



Colmers Farm Primary School



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a wonderful first full week back at Colmers Farm. I have been very impressed with how well all of pupils have settled back into school life and with the wonderful manners they are showing around school. I have been particularly impressed with our Reception children, who have been doing full days this week. They have been interacting with one another so well and engaging with the different activities. It has been a real pleasure to spend some time in reception over the last two weeks.

## **Financial Capability Lessons**

Managing money and being able to spot financial scams are important life skills. On Wednesday afternoon, we were visited by our Chair of Governors, Miss Jeavons and some of her colleagues from Lloyds Bank to deliver financial lessons to our Year 5 pupils. Our pupils impressed our visitors with their ideas, knowledge and questions during these lessons. Well done Year 5!



**LLOYDS BANK**

We would like to thank Miss Jeavons and her colleagues for giving up their time to work with us.

## **Year 5 and 6 Basketball**

On Thursday evening, we had our first competitive sporting event of the year as eight pupils from Years 5 and 6 took part in a basketball competition against eight other schools. Our pupils represented our school magnificently finishing 4<sup>th</sup> over all, with 2 wins, 3 draws and 2 defeats. Well done to everybody who took part. Thank you to Miss Jennings and Miss McCarron for taking our pupils to this event.

## **Year 3 Meet a Lord**

Democracy is an important British Value, and on Friday afternoon Year 3 found out more about this when they were part of a Teams meeting with Lord Wills. Year 3 learnt about his life, including about how he became an MP. They also found out about the role that the House of Lords plays in making laws in this country.



## **Attendance**

Regular school attendance is important, and it means that your child can make the most of their education and improve their chance in early life. Sent out with this newsletter is an electronic booklet called 'Good Attendance Matters'. This contains some useful advice about helping your child to

enjoy school and to attend regularly. It also contains information about holidays and leave in term time. I hope that you find this useful.

### **Geography and History Homework**

I've been very impressed with the geography and history homework I've seen over the last two weeks, including a huge spitfire, an airfield, a rainforest tree, a Roman shield and some wonderful maps. Your children's knowledge organisers contain lots of ideas of possible activities. Keep the homework coming into school – we love to see it.

### **Lost property**

We already have 7 jumpers, 2 cardigans, 3 coats and numerous water bottles in our lost property boxes.

Could all parents please label your child's school uniform and school items to ensure lost items are reunited with their owners each week.

If you go to Stikins page and enter our school code which is 4825 we will receive 30% commission on every order which will go into our fundraising accounts to help pay towards new items to improve the EYFS outdoor area.

[Stick On Clothes Name Labels For School | Stikins®](#)

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.



**Mr Williams**  
**Headteacher**

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Farm Animal Day	Year 1
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Mini First Aid training	Year 3 and Year 5
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Professor McGinty Workshop	Year 6
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	School Parliament Trip to London	School Parliament pupils
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	EYFS Open Day for September 2026 applicants	9am – 5pm
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Half Term</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Residential Trip	Year 5 and 6
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photo Day	Whole School
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>School re-opens to all pupils</b>	
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day</b>	<b>School closed to all pupils</b>

## What's new on the school website

- Mini First Aid Training for Year 3 and 5 letter



# This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Matilda	1W
Nellie	2L
Hannah	3S
Ruby	4J
Lillie-Mae	5HN
Ollie	6G
Freddie	5HN – Lunchtime award



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			



## 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:

Emily	6F	11
Zoe	6G	11
Ethan	RJ	5
Elijah	3S	8
Safaa	4B	9
Teddie	2L	7
Delilah	RL	5
Margot	2K	7
Sara	5HN	10



### 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 how we show others that we are listening to them?**

**Year 1:**            **Why is a part / whole?**

**Year 2:**            **How has transport changed?**

**Year 3:**            **Why do people visit Brazil?**

**Year 4:**            **What has been your favourite moment of Year 4 so far and what are you most looking forward to this year?**

**Year 5:**            **Can you tell me one fact about the author Oliver Jeffers?**

**Year 6:**            **What methods would you use to solve addition and subtraction questions?**

**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 **96 %** - let's keep it there!

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. 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	
	This week	
RJ	98.7%	<p><i>Attendance has been fabulous so far!</i></p> <p><i>Can you beat this next week?</i></p>
RL	97.7%	
1RW	96.4%	
1W	99.3%	
2K	97.6%	
2L	97.0%	
3M	92.7%	
3S	92.6%	
4B	94.8%	
4J	98.0%	
5E	97.1%	
5HN	96.0%	
6F	97.4%	
6G	94.2%	

### CLASS AWARDS:

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



**1W – 99.3%**

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



**4J – 98.0%**



# 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



8 year old Georgia is from Ipswich, UK and was shopping in Sainsbury's for trousers. She was shocked to find all the girls' trousers have fake pockets. But when Georgia went into the boys' section, the pockets were real.

What's going on here? Why are there fake pockets on girls' trousers? What do you think Georgia did? Is it ok for Georgia to buy boys clothes? Are clothes gendered?



# 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 2



All children have these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what their parents do, what language they speak, what their religion is, whether they are a boy or girl, what their culture, whether they have a disability, whether they are rich or poor. No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.



1. What does it mean to treat everyone fairly, no matter where they come from or what they believe?
2. Why is it important to be kind and not judge people because of their race, religion, or nationality?
3. Can you think of a time when someone was treated unfairly? How did it make them feel?



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) at any time. Alternatively [submit an online form](#).