



Colmers Farm Primary School



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week.

School Attendance



If you require any support or advice with attendance, please speak to Mrs Taylor or our new attendance lead Miss Hooper.



Our Current Attendance

93.67%

Our Attendance

This Time Last Year

92.22%

Difference

+1.45%

Well done to our three highest attending classes so far this year who are:

- 1W (95.6%)
- 1RW (95.52%)
- 6F (95.27%)

Well done to our star class of the week 1W for having the highest attendance this week – 97.2%.

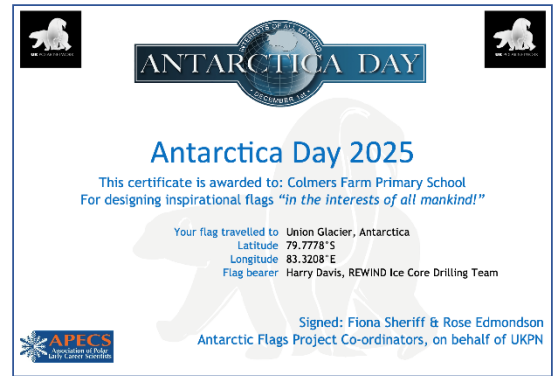
Christmas Panto

The Christmas spirit has arrived at Colmers Farm. Our trees are up, our reception children are busy practising their Christmas nativity, our music choir are practising their Christmas songs and today we had our Christmas Pantomime for Years 1, 2 and 3... Oh no we didn't! Oh yes we did! (Sorry I couldn't resist that). The pantomime was Little Red Riding Hood and our children thoroughly enjoyed this performance.

Antarctica Flag Competition

Before half term, our Year 5s designed some flags for Antarctica, which does not have a flag, in their art lessons. These designs were entered into a competition for International Antarctica Day (1st December), where the prize was for the designs to be taken to Antarctica by the REWIND ice core drilling team, who study ice cores to find out more about the history of our planet's atmosphere and climate.

We are delighted to announce that some of our designs were selected. See our winning designs below in Antarctica! Thank you to Mrs Oliver for getting our artwork showcased somewhere so unique.



Punctuality

Being on time is an important life skill. The school doors open at 8:35am each morning and close at 8:45am. Most of our late pupils arrive at school within five minutes of 8:45am. Five minutes each day though adds up and leads to pupils missing out on a smooth start to the day. Please try to arrive in school on time each day. Thank you to all of you who are trying hard to improve your punctuality.

Christmas Attendance Draw

We have a special attendance draw running for pupils this month. Every day your child is in school this month, they will get one chance to win one of these chocolate bouquets. The more days they are in school, the more chances they will get to win. The winners will be announced on the last day of term, which means that Miss Hooper and I will have to show tremendous will-power not to eat any of these. Good luck everybody.



Boys' Football Team

Our boys' football team were in action on Wednesday as they competed against the other seven schools in our trust. Our team did very well, winning three games, drawing three and losing one. They finished 4th overall, just missing out on 3rd on goal difference. Well done everybody and thank you for representing our school so well.



Scooters and Bikes on the Playground

Please can I remind you that scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the playgrounds either before or after school. This is to help keep these areas safe. Thank you.

e-safety Quiz Question

Test your child's e-safety knowledge by asking them the question below.

If someone online is being mean to you, what's the best thing for you to do?

- (a) Be mean back – They started it!
- (b) Keep it a secret.
- (c) Tell a trusted adult and block them.
- (d) Stop using the internet forever.

This week's answer = (c). If anybody is upsetting you online, it is really important that you tell a trusted adult straight away so they can help to stop any problems.



Geography and History Topic Homework

We have been really impressed with the topic homework that children have been creating over the last week and with the levels of enthusiasm they are showing towards their new topics. Please keep the homework coming into school as we love to see and celebrate it.



Musician of the Week

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Tchaikovsky was a famous Russian composer born in 1840.

He wrote the music for The Nutcracker, Swan Lake, and Sleeping Beauty ballets.

His music is full of emotion and energy, and it's still loved all over the world today!



Thank you for your continued support.

I hope that you have a great weekend.

Mr Williams

Headteacher

What's new on the school website

- Christmas events letter
- Year 4 Open Morning letter
- EYFS Nativity Performances letter



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 4 Open Morning	9am-11am
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 5 Open Morning	9am-12pm
Thursday 11 th December	KS2 Carol Concert	2.30pm
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper or Accessory Day	Whole School
Friday 12 th December	Santa Dash	TBC
Monday 15 th December	Year 5 Mosque Trip	5E – 10.30am-12pm
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 5 Mosque Trip	5HN – 10.30am-12pm
Wednesday 17 th December	EYFS Nativity	9.30am
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 5 Redhill Care Home visit	5HN – during school hours
Thursday 18 th December	EYFS Nativity	2.15pm
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner	Whole School
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper or Accessory Day	Whole School
Friday 19 th December	Year 5 Redhill Care Home visit	5E – during school hours
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Party Day	Party clothes
Friday 19 th December	3M - Film Showing of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	During school hours
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
Friday 9 th January 2026	Non-uniform day	House Points winners only
Thursday 15 th January 2026	Young Voices Concert	
Tuesday 27 th January 2026	Birmingham Museum Trip	3S – all day
Thursday 29 th January 2026	Birmingham Museum Trip	3M – all day

Thursday 29 th January 2026	Birmingham Mission Assembly	KS2 – 9am KS1 – 9.30am
Wednesday 11 th February 2026	Parents Evening	
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Parents Evening	
Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026	Half-Term Holiday	School closed to all pupils
Monday 23rd February 2026	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	EYFS Farm Trip	RJ
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	EYFS Farm Trip	RL
Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026	Easter Holidays	School closed to all pupils
Monday 11 th May 2026 – Friday 15 th May 2026	SATs week	
Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026	Half-Term Holiday	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 17 th June 2026	Weston-super-Mare trip	2L – all day
Thursday 18 th June 2026	Weston-super-Mare trip	2K – all day
Thursday 18 th June 2026	Birmingham Mission Assembly	KS2 – 9am KS1 – 9.30am
Monday 20th July 2026	Summer Holidays	School closed to all pupils

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Morrigan	RJ
Reece	1RW
Remi	2L
Jayden	3M
Josh	4J
Nevaeh	5E
Nevaeh	6G
Abdi	1RW – Lunchtime Award



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Mylah	RL	Harper-Mae	RJ	Wyatt	1W
Alex	1RW	Hayley	2K	Nellie	2L
Ayaana	3M	Blake	3S	Logan	4J
Julian	4B	Kade	5E	Makonnen	5HN
Mini	6F	Kyla-Mae	6G		



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	84	105	91	98


	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	1476	1658	1641	1732



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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:

Hollie	2K	7
Ollie	1RW	6
Aydin	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:** **Who does Percy find in his bedroom?**
- Year 1:** **What are all of the ways we can make 13?**
- Year 2:** **What do you celebrate?**
- Year 3:** **What does compromise mean?**
- Year 4:** **What mountains can you name? What is the tallest mountain in the world?**
- Year 5:** **What was life like in Ancient Athens?**
- Year 6:** **What is the difference between formal and informal language?**

**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 **93.67%** - 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	91.2%	89.62%
RL	91.2%	91.41%
1RW	92.5%	94.29%
1W	90%	97.24%
2K	94.2%	93.85%
2L	93.9%	88.71%
3M	85.9%	85.17%
3S	89.3%	92.76%
4B	91.3%	88.33%
4J	92.3%	92.21%
5E	92.3%	90.97%
5HN	95.5%	89.31%
6F	90.4%	92.5%
6G	90.7%	92.33%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



1W – 97.24%

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



3S – 92.76%

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.

Whole school– Kind Language

AT&T 4:13 PM 33%
< Messages (1) 810-10 Contact

@werchange

Remind Updates: Thanks! Please reply with your full name so Mrs. McCoy knows who you are.

Freq varies by user/mo. Msg&data rates may apply. Reply STOP to cancel

Robert Joseph Baker

Remind Updates: You've been added to Mrs. McCoy's class! Try the app mmd.me

Freq varies by user/mo. Reply HELP for help, STOP to cancel. Msg&data rates may apply

Text Message Send

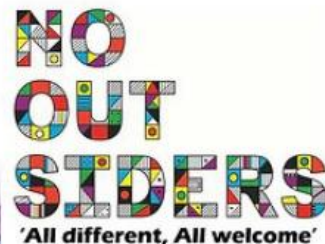
A High school in South Carolina USA noticed students were using unkind language at school and home. Students were choosing to use unkind comments and names and the effect on the school community was...

What do you think the effect on the school community was?

Miss McCoy set up a social media group for her students. Students signed up under the agreement and expectation that they will only use it to send positive, kind messages to each other at the start of the day. The messages came through Miss McCoy's name, but the words came from the students.

Why only positive, kind messages?

What do you think happened?



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.



- What does it mean to be taken away from your home country without permission?
- Why might it be important for children to return to their home country if they are taken away?
- How could being taken away affect a child's life, friendships, and family?





Be Empowered.....

BE EMPOWERED WORKSHOPS

- Early Support Programme for SEND Parent Carers



We warmly invite you to a series of workshops that have been written by and are led by trainers who are parent/carers of a child with additional needs themselves. They run over a period of 6 weeks, and there are a selection of face-to-face and online sessions.

These workshops are for parent/carers of children and young people of any age, with any additional need, with or without a diagnosis. They are an attempt to support parent/carers through times of change and at whatever stage of the journey participants may find themselves.

Wednesday's 5/11/25 - 17/12/25
10:00am - 1:00pm
Evolve Centre, 99 Glover St, B9 4EN.

Monday's 10/11/25 - 15/12/25
10:00am - 1:00pm
Online via Zoom

Thursday's 8/1/26 - 12/2/26
10:00am-1:00pm
Lime Tree Children's Centre,
Heathfield Rd, B19 1UJ

Saturday's 10/1/26 - 13/2/26
1:00pm - 4:00pm
Online via Zoom
Joining details will be sent.

Tuesday's 10/2/26, 24/2/26 - 24/3/26
10:00am - 1:00pm
Acocks Green Methodist Church,
1 Botteville Road, B27 7YE.

Friday's 27/2/26 - 27/3/26, 17/4/26
6:00pm-9:00pm
Online via Zoom
Joining details will be sent.

Tuesday's 14/4/26 - 19/5/26
10:00am - 1:00pm
Online via Zoom
Joining details will be sent.

Thursday's 16/4/26 - 21/5/26
In Community Languages
10:00am - 2:00pm
Lime Tree Children's Centre,
Heathfield Road, B19 1UJ

Friday's 5/6/26 - 10/7/26
10:00am - 1:00pm
Online via Zoom
Joining details will be sent.

Monday's 8/6/26 - 13/7/26
10:00am - 1:00pm
Hodge Hill Family Hub, Dyson Gardens
Children's Centre, Highfield Road, B8 3QF.

TO BOOK - Please complete the booking form and return to: BeEmpowered@birmingham.gov.uk or alternatively you can submit online either by using the QR code below or using this link
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Z86aaeTSzUuzA9K74rm78UtsZJS1sGdFip4igifYn11UMFZQRJpEUUJKNUJDTVBVRkE5NM3OUFXSC4u> to submit online.



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For more information please contact: Christine Legore on 07770 762056 or via email at christine.legore@birmingham.gov.uk or
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PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2026 **ARE OPEN!**

It's important you apply for
your child's reception class
school place online before
the **15 January 2026.**

Late applications are less likely
to be offered a place at any
of your preferred schools.



For more
information,
scan the
QR code



Birmingham
City Council

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:



Miss Hooper
DHT
Lead DSL



Mrs Taylor
Pastoral Lead
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 you 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](#).