



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have had a good week and that you enjoyed your Easter holiday with your families.

Year 4 Kenilworth Castle Visit

Year 4 had a fantastic time on their trip to Kenilworth Castle this week! The visit brought their history lessons to life as they explored the dramatic ruins, climbed the ancient towers, and wandered through the beautifully recreated Elizabethan gardens. The children learned all about the castle's rich past, from its Norman origins to its transformation during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. They took part in interactive activities and listened to fascinating stories about knights, kings, and famous historical figures. It was a day full of curiosity, discovery, and unforgettable moments. Well done Year 4 for representing our school so well on this visit!



4J's Visit to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara

4J on Thursday visited the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Smethwick as part of their studies on Sikhism. Established in 1961, this Gurdwara was the first in the United Kingdom, with a capacity to accommodate over 10,000 congregants weekly. The children were welcomed by a knowledgeable guide who spoke about the Sikh faith and its practices. They explored the worship halls, observed the Guru Granth Sahib—the central religious scripture—being respectfully housed, and learned about the Five Ks, the articles of faith worn by Sikhs. The visit concluded with a communal meal in the Langar Hall, where students experienced the tradition of free, vegetarian meals served to all visitors. This enriching experience deepened their understanding of Sikhism and its values of equality and community service.

OPAL Sandpit

We were excited to open our new sand pit at Colmers Farm Primary School on Monday, which has already been a big hit with the children! Installed on the field, it has quickly become a favourite lunchtime spot where pupils can dig, build, and play together. The sand pit encourages creativity, teamwork, and imaginative play, providing a fun and relaxing break during the school day. It's wonderful to see so many happy faces enjoying this new addition to our outdoor space!

Well done!

Lots of children were very busy over the Easter holidays taking part in some wonderful activities.

Well done to Ada-Rose (1W) for being invested into Beavers, Cuba (4J) for achieving his level 3 swimming badge and Ellis (6G) who received his red and brown belt. Fabulous achievement, well done to you all!



VE Day – Dress in Red, White and Blue

Next week, we will be commemorating VE Day with a fun and educational celebration at school! As part of the festivities, children are invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue on Thursday 8th May. We will be learning about the significance of Victory in Europe Day and taking part in themed activities throughout the day, including learning a song from the times. It's a great opportunity to reflect on history and celebrate peace.

We look forward to seeing everyone in their colourful outfits! **Don't forget to send your child's meal choice letter back in on Tuesday 6th May.**

Cash for Kids

On Thursday, we had a non-uniform day and cake sale, with all money raised going to Cash for Kids. We managed to raise £238.04! Thank you all for your generosity with this.

Summer Weather

As the weather gets warmer, we would like to remind parents and carers to ensure children come to school with sunhats and suncream.

Please send your child with:

- A suitable sunhat to protect their face and neck (labelled with your child's name).
- Suncream applied before school (children can also bring a labelled bottle to self-reapply if needed). You can purchase sun cream's that last up to 8 hours meaning you only need to apply it at the start of the school day.
- A filled water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the day.

Let's work together to keep everyone safe and sun-smart this term!

I hope that you enjoy your bank holiday weekend, and we look forward to seeing everybody in school on Tuesday 6th May.



Mr Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday	School closed
Thursday 8 th May	Gurdwara Trip	4J
Thursday 8 th May	VE Day Celebrations	Whole School
Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May	SATs Week	Year 6
Monday 12 th May	International Women in Maths Day	
Thursday 22 nd May	Birmingham Walk	3S
Friday 23 rd May	Birmingham Walk	3P
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May	May Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Monday 2 nd June	School Class Photos	Whole School
Wednesday 11 th June	Mosque Visit	5F
Thursday 12 th June	Mosque Visit	5E
Wednesday 18 th June	Sports Day	Whole School
Monday 23 rd June	Selly Manor Trip	Year 5
Wednesday 25 th June	Animal Man	EYFS
Wednesday 25 th June	Beach Trip	2M
Thursday 26 th June	Beach Trip	2L
Monday 30 th June – Thursday 3 rd July	Book Fair	
Wednesday 2 nd July	School Transition Day	Whole school
Thursday 3 rd July	School Summer Fair	3:15pm – 4:30pm
Wednesday 9 th July	Explorer Showcase	Year 1
Friday 11 th July	Bowling & Cinema	Year 6
Friday 11 th July	School Reports Sent Out	Whole school
Wednesday 16 th July	Leavers Performance	Year 6
Wednesday 16 th July	End of year disco	Whole school
Wednesday 16 th July	Leavers Disco	Year 6
Thursday 17 th July	Governor Award Assemblies	
Monday 21 st July	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils

What's new on the school website

- VE Day Celebrations letter
- Year 6 Cinema and Bowling letter



Join us on **7th May** for coffee, cake and a presentation by **Matt Blackburn** from the **Communication and Autism Team (CAT)**
This will take place in the Upper School Hall
at 9.00am.

We'd love to see you all there!

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Paul	RL
Micaiah	1W
Camille	2M
Julian	3S
Dhrisha	4J
Mya	5E
Louie	6G
Lydia	RJ – lunchtime award!



This week's congratulations

assembly recipients...

**There was no celebration
assembly this week!**



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	21	45	57	42


	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	2711	2771	2914	2529



S

Stay Safe


Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.



M

Don't Meet Up


Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.



A

Accepting Files


Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.



R

Reliable?

Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?



T

Tell Someone


Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

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:

Luna	RJ	5
Ruby	3P	8
Teddy	2M	7
Cleao	1W	6
Arash	5E	10
Amir	3S	8
Leighton	2L	7
Zahara	6B	11
Bella-Rose	2M	7



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: Can you remember the name of any dinosaurs?

Year 1: What are 5 groups of 5? Count in 5's.

Year 2: What do we need to include when writing instructions?

Year 3: What food should we eat to ensure that our diets are balanced?

Year 4: What was the most interesting fact you discovered at Kenilworth Castle?

Year 5: What will Earth's future look like if no changes are made towards climate change?

Year 6: Why do you think that it is important to read the question twice during SATs?

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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

Our current school attendance to date is 92.9 % - let's get this to 96%!

Individual attendance badges will be given out to children when we return after the Easter holidays.

Spring Term attendance		3P	94.7%
		3S	89.4%
RJ	92.6%	4HN	96.6%
RL	94.5%	4J	94.9%
1K	94.8%	5E	94.8%
1W	91.1%	5F	94%
2L	90.7%	6B	90.5%
2M	95.9%	6G	89.2%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2M – 95.9%

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



4HN – 96.6%



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



A restaurant in Manchester has started leaving bags of free food outside at closing time.

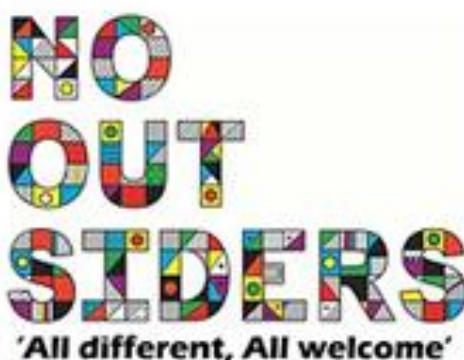
Why do you think they are doing that?

Years 4-5



A recent study aimed to find out how kind and honest people are so researchers did a test.

Looking at the picture, what do you think the test was?



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 talk about what the article means.



Article 26



You have the right to help from the government if you are poor or in need.



RIGHTS
RESPECTING
SCHOOLS

unicef UNITED KINGDOM

SILVER - RIGHTS AWARE

NO
OUT
SIDERS
'All different, All welcome'

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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:



Mrs Young
DHT
Lead DSL



Mrs Taylor
Pastoral Care
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](#).