



Colmers Farm Primary School



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you've had a good week.

Girls' Football

On Tuesday, ten of our Year 5 and 6 girls took part in a football tournament. They played three games.

Won 2-0 against Turves Green

Lost 2-0 to West Heath

Won 2-1 against Rednal



They came second in their pool, so they have qualified for the finals which will take place on the 8th June. Well done girls!

Year 3's Trip to Birmingham City Centre

As part of their Birmingham history topic, our Year 3 children went on the train to Birmingham City Centre. Here they visited and found out about some of Birmingham's landmarks including St Martin's Church, Lord Nelson's Statue, the Bull Ring, Symphony Hall, Birmingham Central Library and Victoria Square. Our pupils were very impressive on the visit, and it was great to hear from the teachers some of the lovely comments made about our children from the people they met.

Girl's Rugby

On Friday, seven of our Year 5 and 6 girls were in action at Kings Norton Rhinos RFC at a special rugby festival. The purpose of this was event was to raise the profile of women's rugby and the upcoming World Cup which is taking place in this country in August. The girls took part in 3 different events including tag rugby against other teams. This was a fantastic festival celebrating the game of rugby.

Well done

We would like to say a very big congratulations to Valentina (5E) on passing her recent piano exam. We are so proud of all the hard work you have put in and this fantastic achievement.



Oracy Centre of Excellence

At Colmers Farm, we have been working hard to develop oracy at our school as we strongly believe that high levels of oracy are important for our pupils. By teaching children to become effective speakers and listeners we empower them to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them.

- Speaking and listening skills are critical foundations for reading and writing.
- Children with better oral language skills are more likely to achieve the highest grades in GCSE Maths and English.
- Young people with good communication skills are less likely to have mental health difficulties.

As a school we are aiming to become a Voice 21 Oracy Centre of Excellence. As part of this journey, we presented to Voice 21 representatives on Thursday. I was a very proud Headteacher as we reflected on our school oracy journey and listened to what our pupils think about oracy at our school. A huge thank you to Miss Hooper for all her hard work with preparing this presentation. Fingers crossed that we can attain this award.

OPAL Bingo

You may have noticed that your child will have bought home an OPAL Bingo sheet with them today. We have challenged the children to see how many items on the OPAL Bingo sheet they can collect and bring to school to donate after the half term break.

The deadline for the bingo sheet and items to be brought back into school is **Friday 6th June**.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to everybody who completed and returned the recent parent questionnaire. E very much appreciate you doing this and providing valuable feedback.

Vehicle Gate Access

From Monday 2nd June the vehicle gates will be locked between 2:45pm and 3:30pm. Parents/carers will not be able to drive on to the school site between these times. This is to keep the children at both Colmers Farm Primary and Rubery Nursery School safe.

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.

I hope that you have a wonderful half term break with your families. We look forward to seeing everybody safe and well back in school on Monday 2nd June.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mr Williams
Headteacher



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
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

- Chickenpox Study letter
- Year 1 Phonics Party letter
- Science 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:

Ida-Lily	RL
Hayley	1K
Ramaya	2L
Tayibah	3S
Makonnen	4HN
Arash	5E
Max	6G
Daniel	5E – lunchtime award!



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Theodore	RJ
Brayden	1K
Poppy	3S
Michael	4HN
Kaicee	6B

Elizabeth	RL
Hunter	2M
Darcie-Leigh	3P
Ella-Mae	5E
Poppy	6G

Ada	1W
Ava	2L
Paityn	4J
Isaiah	5F



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	7	15	14	18


	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	2982	3054	3189	2888



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:

Lali-Bella	4J	9	Hayley	1K	6
Makonnen	4HN	9	Reggie-Jay	3S	8
Micaiah	1W	6	Scarlett	5E	10
Haizar	RL	5	Cash	4HN	9
Is-Haq	3P	8	Isbah	4J	9
Corey	1W	6	Shea	3S	8
Logan	3P	8			
Charlie	2L	7			
Willow	1K	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: Can you retell the Hugasaurus story?

Year 1: What is an explorer?

Year 2: What do plants need to grow?

Year 3: What did you learn about Birmingham during our trip?

Year 4: What can we do in our daily lives to help care for the local animals in their habitats?

Year 5: What was it like to live in Tudor England?

Year 6: How do you form a multi-clause sentence?

SAGE Award



Section 4 Exploring the Arts



Mrs Greep and Miss Hughes were inspired by this photograph! A school created their own rock snake and we decided that we wanted to create a Colmers Farm snake to brighten up our playground.

This is a great activity that you could do outside of school at home.

All you need to do is find a big stone and use acrylic paint to decorate it.

This would count towards your SAGE Award- Exploring the Arts.

There are some examples below of how creative and colourful you might want to paint your stone.

Once you have painted your stone, bring it into school and we will start to make a snake of our own!

You will also have the opportunity to decorate a stone in school!



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 29



Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you to learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.



RIGHTS
RESPECTING
SCHOOLS

unicef
UNITED KINGDOM

SILVER – RIGHTS AWARE

NO
OUT
SIDERS
'All different, All welcome'

Excelsior
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:



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](#).