



A nurturing school

Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 20th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a good week.

Together, Every Day Counts!

At Colmers Farm Primary School, we believe every day is a new opportunity for our students to learn, grow, and shine. When pupils attend regularly, they build confidence, make stronger friendships, and stay on track with their learning. Quite simply attendance matters because our children matter.

We are incredibly proud of the effort so many families are already making to ensure their children are in school, ready to learn. Thank you for your commitment and partnership. As we move forward, let's continue working together to help every child reach their full potential.

Why attendance is so important?

- Every lesson builds on the last. Missing even a day can make it harder to stay confident and connected.
- Good habits last a lifetime. Being punctual and present prepares children for success beyond school.
- School is a community. When children attend regularly, they feel a stronger sense of belonging and wellbeing.



How can we support each other?

We're here to help. If you're experiencing challenges around attendance—big or small—please get in touch. Our staff are ready to listen, support, and find solutions together. No concern is too small. Every day in school is a step toward a brighter future. Let's take those steps together!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Year Av.
92.4 %	94.4 %	94.8%	93.1%	93.0%	93.5%

Eid Mubarak to all in our school community who are celebrating!

We send our warmest wishes to our families observing Eid. We hope this special time brings you joy, peace, and moments of celebration with loved ones. To everyone marking the occasion, Eid Mubarak!



A reminder about toys in school

We kindly ask that children do not bring toys into school. While we understand how special these items can be, they can often become a distraction from learning and may cause upset if they are lost, damaged, or go missing during the school day. Thank you for your support in helping us to maintain a calm and focused learning environment for all pupils.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who joined in with Red Nose Day by coming to school dressed in red! It was wonderful to see the whole school community getting involved. We are very grateful for your generous donations to this charity, which continues to carry out such valuable work supporting children and families. Donations can still be made via the official Red Nose Day fundraising page or via our [Red Nose Day Just Giving Page](#).

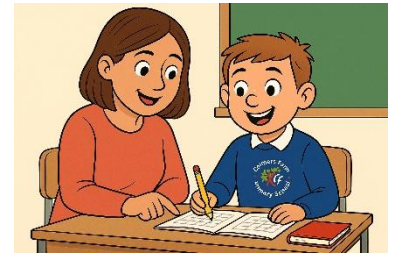


Egg Dioramas

A huge thank you to all our KS2 children and their families for the wonderful egg dioramas brought into school. The creativity, imagination, and hard work that went into each design were clear to see, and they brought a fantastic buzz to the corridor! We look forward to seeing the last few dioramas on Monday. Our School Council will have the very tough job of judging the entries and there will be two winners from each class. We also look forward to seeing KS1's Easter bonnets on Monday as we continue our Easter celebrations.

Year 5 Open Morning and Year 1 Inspire Session

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for the Year 5 Open Morning this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school, taking part in lessons and sharing in your children's learning. We would also like to extend our thanks to the parents who attended the Year 1 Maths Workshop. We hope you found the session helpful and that the ideas shared will support you in working with your child at home. Your involvement makes a real difference, and we truly appreciate your continued support.



Healthy Snack Reminder

A gentle reminder that any snacks brought into school should be healthy choices and nut free. We encourage children to bring items such as fruit, vegetables, or other nutritious options to help support their wellbeing and keep them energised for learning throughout the day. Thank you for working with us to promote healthy habits and a positive school environment.



Girl guiding

Do you want a new challenge and to go places you never thought of? Being a Girl Guide Leader could be what you are looking for. Just apply online by visiting the website - <https://girlguidingbirmingham.org.uk> - and click on 'Join Us As A Volunteer'. They are looking for volunteers to help locally in Rubery, Rednal and Longbridge, and are hoping to open a guide unit in Longbridge. Commit as much time as you want as a unit helper or become a qualified member.

E-safety Quiz

Does your child know how to stay safe online? Ask them the following question to find out.

If you see something online that feels scary or inappropriate what should you do?

- A. Finish watching it.
- B. Tell a trusted adult straight away.
- C. Share it with friends so they know what you saw.
- D. Don't tell anybody what you saw as this might get you into trouble.

Correct answer – B. If ever you see something inappropriate always tell a trusted adult straight away and they will be able to help you.



I hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Bag2School clothing collection	Whole School
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Parent Coffee Afternoon	2pm
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Easter Bonnet Parade	EYFS and KS1 – 2.30pm
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Easter Diorama competition	KS2 – 3pm
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Easter Bake Sale	Whole School – 3.15pm
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	EYFS Farm Trip	RJ
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	EYFS Farm Trip	RL
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Year 3 Open Morning	8.55am – 10am
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Easter Raffle Draw	Whole School
Friday 27 th March 2026	House Point Winners Own Clothes Day	
Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026	Easter Holidays	School closed to all pupils
Monday 30 th April 2026 – Wednesday 1 st May 2026	Year 6 SATS revision classes (agreed pupils)	9am – 1pm
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
Tuesday 28 th April 2026	The Basement Project	Year 5 workshop and cereal domino
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
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
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
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



Winning pupil –
Shea (4B) – 17,340



Winning class –
4J - 428,384



Winning class – 3S
Winning pupil –
Sean (6F)

Top 3 Class Scores This Week	
1 st	6G – 36,315
2 nd	4B – 20,920
3 rd	6F – 13,585

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 st	Elijah 8,432,880 (4B)
2 nd	Hasali 3,209,032 (6F)
3 rd	Archie (2L)

Next Week's Battles:	
Spelling Shed	5HN vs 6G
Times Tables Rock Stars	TBC



What's new on the school website

- Year 4 Kenilworth Castle Trip Letter



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Zion	RL	Harriet	1RW
Alanah	2K	Esshac	3M
Ava-Grace	4J	Lacey	5HN
Lorelei	6G	Sophie-Mae	6G – Lunchtime award



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Renesme	RL	Regan	RJ	Reggie	1W
Charlie	1RW	Daisy-May	2K	Corey	2L
Regon	3M	Stephen	3S	Danae	4J
Poppy	4B	Neveah	5E	Winnie-Mae	5HN
Paige	6F	Khaleesi	6G		
Special certificate: Elijah			3S		








HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	218	297	293	329

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	2007	2258	2089	2200



<h1 style="color: #FF00FF;">S</h1> <h2>Stay Safe</h2> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p> 	<h1 style="color: #008000;">M</h1> <h2>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="color: #0000FF;">A</h1> <h2>Accepting Files</h2> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p> 	<h1 style="color: #FFA500;">R</h1> <h2>Reliable?</h2> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p> 	<h1 style="color: #FF0000;">T</h1> <h2>Tell Someone</h2> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <p style="color: #008000; font-weight: bold;">Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p>	<p>Please follow us on Twitter!</p> <p>Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!</p> <p>@Colmers_FarmPS</p> 
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Happy Birthday Messages

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

Eden	6F	11
Narin	1W	6
Hunter	3M	8



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:** Who had to help the farmer tug out the Enormous Turnip?
- Year 1:** Which parts of the human body can you name?
- Year 2:** What are the human and physical features of the seaside?
- Year 3:** If I had £20 but then I spent £11.75, how much money would I have left? Explain how you know.
- Year 4:** Why is 1066 so important and how did William the Conqueror change England?
- Year 5:** How might friendships change during your lifetime?
- Year 6:** Is there something that you can do this weekend towards your SAGE award?

**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 **93.49%** - 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	97.22%	91.01%
RL	90%	95.59%
1RW	95.71%	93.80%
1W	95.33%	94.22%
2K	88.46%	93.08%
2L	94%	93.20%
3M	93.33%	94.13%
3S	93.93%	94.29%
4B	88%	89.51%
4J	95.48%	95.75%
5E	96.45%	95.70%
5HN	95.17%	95.80%
6F	95.52%	93.79%
6G	91.33%	90.88%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



RL – 95.59%

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



5HN – 95.80%





Opal Platinum Award 2026 - 2028



Conversation starter for families. Parent– child discussion.

- What is your favourite thing about playtime at school?
 - What games do you like playing outside?
- Is there anything that stops you from playing the way you want?
 - What new things would you like to see outside at school?
 - If you could design the playground, what would you add?
- What outdoor activities help children learn and develop skills?
- How can the playground support teamwork and friendships?


 Article 31
 You have the right to play and rest.
 











Wellbeing Weekly



Our assembly focus this half term is Cooperation.

Mental health and wellbeing are really important for children because they help children feel happy, safe and confident as they grow and learn. When children feel supported emotionally, they are better able to build friendships, try new things and cope with challenges. At Colmers Farm, we work incredibly hard to make sure wellbeing is always a priority and we are very proud to have recently received our WAS award for the second time.

Parents who would like more information or support around children's mental health and wellbeing can visit trusted organisations such as NHS, Young Minds and Mind, where you can find helpful advice, guidance and resources to support your child's emotional wellbeing at home. These websites offer simple tips, activities and support to help families talk about feelings and build healthy habits together.



Helpful websites for parents:

NHS – www.nhs.uk

Young Minds – www.youngminds.org.uk

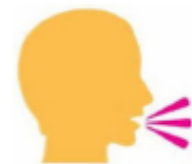
Mind – www.mind.org.uk Place2Be – www.place2be.org.uk

Conversation starter for families.

Parent-child discussion.



- Who do you like to talk to when something is bothering you?
- What helps you feel calm when you are feeling angry or frustrated?
- What is something you are looking forward to this week?
- If you could change one thing about today, what would it be?
- When did you feel really proud of yourself recently?



Simple Family Wellbeing Strategies

- Daily check-ins: Spend a few minutes each day asking children how they feel.
- Emotion words: Help children name feelings such as happy, nervous, excited or frustrated.
- Calm-down techniques: Try deep breathing, counting slowly to ten, or quiet time with a book.
 - Family gratitude time: Each person shares one thing they are thankful for.
- Problem-solving together: When worries come up, talk about possible solutions as a team.
- Create a safe space: Let children know it's okay to talk about any feeling without being judged.



Regular conversations like these help children understand their emotions, build confidence and know they



**NO
OUT
SIDERS**



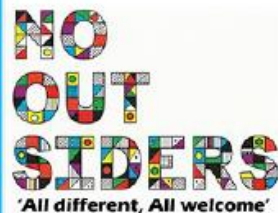
Rights Respecting Article

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.



- What does privacy mean in our family?
- When should I have privacy at home?
- Are there times when parents should check on a child's private space or messages? Why?
 - How can we balance privacy and safety?
- What information about me should never be shared online?
- What should I do if I feel someone is invading my privacy?
 - How can I respect other people's privacy too?



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.

Years 1-3



The picture shows a new campaign called a "Chatty Cafe" What do you think a chatty cafe is?

Alex encourages people to share tables in cafe's with strangers as a way of tackling loneliness. She describes being in a cafe a few years ago on her own feeling lonely and fed up. She noticed an elderly lady on another table also looking fed up and lonely. On another table was a guy on his own. Everyone was just looking around the room, no-one was speaking.

Why do you think they weren't speaking to each other?

Years 4-6

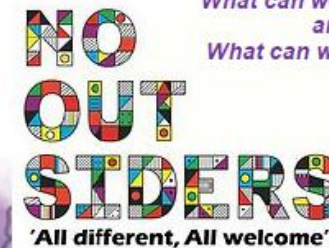


Leeds manager Daniel Farke said, "Football shows how people from different passports, cultures and religions can unite behind one goal." He said the cheering was a perfect message. "Football is a perfect example

If someone has racist ideas, can those ideas change? How can they change? Can they change in 7 days?

What can we learn from Leeds fans and this story?

What can we learn about football?



Nurturing ADHD kids

This online 6 week course is free for Birmingham parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD or suspected ADHD

LED BY ADULTS WITH ADHD

Does your child have ADHD or suspected ADHD?

Are you trying to support them but find that everyone gives you different advice?

In this 6 week course, you will

- learn about ADHD
- Understand the effect on our mental health
- Understand the reasons behind behaviours
- Gain confidence in advocating for our children
- Learn new strategies
- Help our kids be confident, resilient and be their best selves

Email:
contactus@brewseducation.org

Birmingham Resilience Education and Wellbeing Services CIC

What parents have said about this course

This course is literally game-changing for parents, caregivers, teachers and anyone living with a child (or adult) with ADHD. So much misunderstanding, frustration and worry could be prevented if everyone had access to this amazing resource.

Essential course for any parent of a child with ADHD. It changed the way I see my son and my ability to respond to his needs effectively.

Very informative, friendly, no pressure, enjoyable sessions



CIC Business Registration: 13240865

Nurturing ADHD kids

NEW GROUPS STARTING SOON!

Free online 6 week courses for parents and carers
Each session is 90 minutes

April 2026 courses

Tuesday evenings 7-8.30 pm
starting Tuesday 14th April
Register [HERE](#) or use QR code



Thursday mornings 9.30 - 11.00 am
starting Thursday 16th April
Register [HERE](#) or use QR code



Registration closes at
5 pm on Friday 10th April

If you miss the deadline, email us at contactus@brewseducation.org and you can join the next one starting in March





Be Empowered.....

BE EMPOWERED WORKSHOPS

- Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers

Is this for you?
Are you a parent of a child/ren with a different abilities (additional needs)? Are you struggling to know what to do next?



feel confident build resilience
Do you want to feel more confident about working with practitioners and making decisions about your child's journey?



feeling lonely, isolated?
Do you want to meet with other parents and learn more about local and national services and what they can offer?



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](#).