



A nurturing school

Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 27th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you had a good half term and that your week has gone well.

School Attendance

Our school attendance this week was very good, particularly on Wednesday when we had a very impressive 97.3%. We managed to beat our yearly average attendance every day this week, which is great. Well done and thank you for your support.



Tuesday

94.8%

Wednesday

97.3%

Thursday

95.1%

Friday

96.2%

Year Av.

93.3%

Well done to our three highest attending classes this year so far who are:

- 1st: 4J – 95.3%
- 2nd: 1RW – 95.26%
- 3rd: 1W – 95.23%

Remember, if you require any support or advice with attendance, please speak to Mrs Taylor or our attendance lead Miss Hooper.

Rock Steady

Our Year 1–5 children had a fantastic time taking part in an energetic music workshop led by Rock Steady! The hall was buzzing with excitement as pupils explored instruments, learned about rhythm and teamwork, and some children even had the chance to perform together as mini rock bands. The session was full of smiles, creativity and brilliant music-making. A big thank you to Rock Steady for inspiring our young musicians!



We have had several families who have signed up for future Rock Steady lessons, which is really exciting. If you are interested in doing this, please do so using the link on the letter you received or scan the QR code above to find out more.

EYFS Dentist Visit

On Tuesday, our EYFS children had a special visit to Hilltop Dental Practice where they received a special check-up and a talk about looking after their teeth. Our EYFS children enjoyed their visit and we would like to thank the staff at Hilltop Dental Practice for making us feel so welcome.

February Aldi Attendance Draw

At the end of each month, we do a special draw to reward attendance at our school which has improved since last month or is over 97% for the year. This month, we had an impressive 321 children in our draw to win one of two £20 Aldi vouchers. Congratulations go to our two lucky winners who were:

- Ralph (Class 1RW)
- Evelyn (Class 5HN)

Next month we will be having another draw. Keep supporting your child's attendance to be in the draw.



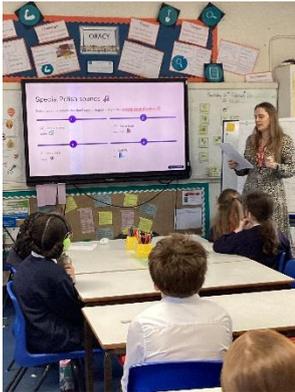
Shoelaces

We have a number of children in KS2 who are unable to tie up their shoelaces. This then leads to children walking around with laces undone, causing a trip hazard. This is an important life skill. If you have a KS2 pupil, we would be grateful if you could please spend some time helping them to learn this skill. This will save us time in school and also your time in the mornings. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



International Mother Language Day Celebrations

This week we have been celebrating International Mother Language Day, with the aim of recognising and valuing language diversity across the world and those spoken within our school community. We welcomed Szymon's mum into school on Thursday so she could talk to Year 5 about her home language, Polish. This was a great opportunity for the pupils to learn about a new language in a fun and friendly way and they really enjoyed her visit. We would like to thank Szymon's mum for giving up her free time to run these fabulous sessions.



Year 6's Secondary School Offers

Offers for our Year 6's secondary schools will be sent out on Monday 2nd March. We wish you the best of luck with receiving the offer that you hoped for. If you have any queries about your offer, we recommend that you contact the Birmingham City Council's admissions team directly by phone 0121 303 1888 or email admissions@birmingham.gov.uk

E-safety Quiz

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

You get an email from the app you use all the time asking for your password to fix a problem with your account. What do you do?

- (A) Reply straight away with your password – you don't want to risk losing access.
- (B) Don't click on any links in the email, but go to the app itself and check for any genuine messages. It's probably best to change your password too.
- (C) Reply asking for confirmation that the email is genuine and not a scam before sending your password.

The correct answer is B. Sometimes people will try to trick you to gain your password. Don't assume that any messages you receive, not in the app, are genuine.



Topic Homework

We have just started our new geography and history topics and you will have received before the holidays your new knowledge organisers for these. Reading through these knowledge organisers with your children helps to engage them with their new topics and gives them a good starting knowledge about these. The homework elements of the knowledge organiser are also brilliant for engaging children with their topics. We actively encourage the completion of at least one of these homework tasks and we love to have these sent into school so we can celebrate and display these.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Tuesday 3 rd March 2026	Bell Boating Trip	5HN
Wednesday 4 th March 2026	Year 2 Maths Workshop	2.15pm
Wednesday 4 th March 2026	OPAL Stay and Play	3.30pm to 4.15pm
Wednesday 4 th March 2026	Bell Boating Trip	5E
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day	Whole School – dress up as favourite character or word
Monday 9 th March 2026	Local Walk	1W and 1RW
Tuesday 17 th March 2026	Height and Weight Checks	Year 6 and EYFS 9.30am – 11.30am
Friday 20 th March 2026	Red Nose Day	Whole School – wear red
Monday 23 rd March 2026	Bag2School clothing collection	Whole School
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
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
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
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	
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

What's new on the school website

- Year 2 Weston-super-Mare Letter
- Wellbeing Accreditation Letter
- Year 3 Open Morning Letter
- Year 2 Maths Workshop Letter
- Late Collection Charges Letter



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Leiah	RJ	Frankie	1W
Marcello	2K	Olivia	3S
Amir	4B	Rowan	5E
Dior	6G	Archie	2L – Lunchtime award



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



COMING NEXT WEEK!



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	235	227	247	255

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	1136	1219	1190	1205



<h1 style="color: #FF00FF;">S</h1> <h2 style="color: #FF00FF;">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="color: #008000;">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="color: #0000FF;">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 style="color: #FFA500;">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="color: #FF0000;">Tell Someone</h2> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p> </div>	<h2 style="color: #000000;">Please follow us on Twitter!</h2> <p style="color: #000000;">Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!</p> <p style="color: #000000; font-size: 1.2em;">@Colmers_FarmPS</p> 
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Happy Birthday Messages

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

Corey	3S	8
Isla-Rose	4J	9
Nevaeh	6G	11
Jelisa	RL	5
Hazel	4J	9
Daisy	1W	6
Derry	1W	6



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: **Tell us what you did at the dentist?**

Year 1: **What was your favourite instrument played during the Rock Steady concert?**

Year 2: **How many 20p's make £1? How many 5ps make 50p?**

Year 3: **What is geography?**

Year 4: **What are the five Pillars of Islam? What do they stand for?**

Year 5: **Where do we see the use of decimal places in a real-life context?**

Year 6: **Why is it important to notice how you're feeling and how can you tell when you need support?**

**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 **93.3%** - 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	82.14%	90.83%
RL	90.83%	96.88%
1RW	98.57%	95.98%
1W	93.67%	98.33%
2K	96.15%	98.56%
2L	94.67%	94.17%
3M	92.96%	93.98%
3S	93.26%	95.13%
4B	89.67%	90.00%
4J	98.39%	94.35%
5E	94.52%	94.76%
5HN	93.57%	95.09%
6F	92.76%	92.67%
6G	93.67%	92.08%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2K – 98.56%

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



3S – 95.13%



Wellbeing Weekly



Our assembly focus this half term is Cooperation.

Welcome back after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

At Colmers Farm Primary School, wellbeing continues to be a central priority and we are committed to creating an environment where every child feels safe, supported and ready to thrive. All parents should now have received our updated wellbeing strategy letter, which is also available on the school website for anyone who would like to revisit it. Your feedback genuinely matters to us and it plays an important role in shaping how we support our pupils and families throughout the year.

[Wellbeing at our School - Colmers Farm](#)

Conversation starter for families.

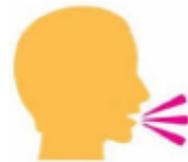
Parent-child discussion.



What was something that made you smile over the break?

Was there a moment when you felt really calm or peaceful?

Did anything make you feel worried or unsettled while we were off?



If you could describe your mood as an animal, what would it be and why?

'Positive vibes only' isn't a thing. Humans have a wide range of emotions and that's OK.

MOLLY BAHR, LMHC



A quick and fun wellbeing activity is a 5 minute Feelings Treasure Hunt. Set a timer and ask everyone to find objects around the house that match simple prompts like "something that makes you feel calm," "something that makes you smile," or "something that feels like your mood today." When the time's up, gather together and share one item each, talking briefly about why you chose it and how it helps you feel good. It's playful, fast and a gentle way to check in with each other after a busy day.

TIP

of the

WEEK



NO
OUT
SIDERS





Opal Stay and Play

Wednesday 4th March 2026
3:30pm-4:15pm



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-filled
session of Opal,
imagination and
exploration!



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.

Whole school

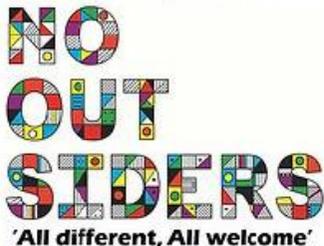


Passengers on a flight recently were surprised to receive a little zip lock bag with sweets inside. It wasn't a gift from the airline, it was a gift from one of the other passengers. They handed the bags out to all the other passengers before take off. There was also a note in the bag.

*Why give out a small bag of sweets to passengers before a flight?
What do you think the note read?*

The note read, "It's my first flight. I made a deal to be on my best behaviour- but I can't make any guarantees. I might cry if I get scared or if my ears start to hurt. Here are some treats to make your flight enjoyable. Thank you for being patient with us. Have a great flight."

*Who wrote that note? Why write it?
Why can't they guarantee to be on their best behaviour?
How do you think the gift made passengers feel?*



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.



Article 14



You have the right to choose your own religion and beliefs. Your parents should help you decide what is right or wrong, and what is best for you.



- What different beliefs or celebrations do you know about?
- How can we show respect to people who believe different things from us?
- How can we make sure no one is treated differently because of what they believe?
- Have you ever learned something new about someone's beliefs that surprised you?
- What could you do if you saw someone being treated unfairly because of their religion?
- How can we make sure everyone feels included, no matter what they believe?





Winning pupil –
Shea – 18219
points



Winning class –
3S - 2,545,656



Winning class – 6F
Winning pupil –
Autumn 4J

Top 3 Class Scores This Week	
1 st	6G 28461
2 nd	4B 18836
3 rd	6F 8275

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 st	Shea 4B
2 nd	Godpower 5E
3 rd	Sara 5HN

Next Week's Battles:	
 Spelling Shed	4J vs 6G
 TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS	3M vs 6G





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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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](#).