



Colmers Farm Primary School



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you've had a good week.

School Attendance and Attendance Raffle

I would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child's education remains a top priority. I also would like to remind you of the importance of regular school attendance.

All students have a minimum attendance target of +96% and we would like to congratulate all parents who do ensure their children get to school each day and on time. We now need to work together to excel even further by exceeding our target of 96%.

We think it is very important that all our pupils benefit from 190 days of learning to ensure they make progress and achieve the results they should. If a school can improve its attendance by 1%, this can result in a 5-6% improvement in attainment.

Our Current Attendance

94.7%

Our Attendance Last Year

92.81%

Difference

+1.89%

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

Please remember that as a school we are 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.

Nuts

Please can we remind you that we are a nut free school. This is because we may have some children who may have a severe allergic reaction to nuts. If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction – just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock.

Well Done Cuba!

At Colmers Farm we are always eager to share our pupils' achievements inside and outside of school. This week we would like to say well done to Cuba, whose team (WBA) competed in the Midlands Championship against Birmingham City, Wolves, and Walsall, and they went on to win the tournament.

Cuba also had the opportunity to play a game away against Manchester United and Burton. Cuba's team won both games and he scored a hat-trick. Well done Cuba!

If your child has achieved something outside of school that you would like us to celebrate, please send details of this by email to enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org



Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a school governor. Please see the advert in this newsletter for more information about this.

Sporting Event

On Thursday, our Year 5/6 boys played eight games against other schools in Birmingham at the Knighthead Performance Centre in the Utilita Kids Cup where the top 4 schools got through to the finals. We unfortunately didn't qualify for the final, but we played some fantastic football with a particularly outstanding goal from Kade, who scored from a free kick near the half-way line! Well done everybody for representing our school so well.



Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.

- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

E-Safety Quiz for Pupils

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

You make a new friend online. Which of the following pieces of information is it ok to share online?

- (a) My home address
- (b) My favourite colour
- (c) My friend's phone number
- (d) The name of the school I go to.



This week's answer = B. You should never give out any personal information to an online friend; Giving out personal information to somebody you do not know is unsafe.

EYFS Phonics Workshop

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended our EYFS phonics workshop this week. It was great to see this event so well attended. We hope that you found this session useful and that you came away with lots of tips to support your child at home with their reading. If you would like any additional support, please speak to your child's class teacher.

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

Mr Williams

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
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	2:30pm
Thursday 16 th October	Year 3 Diwali Performance	9:15am
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:

Leiah	RJ
Albie	1W
Declan	2K
Finley	3S
Amy	4J
Summer	5HN
Isra	6G
Zoe	6G – Lunchtime Award



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Maya	RJ	George	RL	Lydia	1W
Camarah	1RW	Aria	2K	Theo	2L
Elizabeth	3M	Declan	3S	Darcie-Leigh	4J
Wissam	4B	Brooklyn	5E	Lacey	5HN
Sophia	6F	Savannah	6G		



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	243	293	258	319

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	643	782	766	751



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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:

Ada-Rose	2L	7
Meghan	2L	7
Daisy-Lynne	6G	11
Declan	2K	7
Henry	RJ	5
Lily-Mae	2L	7
Mila	4B	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 tell me about the different rooms in your house?**
- Year 1:** **What materials are waterproof?**
- Year 2:** **How can we stay fit and healthy?**
- Year 3:** **Can you retell the story of Diwali?**
- Year 4:** **Why did Boudicca lead the rebellion against the Romans? What skills did she have to do this?**
- Year 5:** **Describe the character you have written about this week.**
- Year 6:** **How do you add and subtract mixed numbers?**

**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 **94.7 %** - 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	92.7%	93.46%
RL	95.8%	88.46%
1RW	97.1%	95.36%
1W	96.6%	95.17%
2K	95.2%	97.78%
2L	93.9%	94.52%
3M	85.6%	90.71%
3S	90.7%	92.58%
4B	94.1%	90.0%
4J	96.3%	94.0%
5E	91.6%	92.26%
5HN	95.7%	90.33%
6F	93.3%	95.33%
6G	90.7%	90.67%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2K – 97.78%

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



6F – 95.33%

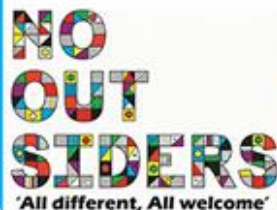
Rights Respecting Article

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. What does it mean to have the right to life and to grow up healthy?
2. How can we help children stay safe and healthy?
3. Why is it important that every child gets to live and grow?



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 picture shows Stef Reid who is a world champion Paralympic long jumper and sprinter for Canada and Great Britain. She is a multiple medal winner and also has a MBE.

What do you notice about how Stef runs?
What are these called and how do they work?

Today Stef campaigns for Nike, Adidas and Puma to do something different...

What do Nike, Adidas and Puma sell?
What do you think Stef is asking them to do differently?





Opal Stay and Play

Wednesday 5th November 2025

3:30pm-4:30pm



Please collect your child as normal. Then join us in the playground to enjoy some play with your child/children.

All children **MUST** be accompanied by their parents/carers.



Join us for a fun hour of Opal, imagination and exploration!





Your school has a vacancy for a parent governor



Parent governors:

- play a key role in the overview of our schools by monitoring progress in the curriculum
- report on their school's achievements regularly
- offer their own perspective, as a parent
- hold the school's leadership to account
- are objective



For more information:
email
governance@excelsiormat.org
by 17th October 2025

www.excelsiormat.org

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](#).