



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope your week has gone well.

## **School Attendance**

Our school attendance continues to improve and was an impressive 94.7% for this week. We again managed to beat our yearly average attendance every day this week. One Wednesday we even had one of our best attended days of the year. Well done everybody!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Year Av.
94.7%	94.6%	96.1%	94.1%	94.2%	93.2%

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

- 1RW – 95.26%
- 1W – 95.20%
- 4J – 95.17%

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

## **Aldi Monthly Attendance Prize Draw**

Each month we give away £20 Aldi vouchers to two families whose children have either 97% or higher attendance for the year so far, or who have improved their attendance over the last month. Congratulations to our two winners for January who are:

- Drew-Ryan in class 6F
- Mazie in class RL

We will be celebrating two more winners next month. Good luck!



## **Congratulations Adriana**

We are delighted to announce that Adriana has completed her Tap-Dancing exam with a distinction grade and a score of 100%. This is a fantastic achievement, which obviously required a lot of hard work and perseverance. We are all very proud of you. Well done Adriana! If you would like to share any of your child's achievements outside of school, we would love to hear about them. Please send us a photo and some information about the achievement to [enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org](mailto:enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org)



## **Reminder About Vehicle Access to Our Site**

We are happy for parents and carers to bring cars onto the school site when dropping children off for Breakfast Club or picking them up from After School Club. To help keep everyone safe during our busiest times though, the school gates are closed from 8:30am–9:00am and from 2:45pm–3:30pm. During these times, no vehicle access is permitted. Thank you so much for supporting us in keeping our children and families safe as they move around the site.

## **E-Mails**

Please note that general emails sent to school should only be sent to [enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org](mailto:enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org) or to [safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org](mailto:safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org) for safeguarding concerns. We also have email accounts for individual classes e.g. [3M@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org](mailto:3M@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org). E-mails sent to any individual staff accounts will not be responded to.

## **Year 3 Trip to Birmingham Museum**

Our Year 3s this week have been to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery on the train, which was a new experience for some of our children. Here they had a special lesson about the Ancient Egyptians and also they got to see some real-life Ancient Egyptian artefacts in the museum. This supported their learning in their history lessons. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed this visit.



## **Well-Being Warriors**

Thank you to all of our Year 5 children who applied to be a Well-Being Warrior as part of our OPAL provision. They were all wonderful. Our chosen children will be starting their new roles next week.

## **City Mission Visit**

On Thursday, we welcomed into school our friends from Birmingham City Mission to deliver assemblies to all our children. They retold the story of Adam and Eve and explained the theme of kindness through painting and our children were so engaged.

## **Medical Appointments**

We know that medical appointments can sometimes be tricky to arrange — and while we ask that they are booked outside of school hours wherever possible, we completely understand that sometimes they do unavoidably fall during the school day. Children missing a whole day of school due to a medical appointment is rarely a reason we will authorise. If your child does have to attend an appointment during the school day, please try to bring them into school before or/and after the appointment so they can still enjoy as much learning time as possible. Being in school for part of the day is always much better than not being in at all. Thank you for your support with this.



## **E-safety Quiz**

Please ask the question below to your child to test their e-safety knowledge.

On computer games, you will see one of these numbers, but what do they tell you?



- (a) The maximum number of hours you should play a game for before you need to take a break;
- (b) The number of levels the game has;
- (c) The minimum age you should be to play the game;
- (d) They show how difficult the game is - 3 means it is easy and 18 means it is difficult.

The correct answer is C. These numbers are part of the PEGI system and they tell you how old and 18 to anybody below these specified ages.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Mr Williams**  
**Headteacher**



## Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Times Tables Inspire Workshop	Year 4 – 9am – 11am
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Birmingham Country Living Museum trip	1W – all day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Birmingham Country Living Museum trip	1RW – all day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	NSPCC Number Day	Whole School
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Animal Man	RJ and RL – 9am-10am Year 1 – 10am-11am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Parents Evening	3.40pm-6pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Parents Evening	3.40pm-6pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Own Clothes Day	Whole School
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Half-Term Holiday</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Dentist Visit	RJ and RL
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	EYFS Eye Screening	RJ and RL - 9.30am
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	OPAL Stay and Play	3.30pm to 4.15pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Red Nose Day	Whole School
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	EYFS Farm Trip	RJ
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	EYFS Farm Trip	RL
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Gurdwara Trip	4J
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Gurdwara Trip	4B
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Kenilworth Castle Trip	4J – 10am - 2pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2026	Kenilworth Castle Trip	4B – 10am - 2pm

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	SATs week	
<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>
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
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	<b>Summer Holidays</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>

## What's new on the school website

- BCLM Trip Reminder Letter
- Lost RWI Books Letter
- Letter from the Secretary of State for Education
- Residential Trip - Year 4 Letter
- EYFS Vision Screening Letter and Leaflet
- Medical Appointments Letter
- International Mother Language Day Letter
- Year 1 NSPCC Number Day Letter
- Year 6 Behaviour Letter



# This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Renesme	RL
Aayden	1RW
Cleo	2L
Stephen	3S
Luckie	4B
Cuba	5E
Louie	6G
Kerry-Lyn	2L – Lunchtime award



## This week's congratulations

### assembly recipients...



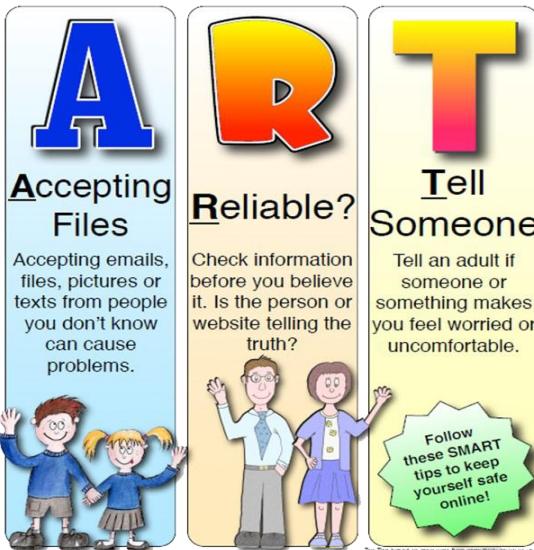
Jelisa	RL	Meghan	RJ	Elsie	1W
Ida-Lilly	1RW	Elsie	2K	Lily-Mae	2L
Tori	3M	Finley	3S	Desmond	4J
Zahra	4B	Aylah	5E	Maria-Mae	5HN
Cayden	6F	Lucas	6G		

## HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	172	164	159	174

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	669	733	686	717





### Happy Birthday Messages

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

Meadow      3S      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 did the Gingerbread Man run away from? How many characters can you remember?

**Year 1:** What is the structure of an animal?

**Year 2:** What could you use a pictogram to represent?

**Year 3:** How could you solve  $81 \div 3$ ?

**Year 4:** What are the three states of matter? Can you give examples of each one?

**Year 5:** What would be a good example of a material that is a thermal insulator?

**Year 6:** What features are included within a narrative?

**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 **93.24%** - 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	This week
RJ	96.36%	98.18%
RL	88.89%	95.00%
1RW	95.17%	96.55%
1W	97.67%	95.67%
2K	95.38%	96.92%
2L	96.33%	97.33%
3M	96.43%	91.43%
3S	93.10%	93.62%
4B	90.67%	89.33%
4J	98.06%	91.94%
5E	93.55%	97.74%
5HN	94.29%	97.14%
6F	93.45%	94.48%
6G	93.33%	92.67%

### **CLASS AWARDS:**

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



**RJ – 98.18%**

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



**5E – 97.74%**

# 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



Lowri is 12 years old and lives in Cheshire, England. When she was 9, she wrote to Disney to ask if they could include a character in one of their films who wore glasses. **Why do you think Lowri wanted to see a Disney character wearing glasses?**

Lowri says she wrote the letter because she is the only person in her family who wears glasses. She says, "I felt a bit alone and didn't feel like I was beautiful enough." **Why doesn't Lowri feel beautiful? What would you say to her?**

## Years 4-6

In the picture we see Shmuel Gogol on the left. He is playing the harmonica in this band.

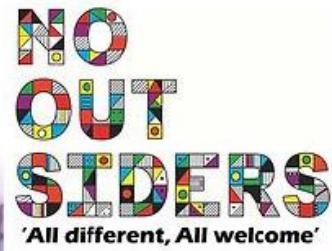
Shmuel was Jewish and born in 1924 in Warsaw, Poland. His mother died and he was raised in an orphanage where he was given a harmonica by one of the carers. Shmuel loved playing his harmonica and practised every day. Everything changed for Shmuel in 1939.

**What happened in Poland in 1939?**

**Who were the Nazis, what did Nazis believe?**

**What groups of people were persecuted?**

**How many people were taken to concentration camps by the Nazis at this time and what happened to them?**



# 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 11

You have the right not to be taken out of the country.



Can you think of ways we can help other children who might be worried about being taken far from home?

Why do you think this rule exists for children all over the world?

If you ever felt unsafe or worried about traveling somewhere, what could you do?

Why do you think it's important that children get to stay where they feel safe?



# Mathletics

Winning pupil –  
Shea 4B - 11343  
points earned

# Spelling Shed



Winning class – 3S



Winning class – 6G  
Winning pupil – Ethan  
6G

## Top 3 Class Scores This Week

1 <sup>st</sup>	6G 40351
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6F 13913
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4B 12623

## Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week

1 <sup>st</sup>	Shea 4B
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aayden 1RW
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lucas 6G

## Next Week's Battles:



**4B vs 6F**



**3S vs 4J**

Rest Week:



**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

TO BOOK – Please complete the booking form and return to: [BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk) or

For more information please contact: Christine Legore on 07770 762056 or via email at [christine.legore@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:christine.legore@birmingham.gov.uk) or  
Nathalie Messanvi on 07943 364833 or via email at [nathalie.messanvi@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:nathalie.messanvi@birmingham.gov.uk)

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=Z86aaeTSzUuzA9K74m78UtsZJS1sGdFip4igfYn11UMFZRQIpEUUJKNUJDTVBRkE5NM3OUFXSC4u>) to submit online.



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# Wellbeing Weekly



Our assembly focus this half term is Kindness.

Supporting children at home means talking openly about feelings, listening without judgement and reassuring them that all emotions are okay. Keeping routines consistent, encouraging play, movement, and outdoor time and modelling healthy coping strategies helps children feel safe and confident. Praising effort over results, creating calm spaces for quiet reflection and sharing fun, relaxing activities together all support their mental health and overall wellbeing.



Article 24



You have

the right to best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment and information to help you stay well.



Your mind is like a garden –  
when you take care of it,  
wonderful things can grow.

## Conversation starter for families



### Parent-child discussion

What was tricky for you today and how did you handle it?



Is there something you want to get better at this week?

NO  
OUT  
SIDERS

What's something that made you proud of yourself this week?

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**Mindful Jar:** Fill a clear jar with water, glitter and a little food colouring. When your child feels upset, have them shake the jar and watch the glitter settle while taking deep breaths. This helps them see that emotions, like the glitter, eventually calm down, teaching mindfulness and emotional regulation in a fun, visual way.

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Multi Academy Trust

# 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 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



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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

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.

## Emergency out-of-hours

Telephone 0121 675 4806

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](#).