



A nurturing school

Colmers Farm Primary School

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of this half term. I hope that you have had a great week. I'm sure that the Aston Villa fans amongst you certainly have.

## Attendance

Our school attendance this week has been disappointing. Taking holidays during term time can have a significant impact on children's learning and school experience. Even a short absence can mean missing key lessons, new concepts, and class discussions that are difficult to fully catch up on afterwards. This can lead to gaps in understanding, reduced confidence, and added pressure for pupils as they try to keep pace with their peers. Regular attendance also supports strong routines, positive learning habits, and social development, helping children to build friendships and feel part of the school community. By avoiding term-time holidays wherever possible, families can help ensure that children make the most of their education and achieve their full potential.



## Attendance Hero Challenge!

From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, we are running a challenge for our pupils. If pupils get 100% attendance and arrive on time during this period they will get a prize. They will also be entered into a big prize draw to win either a Smyths, Hollywood Bowl or Amazon voucher. Can your child become an Attendance Hero? Good luck everybody.

**Could you be an Attendance Hero?**

**Attendance Hero Challenge**  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

How to complete the challenge:

- Come to school every day
- Arrive on time
- Be ready to learn each morning

One child from each phase will win a grand prize...

<p>EYFS/KS1 PRIZE £25 Smyths Gift Card</p>	<p>LKS2 (Yrs 3&amp;4) PRIZE £20 Gift Voucher</p>	<p>UKS2 (Yrs 5&amp;6) PRIZE £20 Gift Voucher</p>
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A prize for every child that achieves our challenge and meets expectations!

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**  
CAN YOU BE AN ATTENDANCE HERO?  
H E R E  
E R E  
R E A D Y T O L E A R N  
O N T I M E

Inclusive rewards for every child: All our rewards are fully inclusive so that every child can be recognised for their commitment to attending school regularly, including children with medical needs, appointments or part-time timetables.

## Aldi Voucher Winner

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. This month we had 293 pupils in the draw. Congratulations to our lucky winners this month who are:

- Camarah (1RW)
- Everly (2L)



### **Meadow**

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Meadow for her sporting achievements outside of school this year. She has had a fantastic season with Kings Norton Rhinos rugby team, winning Player of the Season. As the only girl in a squad of around twenty boys, this is a very special achievement. Her determination and teamwork have helped the Rhinos win virtually every game this season. Well done Meadow! We are all very proud of you. If your child has achieved something wonderful outside of school, please let us know and we'll try to put it into our newsletter. Remember these achievements can also be used as great evidence for our KS2 SAGE award.



### **Rights Respecting Gold Award Application**

We are delighted to share that our school has now been on its Rights Respecting Schools journey for nearly 10 years — something we are incredibly proud of. As a current Silver accredited school, we have worked hard to embed children's rights into every aspect of school life, ensuring that our ethos is rooted in respect, fairness and equality for all. On Wednesday, we reached an exciting milestone as we welcomed our assessor for our Gold Award assessment. This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase how children's rights are lived and breathed across our school community. From classroom practice to pupil voice, our commitment to the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Award underpins how we support every child to feel safe, valued and heard. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Greep, who has led this work. Her unwavering commitment to championing children's rights has been instrumental in driving our journey forward and preparing us for this important assessment. I would also like to thank all our staff and children who participated in the assessment process. Their enthusiasm, knowledge and genuine belief in the importance of rights were evident throughout the day and made us all incredibly proud. We now eagerly await the outcome, which we will receive in the next month. Regardless of the result, this journey has already had a lasting positive impact on our school.



### **Oracy Centre of Excellence Application**

On Tuesday, we were proud to present our application to become an *Oracy School of Excellence* with Voice 21. This marks an important milestone in the oracy journey we have been on for the last six years as a school. We place great value on oracy because it empowers our pupils to become confident speakers, attentive listeners, and thoughtful contributors. The ability to articulate ideas clearly, engage in meaningful discussion, and communicate effectively is central to both academic success and personal development, and it is something we strive to nurture in every child. Thank you goes to Miss Murphy for leading this work so expertly, building on the strong foundations laid by her predecessor, Miss Hooper. Their dedication has helped embed oracy across our curriculum and school culture. We now look forward to hearing the outcome after half term and are excited about the next steps in continuing to develop our oracy provision.

### **Cricket Tournament**

On Friday twelve of our pupils - six boys and six girls - took part in a cricket festival against seven other schools in the Kings Norton District. They represented the school superbly, demonstrating excellent teamwork, sportsmanship, and determination throughout the competition. It was fantastic to see their positive attitudes, encouragement of one another, and resilience in every match. We are very proud of how they conducted themselves and the effort they put in—well done to all involved!



### **E-safety Question**

Test what your children know about e-safety issues by asking them the question below.

Why is it important to be careful when sharing photos on your phone?

- A. Because photos can use up storage space on your phone quickly
- B. Because once a photo is shared, it can be copied and sent to people you don't know
- C. Because taking and sharing photos drains your battery quickly
- D. Because photos always delete themselves after a day

Correct answer: B When you share a photo, you lose control of it. Someone else could save it, share it further, adapt it using AI or show it to people you don't know, which can be unsafe.



### **Children's Commissioner Survey**

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, is currently looking for children to complete her new survey called 'The Big Future'. This is open to all children between the ages of 0 and 18. Please click on the link below for your child to take part in this. Please note that parents can support their children to complete this.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>



### **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.

I hope that you have a wonderful half term break with your families.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Mr Williams**  
**Headteacher**

## **What's new on the school website**

- Attendance Competition Letter
- Soccer Aid Letter
- FurBabies Cat Rescue Letter
- Sex and Relationships Education Letter
- Year 6 Leavers' Performance Letter



## Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>Half-Term Holiday</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	St Stephens Church Trip	2L – 9.10am 2K – 1.05pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	Soccer Aid Assembly	Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	Class Photos	Whole School
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Farm Trip	Pathways children
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Weston-super-Mare trip	2L – all day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Weston-super-Mare trip	2K – all day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Birmingham Mission Assembly	KS2 – 9am KS1 – 9.30am
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	Wonder Dome visit	Years 1-5
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Sports Day	Whole School
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Science Lesson at Colmers School	Year 5
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	School Transition Day	Whole School
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026	Staff v Students Soccer Aid	2.30pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Stratford-upon-Avon Trip	5HN
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Stratford-upon-Avon Trip	5E
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 1 Showcase	2.15pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Rock Steady Concert	Whole School
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Safeside Fire Safety Trip	Year 6
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Summer Picnic and Summer Fair	Whole School
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 6 Cinema and Bowling Trip	Cinema – 10am Bowling – 1.30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Science Day	Whole School – dress as scientists

Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Governor Awards	Whole School
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Party Day	Year 1-5 and EYFS – 1pm-3pm Year 6 Disco – 4.30pm-6pm
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	<b>Summer Holidays</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>



**Winning pupil –**  
Coming next term



**Winning class –**  
**4B**  
**36,714,479**



**Winning class –**  
Coming next term  
**Winning pupil –**  
Coming next term

Top 3 Class Scores This Week	
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Coming next term
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Coming next term
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Coming next term

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Elijah 4B</b> <b>390,150,675</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Shea 4B</b> <b>626,141,154</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Isaiah 6G</b> <b>30,850,349</b>

Next Week's Battles:	
Spelling Shed 🐝	<b>3S vs 4J</b>



# This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Salvador	RL	Ida-Lilly	1RW
Olivia-Lili	2K	Zac	3S
Olivia	4J	Eden	5HN
Ellis	6F	Riley	1W – Lunchtime award



## This week's

### Celebration Assembly recipients



Maya	RL	Zoe	RJ	Jaxon	1W
Ariella	1RW	Margot Rose	2K	Kerry-Lyn	2L
Alivia	3M	Ramaya	3S	Jack	4J
Tayibah	4B	Bogdan	5E	Cash	5HN
6F and 6G	All our stars in Year 6!				







## HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	255	249	234	283

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	1084	1179	1273	1296



<h1 style="color: #FF00FF;">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="color: #008000;">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="color: #0000FF;">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="color: #FF8C00;">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="color: #FF0000;">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> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p> </div>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Please follow us on Twitter!</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: 1.2em;"><b>@Colmers_FarmPS</b></p> 
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### Happy Birthday Messages

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

Jaiden	5HN	10		
Janaleh	3M	8		
Lali-Bella	5E	10		
Makonnen	5HN	10		
Zoe	RL	5		
Micaiah	2L	7		
Haizar	1RW	6	Shea	4B 9
Is-Haq	4J	9	Hayley	2K 7
Jessica	RJ	5	Reggie-Jay	4B 9
Corey	2L	7	Scarlett	6G 11
Logan	4J	9	Jyana	RJ 5
Charlie	3M	8	Cash	5HN 10
Willow	2K	7	Isbah	5E 10



### 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:** Which dinosaur is your favourite and why?

**Year 1:** Who was Amelia Earhart?

**Year 2:** What have you achieved in Year 2 that you are proud of?

**Year 3:** What does a plant need to be able to survive?

**Year 4:** Which times tables are you struggling with the most? What help do you need to improve?

**Year 5:** What factors do we need to consider when sharing pictures online?

**Year 6:** What's the best way to learn the words to a song for a performance?

**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 **93.47%** - 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	90.00%	87.73%
RL	85.79%	81.58%
1RW	92.41%	87.59%
1W	95.00%	90.67%
2K	91.20%	86.40%
2L	95.33%	85.00%
3M	88.85%	83.85%
3S	91.13%	87.14%
4B	89.00%	81.33%
4J	93.55%	94.84%
5E	94.84%	98.06%
5HN	96.43%	88.93%
6F	98.89%	89.63%
6G	95.00%	92.33%

**CLASS AWARDS:**

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



1W – 90.67%

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



5E – 98.06%



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](mailto: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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# 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](mailto: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**



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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](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) at any time. Alternatively [submit an online form](#).