



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

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

4HN's Visit to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara

At Colmers Farm, each year group, from Year 2 to Year 6, visits a different place of worship each year. This is to enrich our pupils RE learning and to develop an improved understanding and tolerance of the beliefs of others. This is an important part of British Values and our No Outsiders ethos. On Thursday, 4HN visited the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Smethwick. Our pupils showed great respect throughout their visit and they asked some fabulous questions. Well done 4HN for representing our school so well on this visit.

Netball Match

Miss Rudge's Year 5 and 6 netball team were in action on Tuesday after school, when they played against Edgbaston High School. Although the game ended in defeat, the team demonstrated excellent qualities throughout. A special well done to Millie who was voted player of the match by the other team.

VE Day Celebrations

On Thursday, we celebrated the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. This involved numerous activities such as dressing in red, white and blue, learning and performing a song from the 1940s, a special outdoor lunch and finding out information about normal people who fought in or contributed towards the war effort.



Year 4's RNLI visitor

On Wednesday, Year 4 had a visitor from the RNLI, their chosen charity for the year. Colin represented the RNLI and taught the children in Year 4 about water safety. Each class was presented with a certificate of completion, having successfully learnt the RNLI's four key water safety messages. The focus was on the seaside, rivers, lakes and canals, and we also talked about the dangers of frozen bodies of water too. Children had the opportunity to ask questions, try on life jackets and look at flags and lifeguard uniforms. Colin was very impressed by the children in Year 4 and with Colmers Farm overall.



Year 4 will soon be thinking about how they will raise money next half term to support this charity.

Our MAT Has Grown!

We are delighted to announce that our multi-academy trust has grown and now consists of eight primary schools – Parkfield, Turves Green, Green Meadow, Colmers Farm, Highter Heath, Heath Mount, Thorns and our newest school The Meadows.



Year 6 SATs

It is Year 6's SATs next week and this message is specially for our Year 6 pupils.

All the Year 6 staff and I know that you have been working unbelievably hard this year, in preparation for next week. Next week is about trying your very best, and we cannot ask for any more than that.

We do not want you to be worried about your results and feel it is important to remind you, the results that you get will only tell you a little something about yourself and not everything! Remember there are many things that make you smart and make you 'you'. The tests don't test how many times you have made someone smile or the difference you make in so many ways simply by being you. You are clever, skilled and knowledgeable in so many ways that can never be tested! You make your families and teachers incredibly proud!

To give yourself the best chance next week remember to:

- Go to bed at a reasonable time in order to get plenty of sleep so that you're not tired the next day.
- Come to the free breakfast club at 8am in school next week.
- Get to school in plenty of time so that you don't feel rushed when you arrive in your classroom for the tests.
- Share any worries or concerns you have with family, friends and staff. We are here to listen and support you.

And finally... ENJOY your weekend! Do the things that you enjoy and love the most!

Remember, we are already extremely proud of all your achievements and the effort and commitment you have shown this year. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday... You've got this!

I hope that you enjoy have a wonderful weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D J W' with a flourish at the end.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
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
Tuesday 22 nd July – Friday 29 th august	Summer Holidays	School closed to all pupils
Monday 1 st September	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 2 nd September	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils

What's new on the school website

- EYFS Summer Newsletter
- Year 2 Summer Newsletter
- Year 3 Summer Newsletter
- Year 6 Summer Newsletter
- Women in Maths Day letter



Grammar School Entrance Test

Registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for a place at any of the grammar schools in Birmingham/West Midlands (entry to Year 7 in September 2026).

Registration can be made online by visiting the website below.

The closing date for registering is 4pm on 27th June 2025.

The test will take place on 13th September 2025.

www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Lilah	RL
Natasha	1K
Archie	2M
Lilliemai	3S
Bryn	4HN
Daniel	5E
Regan	6G
Charlie	2L – lunchtime award!



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Abdi	RL
Zach	1K
Hudson	3S
Tori-Lei	4HN
Lucas	6B

Ayaan	RJ
Blake	2M
Is-Haq	3P
Kyro-Rain	5E
Alfie	6G

Jack	1W
Icy	2L
Godpower	4J
Savannah	5F



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	32	40	18	46


	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	2743	2811	2933	2575



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:

Cayden	5E	10	Adriana	2M	7
Dior	5F	10	Harrison	RJ	5
Kaisley	1W	6	Chae	3S	8
Darcie-Leigh	3P	8	Spencer	5F	10
Alyan	2L	7	Hunter	RJ	5
Poppy	6G	11			
Iziah	RL	5			
Eulia	6G	11			
Mylie	RL	5			



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: What do you call dinosaurs who eat plants?

Year 1: What is a hatchling? What does endangered species mean?

Year 2: Who was Mary Anning?

Year 3: Why have we celebrated VE Day at school this week?

Year 4: What have you learnt about a Sikh Gurdwara?

Year 5: What do Hindu's believe about the cycle of rebirth after death?

Year 6: What is the equivalent fraction and percentage for: 0.25, 0.50 and 0.75?



The sandpit has been a blast this week! It is great to see so many children working with the younger children to build and dig holes in the sand.



Please remind your child that shoes and socks **MUST** be worn in the sandpit.



Outside play and learning



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 1-4



Philadelphia zoo has welcomed four new baby hatchlings from a pair of tortoises. The babies are Galapagos tortoises and are an endangered species.

*What is a hatchling?
What does endangered species mean?*

Year 5



This photo went viral last week along with a comment made by the person in the photo. They said that when a customer called them "bossman" when making an order, it made their week.

When do you think people use the term bossman?

What sort of person is a bossman?

What do you think being called "bossman" meant so much to the person in the phone?



**NO
OUT
SIDERS**
'All different, All welcome'



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.

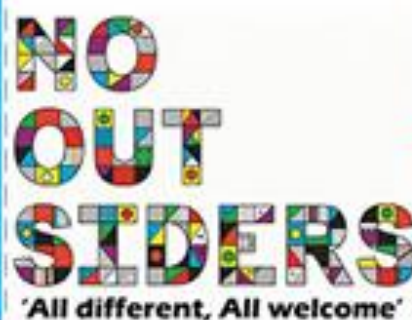
Look at the article below and talk about what the article means.



Article 27



You have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have your basic needs met. You should not be disadvantaged so that you can't do many of the things other kids can do.



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](#).