary School on Wednesday. We are delighted to announce that our teams gained first and second respectively. Well done to everybody who took part.



Golden Book Box

Can you spare a couple of minutes to vote for Colmers Farm so we have a chance of winning 100 free books for our library? Inclusive Books for Children (IBC) is a UK charity that helps families, teachers and librarians build more inclusive bookshelves. Through its Book Box (Bookgifting scheme), they give 100 carefully chosen inclusive books to school libraries across the UK. This year one of those boxes is reserved for the school that wins the Golden Book Box vote. You can vote for Colmers Farm [online here](#). Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Lost Property

We already have more than 20 items in lost property that have no name written in them. Please can you ensure your child's name and class are on every item they bring to school, either written in or using a name sticker. This will help to ensure that items can be returned to pupils easily and quickly.

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.

Which of these passwords is the best to keep your account safe?

- A) 12345
- B) ABCD
- C) Password
- D) redtableriver

Correct answer: D. Options A, B and C are too easy to guess. A password made of three random words is the strongest. To make it even stronger you can use numbers and special characters such as @, £, % or ^.



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

Mr Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 21 st September	CO ² Assembly	Years 1-6 9:15am
Monday 21 st September	CO ² Workshop	2K – 9:30am-12noon 5B: 1pm-3pm
Monday 21 st September	Flu vaccinations	Reception – Year 6 9am-12:30pm
Tuesday 22 nd September	CO ² Workshop	2B – 9:30am-12noon 5E: 1pm-3pm
Wednesday 23 rd September	Mini First Aid Workshop	Year 3 and Year 5
Wednesday 23 rd September	Bell Boating Trip	4N
Thursday 24 th September	Bell Boating Trip	4S
Friday 25 th September	Knife Crime Workshop	Year 6
Friday 25 th September	Reading Inspire Workshop	Year 3 2:15pm
Tuesday 29 th September	Birmingham Cathedral Trip	6F 10am-12noon
Thursday 1 st October	Birmingham Cathedral Trip	6K 10am-12noon
Wednesday 7 th October	Phonics Inspire Workshop	Year 2 2:15pm
Thursday 8 th October	Finance Workshop	Year 5
Wednesday 14 th October	Martineau Gardens Trip	2K
Thursday 15 th October	Martineau Gardens Trip	2B
Thursday 15 th October	Autumn Fair	3:30pm
Tuesday 20 th October	EYFS Parents Evening	
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents Evening	
Monday 26th October 2026 – Friday 30th October 2026	Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Monday 2nd November	Training Day	School closed to all pupils

What's new on the school website

- Year 2: Martineau Gardens Trip Letter
- Year 3 and Year 5: First Aid Course Letter
- Year 6: Knife Crime Workshop
- EYFS – Year 6: Reading Letter
- EYFS – Year 6: Reading List
- Year 2 Phonics Inspire Workshop Letter
- Year 6: CBSO Trip Letter
- Year 6: Secondary School Application Deadline Letter
- EYFS: 100% Attendance Club Letter



Spelling Shed 

Competition
3M vs 4N
Winner - 3M

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 st	Freddie 3M 4,512,776
2 nd	Arnie 2B 4,427,354
3 rd	Thomas 3M 2,281,170



Winning class - 3M
Winning pupil - Lily-Mae 3M
Battles to start from now!

Next Week's Battles:

Spelling Shed 

3J vs 4S



4N vs 5B

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Jelisa	1W	Riley	2K
Casper	3M	Zac	4S
Julian	5E	Umar	6F
James	6K – Lunchtime award		
Eden	2B – Attendance award		



This week's

Celebration Assembly recipients



Mason	1L	Millie	1W
Arnie	2B	Luna	2K
Kenisha	3J	Natasha	3M
Bella-Rose	4N	Kaya-Rose	4S
Jack	5B	Jaylen	5E
Emmett	6F	Evelyn	6K



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	271	232	277	305

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	683	569	723	718



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.



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:

Renesme	1W	6
Teddy	2K	7
Dhrisha	6F	11
Elizabeth	4N	9
Ramaya	4S	9
Khatira	RJ	5
Theo	RL	5
Obie	RJ	5



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 can you tell me about the new friends you've made?**

Year 1: **What is an aerial view?**

Year 2: **Who is one person you can trust? Why?**

Year 3: **What is the value of the digit 6 in 362?**

Year 4: **How many groups of 25 make 100?**

Year 5: **What do you know about Mr Phileas Fogg?**

Year 6: **In writing, how can you show an emotion without telling the reader 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 **95.59%** - 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	95.55%	96.31%
RL	98.22%	94.64%
1L	93.27%	94.40%
1W	98.55%	97.48%
2B	96.94%	98.00%
2K	99.44%	94.67%
3J	98.28%	95.17%
3M	97.13%	98.99%
4N	91.67%	92.71%
4S	92.86%	87.41%
5B	94.17%	98.00%
5E	93.16%	95.33%
6F	95.83%	97.00%
6K	95.24%	95.61%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2B – 98.00%

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



3M – 98.99%

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.



Dolly was born in to poverty in rural Tennessee in America. Dolly had become one of the best selling music artists of all time.

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 15



You have the right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups as long as it isn't harmful to others.



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Arts and Culture Newsletter



Discover Art, culture and creativity across Birmingham.

Each week we will share exciting exhibitions, workshops, family events, and creative opportunities happening across Birmingham. These activities are a fantastic way for young people and families to explore local culture, develop creativity, and support the city's vibrant arts community.

Heritage Open Days returns 11-20 September 2026



Welcome to England's largest festival of history and culture!

Every September thousands of volunteers across England organise events to celebrate our fantastic history and culture. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – all of which are FREE to explore. There are lots of venues to explore for free! Please see the link below for activities and events in Birmingham.

www.heritageopendays.org.uk

[Search events](#)

Featured Exhibition

Ozzy Osbourne – Working class hero
Venue: Birmingham Museum and Art gallery
Dates: Until 27th September 2026 (Tuesday-Sunday 10am-5pm)



What to Expect:

This exhibition celebrates the solo achievements and global awards of rock icon Ozzy Osbourne and the album art of the original Black Sabbath line-up to coincide with their historic homecoming concert at Villa Park on Saturday 5 July 2025..

Suitable For: All ages

Cost: Free

Further Information: [Ozzy Osbourne \(1948-2025\): Working Class Hero | Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery | Birmingham Museums](#)

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](#).