



Colmers Farm Primary School



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you've had a good week.

School Attendance and Attendance Raffle

Improving attendance at our school is always a priority for us at Colmers Farm and we want to achieve +96%. If pupils are not in school, they are missing out on their learning. This may prevent them reaching their full potential. Please see below to see how we are doing.

School Matters!



Our Current Attendance

94.8%

Our Attendance Last Year

92.7%

Difference

+2.1%

Well done! We are currently higher than this time last year... but can we reach our target of 96%?

As a school we are going to be running a raffle at the end of each month for this year for a chance to win one of two £20 shopping vouchers. For your chance to win,

- your child must have 100% attendance for the month;
or
- your child's attendance must have improved compared to the previous month.

Winners will be announced in the final newsletter of each month. Best of luck.

Sporting Activities

This week our girls 7-a-side Year 5/6 football team were in action at Kings Norton Rhinos. They won 2 games, drew 2 and lost 1. This gave them a third-place finish overall. This means that they have qualified for the finals of the competition in two weeks' time. Well done girls and finger crossed for the finals.

Thank you, Miss McCarron and Miss Jennings, for taking and coaching our girls' team.



Harvest Festival and Birmingham City Mission

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Kathryn Hindley from the Birmingham City Mission Children's Trust to Colmers Farm Primary School. Kathryn delivered an inspiring assembly to all our KS2 children about the ways we can show that we value others. She also shared how the Children's Trust demonstrates this in their work, such as running a local food bank to support families in need.

As part of this special visit, our school showed our generosity by donating a wide variety of foods to the Trust. In doing so, we lived out the spirit of Article 27 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which reminds us that every child has the right to a standard of living that meets their needs. By supporting the food bank, our pupils helped ensure that others in the community are valued and cared for. Thank you everybody for your generous contributions.



We are extremely proud of our pupils, not only for their kindness and contributions but also for the respect and attentiveness they showed throughout the assembly. Kathryn herself commented on how impressed she was with their thoughtful engagement. Today was a wonderful example of our Colmers Farm community coming together to make a positive difference.

E-Safety Quiz for Pupils

Use the below question with your child to see if they can stay safe online.

Cyber harassment is the use of email, social media and websites to bully or upset a person or a group. What should you do if it happens to you?

- (a) Just ignore it – They will get bored eventually.
- (b) Block them, but don't tell anybody about it.
- (c) Block them and tell a trusted adult.



This week's answer = C. Cyber harassment and bullying can happen 24/7 and can happen in your home. It is important that you tell an adult about this if it ever happens to you. They will be able to help make it stop and to stop you worrying about it.

School Uniforms

Our lost property area is filling up with misplaced coats and jumpers. Although we try to reunite lost property with their owners, this can be very difficult when items of clothing are not labelled.

Stikins name labels (available from the website www.stikins.co.uk using our **school code 4825**) are a great way of labelling clothes and any orders made will generate a 30% commission for our school fundraising pot! Alternatively, please write your child's name on one of the labels inside the item of clothing. Thank you for your help with this.



Measles across Birmingham

With recent cases of measles across the West Midlands, it has never been more important to ensure that yourself and others are protected – especially at the start of a new term.

The MMR immunisation is the best way to protect yourself and others against measles because it is **effective, safe and free of charge**. Two doses are needed for the best protection.

The first dose of the MMR immunisation is normally given soon after the first birthday, and a second dose given at 3 years and 4 months, just before starting school. Those born on or after 1 July 2024 will move to a new MMR schedule, with the first dose remaining at 12 months, and the second dose moving from 3 years 4 months to 18 months. However, you can catch up with missed MMR doses at any age. If you or your children are not yet vaccinated, then the start of a new term is the ideal opportunity.

Research shows there is **no** link between the MMR immunisation and autism.

The MMR immunisation is **safe for all faiths and cultures**. A pork-free version is available for those who avoid pork products, which is called Priorix. It is available at every GP practice, and it is free.

Further information on the immunisation can be found [here](#).

I hope that you have a wonderful weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Mr Williams

Headteacher

What's new on the school website

- Year 3 Diwali Showcase letter
- Diwali Whole School Celebration letter
- Parents Evening letter
- Drumming Workshop letter



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Wednesday 8 th October	EYFS Phonics Workshop	2pm
Monday 13 th October	EYFS Open Day for September 2026 applicants	9am and 5pm
Tuesday 14 th October	Residential Trip – parents meeting	3:30pm
Wednesday 15 th October	Year 2 Phonics Workshop	
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parents Evening	
Thursday 23 rd October	Parents Evening	
Monday 27th – Friday 31st October	Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Monday 3rd November	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 6 th – Friday 8 th November	Residential Trip	Year 5 and 6
Thursday 13 th November	School Photo Day	Whole School
Monday 17 th November	Year 2 Showcase	Time TBC.
Thursday 20 th November	World Children's Day	Turn the School Blue!
Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 1 open morning	
Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 2026	Christmas Holidays	School closed to all pupils
Monday 5th January 2026	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 6th January 2026	School re-opens to all pupils	
Wednesday 11 th January 2026	Young Voices Concert	
Wednesday 11 th February 2026	Parents Evening	
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Parents Evening	
Monday 23rd February 2026	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Monday 20th July 2026	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Isabelle-Katie	RL
Hunter	1W
Meghan	2L
Aurora	3M
Jaylen	4B
Jacob	5HN
Daniel	6G
Kayla	6F – Lunchtime Award



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Ethan
Ashley
Janaleh
Ruby
Hasali

RJ
1RW
3M
4B
6F

Samuel
Hollie
Ava
Cuba
Robyn

RL
2K
3S
5E
6G

Frankie
Marigold
Rory
Jacob

1W
2L
4J
5HN



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	304	319	344	329

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	400	489	508	432



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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:

Nevaeh	5E	10
Ariella	1RW	6
Mya	6F	11
Anieva	6G	11
Ocean-Bleu	3S	8
Marcello	2K	7
Ella-Mae	6F	11
Wayne	5E	10
Khadija	2L	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:** Tell us what happened when the tiger came for tea.
- Year 1:** What are all of the ways we can make 6?
- Year 2:** What happened to the Titanic?
- Year 3:** What are some of the features of Rio de Janeiro?
- Year 4:** How did the Romans conquer Britain? When did it happen?
- Year 5:** What does a relief map show us?
- Year 6:** How do you add and subtract fractions with different denominators?

**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 **94.8 %** - let's get back 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 as a whole. 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	% present This week
RJ	95.0%	92.7%
RL	92.3%	95.8%
1RW	96.1%	97.1%
1W	97.9%	96.6%
2K	94.3%	95.2%
2L	95.5%	93.9%
3M	87.0%	85.6%
3S	93.3%	90.7%
4B	91.0%	94.1%
4J	99.3%	96.3%
5E	93.9%	91.6%
5HN	95.0%	95.7%
6F	96.7%	93.3%
6G	89.7%	90.7%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



1RW – 97.1%

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



4J – 96.3%

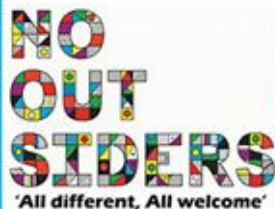
Rights Respecting Article

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.



1. How can your family help you understand your rights?
2. Why is it important for parents and caregivers to guide children?
3. Can you think of a way your family has helped you learn something new or important?



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



The photo shows Millie Colling and Emma Aalto (both 19 years old) who are competing in Finland this year in the ice-skating championship. There is something different about this championship - a rule has been changed this year to allow something for the first time.

What rule do you think has been changed?

Why do you think skaters always had to be one male and one female?

How do you think Millie and Emma feel now that they can skate together?





Can you help is to improve our playtimes?

Do you know any local businesses that may be able to help?

At Colmers Farm Primary School we are committed to improving the quality of play for all our children. We are seeking for

donations of the following items:

Den building:

Scaffold planks

Tarpaulin

Strong slides

Cable reels (all sizes)

Milk/bread crates

Thick rope



Mud café/water play:

Strainers/plastic jugs

Silicone cake moulds

Funnels/ guttering

Bath toys



Clothing:

Waterproofs

Wellies (size 1 up)

Dressing up costumes



Storage and seating



Wheeled toys:

Scooters

Go Karts

Didi cars

Ride on vehicles



Small world toys:

Small plastic animals

Roads/railway tracks

Play vehicles

Play figures

Artificial grass



If you have any questions, please email

enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

or contact the school office on 0121 716 0444

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](#).