



Colmers Farm Primary School



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have had a good week. It has been incredibly busy at Colmers Farm this week.

School Attendance

Our school attendance for this week was 92%. This is below our current overall attendance of 96%. Let's see if we can get it above our overall attendance next week.

Our Current Attendance

Our Attendance

Difference

This Time Last Year

94%

92.82%

+1.18%

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

- RL (95.65%)
- 4J (95.28%)

Odd Socks Day

On Monday, as part of anti-bullying week our school joined in the fun of *Odd Socks Day* to celebrate what makes us all unique! Pupils and staff came to school wearing their brightest, wackiest, and most mismatched socks to show that everyone is different and that is something to be proud of. The day was filled with laughter, colour, and important conversations about kindness and accepting others. It was a wonderful reminder that being yourself is the best thing you can be.

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday, classes fell silent at 11:00 to remember the fallen. We will never forget.

Michael Rosen Day

Our children celebrated Michael Rosen Day on Thursday by listening to and discussing some of his poems.



Year 1 Phonics Workshop

Thank you to everybody who attended the Year 1 phonics workshop this week. I hope that you found this session useful and that you came away with lots of strategies that you can use at home to support your child.

School Photos

School photo order forms should come home hopefully next week with details of how to complete the online order.

Christmas Raffle

To raise funds to help improve our EYFS outdoor area we are doing a Christmas Raffle.

We have lots of wonderful prizes up for grabs including bowling tickets, go-karting tickets and 2 Champagne Afternoon Tea vouchers to name but a few.

To buy tickets you will need to log into your Arbor account, go to the School Shop section where you will find the Christmas Raffle Ticket option. You can also pop by the school office and buy tickets using a debit/credit card.

The winners of the raffle will be announced on Thursday 18th December 2025.

Amazon Drumming

As part of their Brazil topic, Year 3 had a special Brazilian drumming experience on Wednesday. Here they got to play a range of different drums and other instruments. Year 5 also shared this experience. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed this event, and the leader of this activity was very complimentary about our pupils. I was also very impressed with the music, as I got to listen to several hours of drumming with my office being so close to the hall. Well done everybody!



Big Arts Week Exhibition

Thank you to everybody who managed to attend our Big Arts Week Exhibition on Monday. We hope that you enjoyed seeing all our artwork. We have lots of budding Monets, Picassos and O'Keeffes at our school! A video of this exhibition will be available to view in the news section of our school website from early next week if you missed this event.

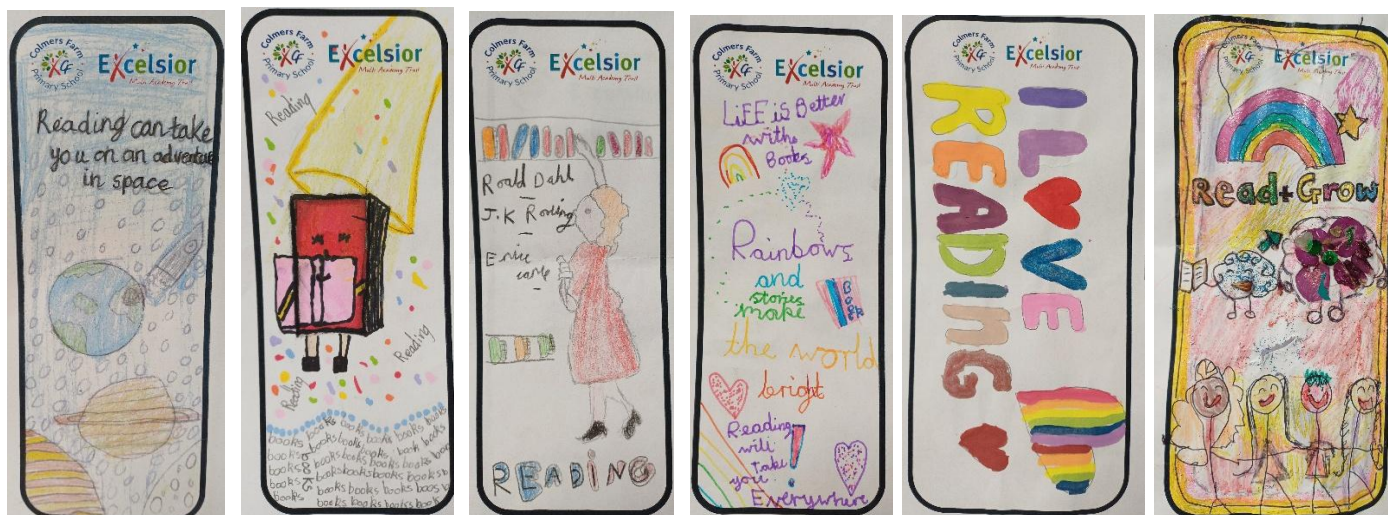
Design A Bookmark

We invited children in all our classes to take part in a competition to come up with a design that will be used on our brand-new bookmarks here in school. We received lots of fantastic entries, full of colour, creativity and even sparkly glitter!

The winners will receive their prizes in assembly on Monday and the winning designs will be on the reading bookmarks very soon.

The winners are:

- Irella RL
- Alanah 2K
- Adrian 3M
- Autumn 4J
- Sarah 5HN
- James 5HN



Children In Need

On Friday, we showed our support for Children in Need by asking our pupils and staff to come into school wearing clothes as bright and spotty as possible – and they did a wonderful job! There was a huge array of Pudsey ears, jumpers and full outfits on show! We were also amazed, as always, by the fantastic support for our food donation collection.

The items will be collected by B30 Foodbank next week, which supports so many families in the local area.

You can donate towards Children in Need via their online donation page:

donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk



e-safety Quiz Question

What is the best thing to say to your friend who is being bullied online?

- (a) "You should just quit the internet"
- (b) "It's your fault for posting things."
- (c) "I'm here for you. Let's tell an adult together."
- (d) "Don't worry, it's not a big deal."

This week's answer = C. It's very important that you always tell an adult when any type of bullying occurs.



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

Mr Williams

Headteacher

What's new on the school website

- Year 5 Care Home Visit letter
- Christmas Raffle Tickets letter
- Residential Trip 2026 letter
- World Children's Day poster



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
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
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
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 5 Open Morning	9am-12pm
Thursday 11 th December	KS2 Carol Concert	2.30pm
Friday 12 th December	Santa Dash	
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:

Ethan	RJ
Charlie	1W
Daisy-May	2K
George	3S
Hazel	4J
Makonnen	5HN
Sophia	6G
Archie	3M – Lunchtime Award



This week's congratulations
assembly recipients...



COMING NEXT WEEK!



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	192	184	162	168

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	1199	1357	1343	1403



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:

Peyton	2L	7
Eden	5HN	10
Louis	4J	9
Reggie	1W	6
Sophie-Mae	6G	11
Elizabeth	1RW	6
Romie	1W	6
Reece	1RW	6



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 helped the witch when the dragon came in Room on the Broom?**

Year 1: **'What does your home look like? Is it similar to Martha's?'**

Year 2: **What are the differences between the Town Mouse's home and the Country Mouse's home?**

Year 3: **What are some of the causes of deforestation?**

Year 4: **What has been your favourite part of learning about the Romans?**

Year 5: **Why is 2 the only even prime number?**

Year 6: **How do you round to 1, 2 and 3 decimal points?**

**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%** - 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	87.5%	89.23%
RL	87%	86%
1RW	97.77%	94.64%
1W	98.71%	95.17%
2K	94.71%	96.54%
2L	95.56%	93.23%
3M	82.33%	84.83%
3S	96.12%	97.24%
4B	90.83%	86.67%
4J	96.25%	94.33%
5E	96.77%	93.55%
5HN	91.81%	96.9%
6F	93.75%	93.21%
6G	98.33%	93.33%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2K – 96.54%

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



3S – 97.24%

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 week people across the country are remembering the soldiers who died in World War 1, World War 2 and other conflicts. It is a time to give thanks to all those who gave service. At 11:00 on 11th November, people across the UK observe a two minute silence. There are marches across the UK and in London the King lays a poppy wreath at the war memorial.

How long ago were the world wars?
Why do we still remember people who were in a war over 100 years ago?
Why do we hold a two minute silence?

Key Stage 2



The photo shows a recruitment drive in Trafalgar Square, London. They are recruiting men to enlist in the army to fight in World War One. In August 1914 the government realised Britain needed more soldiers.

Why did they need so many soldiers, how was the war fought in 1914?
How do you think soldiers were recruited?



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 9



You have the right to live with your parent(s), unless it is bad for you. You have the right to live with a family who cares for you.



1. What do you think Article 9 is trying to protect children from?
2. Why might it be important for children to stay with their parents or people who care for them?
3. How might a child feel if they were separated from their parents?
4. How do you think adults decide what is in a child's 'best interests'?





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=Z86aaeTSzUzA9K74rm78UtsZJS1sGdFip4igifYn11UMFZQRJpEUUJKNUJDTVBVRkE5NM3OUFXSC4u> 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

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 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 at any time. Alternatively [submit an online form](#).