



Colmers Farm Primary School



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all enjoyed your half term with your families. It was great to see everybody back safe and well on Tuesday this week.

School Attendance

Our current school attendance is still above where we were last year.

Our Current Attendance

Our Attendance

Difference

This Time Last Year

94.27%

94%

+0.27%

A special well done to our two highest attending classes so far this year who are:

- 1W (96.92%)
- 4J (95.71%)

Year 5 and 6 Residential

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils had an amazing time on their residential trip to Condover Hall! They represented the school brilliantly, showing teamwork, resilience, and enthusiasm throughout. The children took part in a wide range of exciting activities, including archery, abseiling, circus skills and team-building challenges. It was fantastic to see them supporting each other and embracing new experiences. We are so proud of how well they conducted themselves and the memories they have made will last a lifetime.

Outdoor, Play and Learning (OPAL) Evening

On Wednesday after school, we were delighted to welcome parents and children to our first Outdoor Play and Learning Session (OPAL), led by our enthusiastic staff team and our school's OPAL lead Mrs Greep. It was wonderful to see everyone joining in with the activities, exploring, creating, and having lots of fun together! From digging in the digging area, building in the sandpit, having a go on the swing, racing in wheelchairs and getting creative with junk modelling, there was something for everyone to enjoy!



The session gave families a great opportunity to experience the kinds of play and learning opportunities the children enjoy during lunchtimes, from imaginative games to hands-on exploration. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such an enjoyable and lively evening! Thank you for your incredibly positive feedback too. It was an absolute pleasure to run the event and we're already looking forward to hosting another one in the Spring Term.



Big Arts Week Exhibition

Before half term, our school held its annual Big Arts Week, with all our creative artwork inspired by the wonderful book *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds. Our children explored the story's message about creativity and confidence, producing a fantastic range of colourful and imaginative artwork. We're excited to share their masterpieces with you at our Art Exhibition in the Upper Hall on Monday 10th November. We hope you can join us to celebrate the children's amazing creativity and see how a simple dot can lead to incredible art. Please come to the main entrance after you have collected your children.

Parents' Evenings

As a school, we highly value the importance of parents' evenings. If you were unable to attend a parents' evening before half term, please contact the school office or speak with your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment.

Punctuality

Being on time is an important part of school life and helps children start the day calmly and ready to learn. When pupils arrive on time, they don't miss out on key parts of the morning routine, such as registration, early learning tasks, or important instructions for the day. Arriving late can make children feel rushed or unsettled, and can also disrupt the learning of others.

By encouraging good punctuality, we are helping children to build positive habits that will benefit them throughout their school years and beyond. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child arrive at school on time each day.

Musician of the Week - Felix Mendelssohn

He started young! Mendelssohn wrote amazing music when he was just a teenager.

He loved nature. His Hebrides Overture was inspired by a trip to the Scottish islands.

Mendelssohn helped bring back the music of J.S. Bach, which people had forgotten about!



E-safety Quiz Question

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

If an AI app or website tells you something that sounds strange or upsetting, what should you do?

- (a) Believe it straight away
- (b) Share it with your friends online
- (c) Check with a trusted adult or teacher
- (d) Post about it on social media



This week's answer = C. Check with a trusted adult or teacher

Thank you for your continued support. I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams

Headteacher

What's new on the school website

- Year 2 Christmas Film Night letter
- Panto: Year 1, 2, and 3 letter
- Children in Need letter
- Year 1 Phonics Workshop letter



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Tuesday 4 th November – Friday 14 th November	Poppy sales	Break, lunch and afterschool
Monday 10 th November	Big Art Week exhibition	After school
Monday 10 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 11 th November	Safety Seymour session	2L - 9.30am-12pm
Tuesday 11 th November	CO2 Crew session	5E - 1pm-3pm
Wednesday 12 th November	Brazilian Drumming workshop	Year 3 and 5
Thursday 13 th November	School Photo Day	Whole School
Thursday 13 th November	Family Christmas photoshoot	2.30pm onwards
Thursday 13 th November	Year 1 Phonics Inspire Workshop	2.15pm-3pm
Monday 17 th November	Year 2 Showcase	2.15pm
Wednesday 19 th November	Safety Seymour Session	2K – 9.30am-12pm
Wednesday 19 th November	CO2 Crew session	5HN - 1pm-3pm
Thursday 20 th November	World Children's Day	Turn the School Blue!
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 3 Open Morning	9am-10am
Thursday 27 th November	Year 2 Open Morning	9.30am-10.30am
Thursday 27 th November	OPAL Stay and Play	3.30pm-4.30pm
Monday 1 st December	Nasal Flu Immunisations	Whole School
Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 1 Open Morning	
Friday 5 th December	Panto	Years 1, 2 and 3
Friday 5 th December	Year 2 Film Night	3.45pm-6pm
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 4 Open Morning	9.30am-10.30am

Thursday 11 th December	KS2 Carol Concert	2.30pm
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	Nativity	EYFS
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 5 Redhill Care Home visit	5HN – time tbc
Thursday 18 th December	Nativity	EYFS
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner	Whole School
Friday 19 th December	Year 5 Redhill Care Home visit	5E – time tbc
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	
Thursday 15 th January 2026	Young Voices Concert	
Wednesday 11 th February 2026	Parents Evening	
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Parents Evening	
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	EYFS Farm Trip	RJ
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	EYFS Farm Trip	RL
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:

COMING NEXT WEEK!



This week's congratulations
assembly recipients...



COMING NEXT WEEK!



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	113	130	108	141

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	1007	1173	1181	1235



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:

Nellie	2L	7
Nate	4J	9
Abdi Shakur	1RW	6
Mason	RJ	5
Olivia	3S	8



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:** **What did you see, hear and smell on Bonfire Night?**
- Year 1:** **What are the seven continents and what continent do we live in?**
- Year 2:** **What is a verb? What is an adverb?**
- Year 3:** **Who lives in the Amazon rainforest?**
- Year 4:** **If you could be a Roman God or Goddess, what would you want to be the God of and why?**
- Year 5:** **How do counting syllables help us to spell words?**
- Year 6:** **What can you build out of recycled materials?**

**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 **93.52 %** - 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	83.58%	87.5%
RL	89.6%	87%
1RW	96.43%	97.77%
1W	97.67%	98.71%
2K	88.15%	94.71%
2L	95.81%	95.56%
3M	88.28%	82.33%
3S	91.67%	96.12%
4B	91.72%	90.83%
4J	96.33%	96.25%
5E	91.61%	96.77%
5HN	91.67%	91.81%
6F	91.675	93.75%
6G	95.67%	98.33%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



1W – 98.71%

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



6G – 98.33%

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



This photo went viral over summer. It shows a boy standing on the winner podium and wearing a medal after winning a race.

But there is something unusual about the photo and what the boy is doing; can you spot it?

Key Stage 2

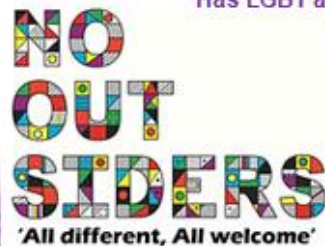


Last week King Charles III unveiled a memorial to LGBT veterans at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. This is the first memorial in the UK to military personnel who are Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Transgender. There has been a campaign for 25 years to have a memorial for LGBT veterans.

Why do you think it has taken so long?

Why do you think this memorial exists?

Has LGBT always been accepted in the army?



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.



Article 8



You have the right to an identity - an official record of who you are. No one should take this away from you.



1. Why do you think it's important for every child to have a name and a family?
2. How does knowing who you are and where you come from help you feel special?
3. What would you say to someone who doesn't have a name or family to care for them?



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



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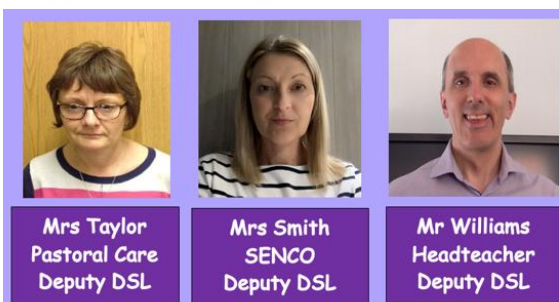
Safeguarding at Colmers Farm Primary School

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:



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](#).