



Colmers Farm Primary School



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely summer break. It was wonderful to see everybody back in school on Wednesday ready for the start of our new academic year. We have been delighted with the way that our pupils have settled back into school life this week.

I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new families who have started in reception and other year groups this week. I am confident you will soon feel an integral part of the special family that is Colmers Farm Primary School.

Attendance

Giving our children the best possible start in life is something all of us as parents want to do. One of the best ways of doing this is by making sure that your child is in school as often as possible. All children get ill from time to time and that's fine to keep them off if they have something like the flu or chicken pox. Children will always get sniffles and headaches though and it's important that children come into school when they can. They will often quickly forget about these when they are in school. As a school we will always contact you if your child is too unwell to be in school. Please also try to organise school holidays for times when children should not be in school.

Every day in school really does count!

Staff News

We have had several new members of staff who have started this week. We have Mrs Belmore (office), Miss Cheshire (teaching assistant in Reception), Miss Williams (teacher in Year 1) and Mr Williams (building site supervisor). I sure that you will join me in welcoming them to our family and wish them the greatest of success in their new roles.

Mrs Platt

We are delighted to announce that over the holidays Mrs Platt gave birth her gorgeous baby Rosie! Mom, Rosie, and let's not forget dad, are all doing well.



Studybugs

At Colmers Farm we use an online system called Study Bugs to help parents/carers to report pupil absences. This quick and easy online reporting stops parents needing to call through to the school office, which sometimes can take a while due to



busy phonelines. It also ensures that Arbor (our school's information system) accurately reflects reasons for illness. Please download the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school. Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>). A link to the Studybugs website can also be found on our school's website, in the useful links section on the home page (top right hand corner).

Personal Information

If there have been any changes to the personal information such as changes to addresses, mobile phone numbers or emails, please email your new details to enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

Pastoral

Please remember that our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs), Mrs Young, Mrs Smith, Mrs Taylor and Mr Williams are available to support families with any pastoral concerns they may have.

For parents new to our school, we have been signed up to Operation Encompass for several years. Operation Encompass is a national police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people who experience domestic violence and abuse, and which is in place in every police force in England and Wales. This means that the police will share information with us about incidents that the police have attended which involve any of the pupils in our care, prior to the start of the next school day. This allows us to support, where necessary, these pupils when they are in school. Any information we receive is filed in line with all other confidential safeguarding and child protection information.

Breakfast and After School Wrap Around

Please note that at Colmers Farm we have a breakfast club and an after-school wrap around provision for those parents who may need to use these.

Our breakfast club runs from 7:35 until the start of the school day. This costs £2.50 per day.

Our after-school wrap around provision runs from the end of the school day until 5:30. This costs £5 per day per child.

Both provisions are available to any pupil who attends Colmers Farm, but these sessions must be booked and paid for in advance via the Arbor App. Please ensure that all bookings are made at least 24 hours prior to the provision you wish to use, where possible.

School Games Gold Award

Just before the summer holidays we were awarded the Gold School Games Mark. This award celebrates our strong commitment to high-quality physical education, school sport, and physical activity. A huge well done and thank you to Miss Jennings and Miss McCarron for their hard work here.



School Uniform

It is always a pleasure and a source of pride to see pupils arriving at the beginning of a new term smartly dressed in their Colmers Farm Primary School uniform. Please ensure that your child wears our correct uniform. If you are unsure what this is please visit our school website:

School uniform policy:

<https://www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org/assets/Documents/Policies/Uniform-Policy-2024a-onwards.pdf>

School uniform key information:

<https://www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org/key-information/uniform/>

PE Days and PE kits

PE days 2025 – 2026 Children should come to school in their PE kits on their PE day		
Monday	Year 3	Year 6
Tuesday	Year 5	Reception
Wednesday	Year 2	Year 1
Thursday	4B only	
Friday	4J to bring swim kits	

Just a reminder that this year we have made a change to our PE kits. We would like our pupils to wear a coloured t-shirt which reflects their team house for their PE lessons. Most pupils are already doing this – Thank you. The colours for each house are below.

- **Red – Hawkesley**
- **Navy blue – Cofton**
- **Yellow – Tessall**
- **Green – Frankley**



The navy or black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms will remain the same.

Geography and History Topic Homework

We always look forward to seeing children's topic homework which they have completed. This is a great way to inspire children about a topic and is a great way for you to spend quality time with your children. If your child produces any work, please send it into school and we'll display it in the classroom or outside of my office. There may even be some special headteacher stickers given out. For ideas about what your child could do for their topic, please see the knowledge organisers which were sent out before the summer holiday. These can also be viewed on the curriculum page of the school's website. Thank you in advance for supporting your children with this.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend (and that the weather improves a bit).

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Mr Williams
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Thursday 11 th September	Lloyds Bank Finance Workshop	Year 5
Monday 15 th September	Farm Animal Day	Year 1
Tuesday 16 th September	Mini First Aid training	Year 3 and Year 5
Thursday 18 th September	Professor McGinty Workshop	Year 6
Friday 19 th September	School Parliament Trip to London	School Parliament pupils
Monday 13 th October	EYFS Open Day for September 2026 applicants	9am – 5pm
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 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	
Monday 23rd February 2026	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Monday 20th July 2026	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils

What's new on the school website

- Year 1: Farm Animal Day letter
- SAGE relaunch letter



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



We are very excited to see who will be our first hot chocolate winners next week!



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Don't forget to check your emails next week to see if your child has been nominated to receive a certificate in our weekly celebration assembly.



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Ball	Frankley	Cofton
This week				

	Hawkesley	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total			


Which house will win the Autumn Term House Point challenge!



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:

Lorelei	6G	11
Ada	2L	7
Kenisha	2K	7
Gracie-May	5HN	10
Daniel	6G	11
Wyatt	1W	6
Amy	4J	9
Logan	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:** Can you tell me the name of your new teacher?
- Year 1:** What have you enjoyed most about your first week in Year 1?
- Year 2:** What have you enjoyed most about your first week in Year 2?
- Year 3:** What have you enjoyed most about your first week in Year 3?
- Year 4:** What have you enjoyed most about your first week in Year 4?
- Year 5:** What have you enjoyed most about your first week in Year 5?
- Year 6:** What are you most looking forward to in Year 6?

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 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](#).