



Colmers Farm Primary School



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your children have had a good half term. It was great seeing everybody back on Monday ready to start what is always a busy final half term of the academic year.

Class photos

On Monday, the children had their class photos taken. I've had a look at the photos and they're fabulous. You should have received information regarding how you can order these earlier this week. If you have yet to receive this, please contact the school office.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all of you who returned your parent questionnaires before the holiday. We always find these to be informative. A summary of your responses will be published, in the questionnaire section of the school website, over the next few weeks.

Attendance

Every day at school is important for your child, and missed days cannot be caught up. Missing days often has a detrimental impact on your child's learning and sometimes also their emotional well-being. Sometimes a child will wake up in the morning saying that they feel unwell. Whilst we do encourage children to come to school even if they 'feel a little unwell', we do not want any child who is genuinely ill to come to school. Please, however, always try to send your child to school if they are a little 'under the weather', for example, with a runny nose, headache, cough, tummy ache. The school will always contact you if your child is too unwell to be in school.

The effect of absence on progress					
A whole year has 365 days; a school year has 190 days. That leaves 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.					
No Absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80.00%
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	

OPAL Equipment

We are very fortunate to have a wide range of play equipment at Colmers Farm which we use to enrich our children's play and dinnertimes including our swing, slack line, climbing frame and beach area. These have been risk assessed to ensure that children use these as safely as possible during school hours. Please can you ensure that children do not use these before or after school. Doing this could potentially damage equipment (which reduces our provision of such activities) or risk the safety of your child. Thank you for your support with this.

Coombs – Monster Theme Day

On Wednesday 18th June the kitchen will be having a Monster theme pudding day. The main meal remains the same but there will be some fabulous puddings available for those who have dinners.

Pupil Achievement

Regan, Niamh, Evelyn, Darcie and Enah are taking part in the Chance 2 Dance performance at the Hippodrome this Sunday.

A huge well done and good luck to all the girls taking part this weekend.



Coats

Part of our OPAL philosophy, is that dinnertime play should take place as often as possible outdoors, including on rainy days. Please can you ensure that your child brings a suitable coat to school each day.



Thank a Teacher

National Thank a Teacher Day is approaching. This is an annual celebration of teachers and support staff, which takes place on Wednesday 18th June. If you would like to send a message of thanks and appreciation to a member of staff, please do so through the following link.

[Thank a Teacher link](#)

Citizens Advice Drop in

Angela from CAB will be in school on Wednesday 11th June should you need any support. If you would like to book an appointment, please contact the office on 0121 716 0444 to book in an appointment time.

Alien Phonics Day

Today, our Year 1 children had an alien phonics day with many children (and the staff) coming to school dressed as aliens or Fred the Frog. The purpose of this day was to promote alien words. These alien words are not real words but are used in the Year 1 phonics tests to test phonic understanding.

Stikins – Fundraising

Don't forget to order your Stikins name labels from the below website using our **school code 4825** ready for next year.

These labels are great – no need for sewing or ironing! Any orders made will generate a 30% commission for our school fundraising pot!

[Buy Your Stikins Labels Here | Stikins ®](#)

Eid Mubarak

Eid Mubarak to all our Muslim families who are celebrating Eid al-Adha today. Everybody at Colmers Farm hopes that you have a wonderful day with your families.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Williams
Headteacher



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
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 Construction Club letter
- Year 5 Science lesson at Colmers Farm Secondary School letter
- Stikins – Stick on Name Labels 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:

Rion	RL
Olivia	1K
Stephen	2L
Ella	3P
Scarlet B	4J
Scarlet	5E
Moonshine	6G
Ariella	RL – lunchtime award!



This week's congratulations
assembly recipients...

**There were no celebration awards
this week!**



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	50	37	32	73

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	3032	3091	3221	2961

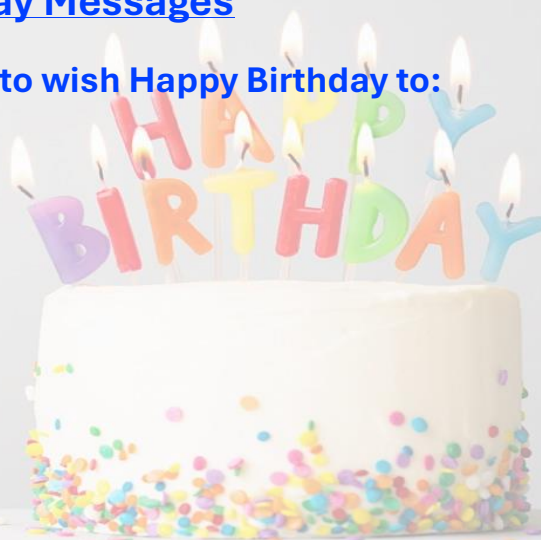


<h1>S</h1> <h2>Stay Safe</h2> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p>	<h1>M</h1> <h2>Don't Meet Up</h2> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p>	<h1>A</h1> <h2>Accepting Files</h2> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p>	<h1>R</h1> <h2>Reliable?</h2> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p>	<h1>T</h1> <h2>Tell Someone</h2> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p>	<p>Please follow us on Twitter!</p> <p>Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!</p> <p>@Colmers_FarmPS</p>
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Happy Birthday Messages

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

Alexander	RL	5
Noah	2M	7
Godpower	4J	9
Esmee	4J	9
Syeda	3S	8
Remi	1W	6
Charlie	3P	8
Ayaana	2M	7
Kayden	4J	9



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 story of We're Going on a Bear Hunt?

Year 1: Who is Amelia Earhart?

Year 2: What does the word vertices mean?

Year 3: How many different types of magnets can you name?

Year 4: What is Geography and why is learning about it important?

Year 5: What was the English Reformation?

Year 6: Can you name as many verb tenses as you can remember?

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



Article 30



You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion-or any you choose. Minority and indigenous groups need special protection of this right.



Weekly Assembly

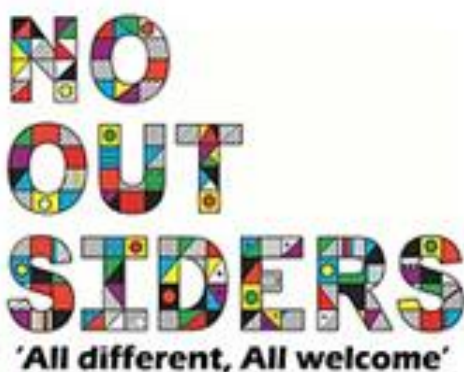
Ask your child to tell you about the story behind the pictures we looked at in assembly this week and how it relates to British Values, Rights Respecting articles and No Outsiders.

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2



Three ospreys have been caught on a livestream camera on the Scottish borders nesting together. The three birds, two females and one male, are hatching four eggs together.

Why do you think people are surprised about this?
What would people normally expect to find in a nest?



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](#).