Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A nurturing school

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parent/Carers

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding half-term, I would like to congratulate our pupils and thank our dedicated staff for all their hard work and commitment. It has been wonderful to see our pupils settle so well into their new classrooms, embrace their learning and already achieve so much. I am incredibly proud of the positive start they have made to the school year and look forward to seeing them continue to grow in confidence, develop their skills and achieve their full potential over the coming months.

The Importance of Strong School Attendance



I was talking to one of our parents last Friday and she said that the reason her child gave for us wanting all of pupils in school is so we have the best attendance in our MAT. Well… we do naturally want to be the best in out MAT for everything so I guess that is partly correct. The real answer as to why we want this though is because we want EVERY pupil at our school to become the best they can possibly be. Only by attending school as often as possible will this happen.

Attention Year 6 parents!!!

You only have until 11:59pm on 31st October to apply for your child's secondary school place. All the information on the application process is available on the council's website: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Parents can also call 0121 303 1888 if they wish to speak to a member of the team or alternatively email admissions@birmingham.gov.uk

Parents' Evenings



A big thank you to all our parents and carers who attended parents' evening this week and also to my hardworking staff. We really appreciate your time and support, and the opportunity to work together to celebrate your child's achievements and discuss their next steps in learning. If you were unable to attend, please contact the school office to arrange an alternative appointment.

Training Day

Please remember that school is closed on Monday 2nd November for a staff training day. We look forward to seeing everybody back in school on Tuesday 3rd November.

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.

Book Fair

Thank you to all our pupils and parents who visited the Book Fair in school this week. It was a great success once more, seeing families spend £547! This also earned our school over £200 in rewards which will go towards purchasing new books for our library.

SAGE Award

Over the half term you will probably do lots of things with your child. Our school's SAGE award is a great way of celebrating what your child achieves both in and out of school. For more information about the SAGE award, please see the poster in this newsletter. Please send any photos as evidence to enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org or your child's class name e.g. 4N@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org. Please use the subject line child's name@SAGE Award e.g. Jake@SAGE Award

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.

You are researching a project on your computer and find a website claiming that drinking a special drink will make you much cleverer overnight. What should you do?

- **A) Believe it because it is written on a website.**
- **B) Share it with your friends to see if they believe it too.**
- **C) Check reliable websites and see whether other trustworthy sources support the claim.**
- **D) Believe it if the website has colourful pictures and lots of followers**

Correct answer: C – Not everything on the internet is truly. Always check information on the internet by visiting other trustworthy sources of information.



I hope that you have a wonderful half term with your families. We look forward to welcoming everybody back to school refreshed and ready to learn on **Tuesday 3rd November.**

Mr Williams
Headteacher



What's new on the school website

- Christmas Fair Letter
- Year 6 - Crochet Club Letter
- Head Pupil Applications Letter
- Thank You From EYFS Letter
- Year 3: SAGE Award workshop for parents Letter
- Panto: Year 1, 2 and 3



Spelling Shed

Competition
Winners - 3J

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1st	Riley 6F 3,492,000
2nd	Shea 5E 2,905,834
3rd	George 1W 1,592,962

Times Tables Rock Stars

Competition
4N vs 6F
Winning class – 6F
Winning pupil – Bogdan 6F

Next Week's Battles:	
Spelling Shed	3M vs 5P
Times Tables Rock Stars	4S vs 3M

Excelsior Multi Academy Trust

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 26th October 2026 – Friday 30th October 2026	**Half Term**	**School closed to all pupils**
Monday 2nd November 2026	**Training Day**	**School closed to all pupils**
Tuesday 3rd November 2026	NSPCC – Virtual Pants Assembly	Years 1-6
Wednesday 4th November 2026 – Friday 6th November 2026	Residential	Condover Hall
Thursday 5th November 2026	SAGE Workshop for Year 3 parents	3.40pm-4pm
Friday 6th November 2026	Year 3 Diwali Performance	9.15am
Friday 6th November 2026	Celebrating Diwali	Whole School Wear colourful clothes
Monday 9th November 2026	Big Arts Week Exhibition	3.30pm-4pm
Tuesday 10th November 2026	Rocksteady Assembly	Whole School – 2pm
Tuesday 10th November 2026	Parents Evening	6K – 2pm-5pm
Wednesday 11th November 2026	Brazilian Drumming Workshop	Year 3 and Year 5
Wednesday 11th November 2026	OPAL Stay and Play	3pm
Thursday 12th November 2026	Parents Evening	6K – 2pm-5pm
Thursday 12th November 2026	School Photos	Whole School
Friday 13th November 2026	Children In Need Day	Whole School Wear bright or spotty clothes
Monday 16th November 2026	Antibullying Week	Odd Socks on Monday – Whole School
Monday 16th November 2026	Flu Vaccinations	Whole School 9am-12.30pm
Tuesday 17th November 2026	Birmingham Museum Trip	3J
Wednesday 18th November 2026	NSPCC - Speak Out, Stay Safe	Y2, 5 and 6 Workshops
Thursday 19th November 2026	Year One Phonics Workshop	2pm
Thursday 19th November 2026	Birmingham Museum Trip	3M

Wednesday 25th November 2026	RSPCA Visit	Year 5 and Year 6
Thursday 26th November 2026	Finance Workshop	Year 5
Thursday 26th November 2026	WWII Trip – Bewdley Museum	6F
Friday 27th November 2026	WWII Trip – Bewdley Museum	6K
Wednesday 2nd December 2026	RockSteady Christmas Concert	RockSteady Club
Friday 4th December 2026	Christmas Panto	1.30pm – Years 1, 2 and 3
Thursday 10th December 2026	Christmas Fair	3.30pm
Friday 11th December 2026	Santa Run	Whole School
Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027	**Christmas Holidays**	**School closed to all pupils**
Monday 4th January 2027	**Training Day**	**School closed to all pupils**

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Jesse	RJ	Millie	1W
Elly	2K	Harrison	3J
Freya	4S	Faris	5E
Szymon	6K		
Lunchtime:	Isbah 6F		



This week's Celebration Assembly recipients



RJ: Aya	RL: Kobie-Kai	1L: Ayan
1W: Oriana	2B: Eva	2K: Reggie
3J: Zach	3M: Jayden	4N: Aurora
4S: Zac	5B: Mahz	5E: Lincoln
6F: Riley	6K: James	



This week's Posh Lunch recipients

RL: Archie	RJ: Zaviyar
RL: Grayson	RJ: Anna
RL: Willow-Grace	RJ: Ashira



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	303	317	267	230
This term's total	2326	2003	2145	2173



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:

Casper	1L	6	Zach	3J	8
Ethan-George	2K	7	Lyla	RJ	5
Freya Grace	RL	5	Jilani	1W	6
Ella	5B	10	Brayden	3M	8
Autumn	5B	10	Kade	6F	11
Freya	2K	7	Faris	5E	10
Aurora	4N	9	Miles	RJ	5
Lydia-James	2K	7	Nevaeh	4N	9
Ruby	6K	11	Oliver	6K	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: Which of the Three Little Pigs had the strongest house and why?

Year 1: What have you been doing in Big Art Week?

Year 2: What happened to the Titanic?

Year 3: What have you enjoyed about Big Art Week?

Year 4: If you were writing a non-chronological report on Celtic tribes, what three sections would you have in it?

Year 5: What can you tell me about Islamic patterns?

Year 6: What five items would you pack in your suitcase if you were an evacuee?

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Colmers Farm Primary School

Excelsior Multi Academy Trust

CHALLENGE!

Our whole school attendance target remains at 96% and this year we are determined to reach it!

Our current school attendance to date is 94.08% - we are so close to 96%. Can we get there?

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	92.33%	93.33%
RL	85.67%	92.33%
1L	91.20%	87.60%
1W	92.50%	92.50%
2B	97.33%	92.67%
2K	95.33%	95.67%
3J	95.52%	89.26%
3M	96.90%	96.55%
4N	87.33%	91.33%
4S	92.14%	93.21%
5B	96.33%	94.67%
5E	93.33%	94.33%
6F	94.00%	94.67%
6K	92.33%	86.00%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



3M – 96.55%

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



2K – 95.67%

Opal Stay and Play

Wednesday 11th November 2026

3:30pm-4:30pm



Please collect your child as normal. Then join us in the playground to enjoy some play with your child/children.

All children MUST be accompanied by their parents/carers.



Join us for a fun hour of Opal, imagination and exploration!



DEELANDS HALL
Deelands Road

What's On for our community

Activities • Support • Wellbeing • Friends • For Everyone

MONDAY

FREE Community Haircuts
1st Monday of every month
Starting 5th October
4pm till 7pm
Qualified & DBS checked

FREE 8-Week Boxing & Employability Support Course
Monday 28th September
11am till 1pm

Digikicks – Tea & T'Internet
1:20pm to 3:30pm
FREE

TUESDAY

FREE Adult Yoga
Starting 6th October
2:30pm - 3:30pm

FREE Children's Yoga
Starting 6th October
4pm - 4:45pm

Illuminate Shine Performing Arts
Ages 5-9
5pm - 6.30pm
Chargeable session
Contact Kerri Ann Boyle
www.illuminateperformingarts.co.uk

WEDNESDAY

FREE Wellbeing Drop In
Craft • Food • Conversation
12 noon - 3pm

THURSDAY

Starting mid-October

FREE Children's Boxing
Ages 10-16
5pm - 6pm

Ladies' Boxing
6pm - 7pm
Chargeable session
Contact Keith on
07375 032325

FRIDAY

Starting 16th October

FREE Deelands Hall Community Living Room
Wellbeing space
12 noon till 3pm
Activities • Fitness • Food • Wellbeing

SATURDAY

Illuminate Performing Arts
9am - 12 noon
Chargeable session
Contact Kerri Ann Boyle
www.illuminateperformingarts.co.uk

Cartwright & Coy Performing Arts
4pm - 8pm
Contact: 07346 813139

SUNDAY

Café Church
Food & Prayer
4pm - 6pm

SPECIAL EVENT

Charity Auction
Friday 27th November

All are welcome! Be part of something special

CLARION FUTURES · Trident Group · COMMUNITY FUND · Birmingham City Council · Birmingham Community Boxing Project

DEELANDS HALL
FREE Community Haircuts

Starting 5th October 2026 - Then 1st Monday of every month

Deelands Hall
Deelands Road B45 9RT

1st Monday of every month

4pm till 7pm

Everyone Welcome



Qualified and DBS checked Hairdresser

"Community Haircut Day: Completely free styling and cuts for local residents and families looking to stretch their household budgets."

"Free community haircuts. Save on your grooming essentials so you can direct your budget where your family needs it most."

To book email
berniem@tridentgroup.org.uk

Facebook private message
anita ashton
find her on Deelands Hall Community Group

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Look Good ♥ Feel Great ♥ Together

CLARION FUTURES

Trident Group

WELLBEING DROP IN

Drop in, say hello, you're welcome here!

WEDNESDAY 12 TILL 3

EVERYONE WELCOME!

A safe and friendly space for everyone

FREE FOOD



GAMES



PLAY, LAUGH AND HAVE SOME FUN!

CRAFT



GET CREATIVE AND EXPRESS YOURSELF

FRIENDSHIPS



MEET NEW PEOPLE AND BUILD CONNECTIONS

QUIET SPACE



TAKE TIME OUT RELAX AND RECHARGE

SIGNPOSTING



INFORMATION AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE

DEELANDS HALL
Deelands Road

YOU MATTER. YOUR WELLBEING MATTERS.

POP IN – YOU'RE NOT ALONE.

A partnership between Clarion Futures and Trident Group

Trident Group

DEELANDS HALL COMMUNITY LOUNGE

Offering a wellbeing space



STARTING FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

DEELANDS HALL COMMUNITY LOUNGE
DEELANDS ROAD, B45 9RT

12 TILL 3 | STARTS FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER



- 3 COURSE MEAL
- WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
- CONNECT AND UNWIND
- MINDFUL MOMENTS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- YOGA SESSIONS
- FITNESS
- SING A LONG
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS



ANNUAL EVENTS

- DAY TRIP
- CHRISTMAS PARTY
- VALENTINES PARTY
- EASTER AFTERNOON TEA

ALL FREE

SUPPORTED BY LAWRENCE TURNER MP



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YOGA for Adults

STARTING 6TH OCTOBER

GOOD FOR MIND AND BODY



- REDUCES STRESS
- IMPROVES FLEXIBILITY
- BUILDS STRENGTH
- BOOSTS MENTAL CLARITY

FREE

ADULTS SESSION 2.30PM - 3.30PM

STARTS 6TH OCTOBER

DEELANDS HALL
DEELANDS ROAD

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YOGA Children & Families

STARTING 6TH OCTOBER

GOOD FOR MIND AND BODY

- BUILDS CONFIDENCE
- IMPROVES FOCUS
- ENCOURAGES CALMNESS



AGES 5yrs to 18yrs
PARENTS CAN STAY WITH CHILDREN AND JOIN IN!

- SUPPORTS HEALTHY GROWTH
- DEVELOPS BALANCE & COORDINATION

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY SESSION 4.00PM - 4.45PM

STARTS 6TH OCTOBER

DEELANDS HALL
DEELANDS ROAD

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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 you 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.