

Colmers Farm Primary School



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week.

School Attendance

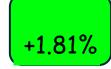
Next week, we will be having our first supermarket voucher draw for pupils who have either got 100% attendance for the month or who have improved their attendance from last month. Good luck everybody!

Our Current Attendance Our Attendance Difference

This Time Last Year

94.65%

92.84%



Sporting Event

After qualifying for the girls' football finals, our Year 5 and 6 girls were up for the challenge of the final on Tuesday evening. They were magnificent! They played 5 games, winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 1. This led to them finishing second overall. Well done girls, we are so proud of you all.



Mrs Young

Everybody at Colmers Farm would like to offer our heartfelt congratulations to **Mrs Young**, who, on Tuesday, was appointed as the new **Headteacher of Turves Green Primary School**. She will begin her exciting new role after half term.

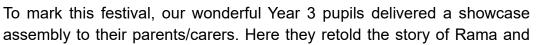
Mrs Young has been a valued member of the Colmers Farm family for over **13 years** and during that time she has shown incredible **dedication**, **passion**, **and hard work** with everything she does. Her commitment to our pupils, her care for colleagues, and her drive to make our school the best it can be have made a huge difference.

Although we will all miss her dearly, we could not be prouder of her achievement. We know she will bring the same warmth, determination, and excellence to Turves Green Primary School that she has consistently shown here.

I am sure that you will join us in wishing **Mrs Young** every happiness and success as she begins this wonderful new chapter in her career.

Year 3 Diwali Assembly

Diwali, the festival of lights, is a major celebration for Hindus, Sikhs and Jains and it symbolises the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil.





Sita and spoke about how this festival was celebrated. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to support their children by watching this performance. We hope that you enjoyed it.

On Friday, to continue our Diwali celebrations, it was great to see everybody dressed in their colourful clothes. Our pupils also took part in a range of Diwali activities in the afternoon.

For any of our families which are celebrating Diwali on Monday, everybody at Colmers Farm hopes that you have a wonderful celebration.

Foodbank Donation

Thank you so much for your recent generosity with our harvest collection. We managed to collect 142.6 kg of food for the B30 and South Birmingham Foodbank.

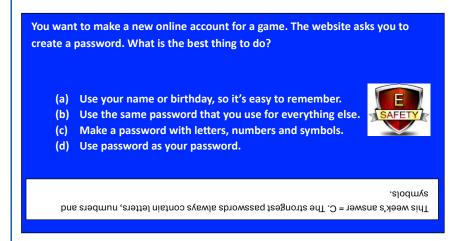
Demand for help from local families in crisis is increasing steadily as the cost-of-living crisis continues. In the last month alone, they gave out 9935 kg of food to feed 1087 people in 577 households. They anticipate even more rapid rises in client numbers as we head into the winter, so our gift will be put to very good use.



Everyone at B30 and South Birmingham Foodbank, on behalf of their clients, sends a heartfelt thank you once again for your kindness and generosity.

E-Safety Quiz for Pupils

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



Year 2 Phonics workshop

Thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to attend the Year 2 phonics workshop on Tuesday. Hopefully you enjoyed this and came away with lots of ideas about how you can support your child at home with developing their phonetic knowledge and their overall reading skills. Parental/carer support at home is key to enabling children to reach their potential within reading.

Breast Cancer Awareness

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month so please help us to turn the school pink on Friday, October 24th. Pupils are invited to swap their uniform on that day for something pink.

Breast cancer awareness focuses on early detection, raising funds for research, and supporting those affected. You can find out more or make a donation towards research online: www.breastcancernow.org



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

Mr Williams

Headteacher

What's new on the school website

- Year 2 Open Morning letter
- Year 2 Showcase letter
- Young Voices ordering letter
- EYFS Farm Trip letter



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 20 th October – Friday 24 th October	Big Art Week	
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parents Evening	
Thursday 23 rd October	Parents Evening	
Friday 24 th October	Breast Cancer Awareness	Turn the School pink!
Monday 27th – Friday 31st October	Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Monday 3 rd November	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 5 th – Friday 7 th November	Yr 5/6 Residential Trip	Year 5 and 6
Wednesday 5 th November	OPAL stay and play	3.30pm – 4.30pm
Monday 10 th November	Big Art Week exhibition	After school
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
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	
Friday 5 th December	Year 2 Film Night	3.45pm-6pm
Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January 2026	Christmas Holidays	School closed to all pupils
Monday 5 th January 2026	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 6 th 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 23 rd February 2026	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Monday 20 th July 2026	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

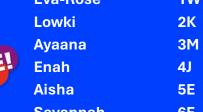
Congratulations to all of our hot chocolate winners this week. They are:

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Tommy-Lee RL Eva-Rose 1W Lowki **2K** Ayaana **3M** Enah **4**J

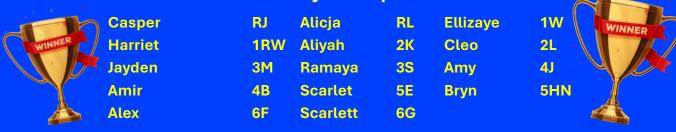
Savannah 6F

RL - Lunchtime Award George



This week's congratulations

assembly recipients...



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	107	131	122	155

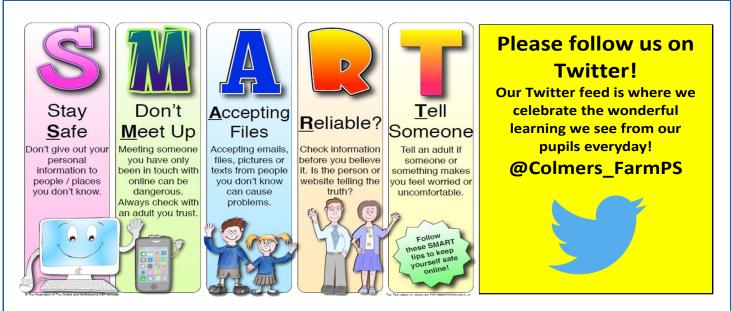
	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	750	913	888	906













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 happened to the Three Little Pigs' houses?

Year 1: What materials are opaque?

Year 2: How can your actions make other people feel?

Year 3: How would you solve 24 + 37? Explain each step.

Year 4: How did the Romans change Britain? What did they leave us with?

Year 5: What can you remember about the festival of Diwali?

Year 6: How do we multiply and divide fractions? Can you simplify your answer?









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



Class	% present	% present	
	Last week	This week	
RJ	93.46%	89.62%	
RL	88.46%	89.6%	
1RW	95.36%	95.71%	
1W	95.17%	93.45%	
2K	97.78%	93.33%	
2L	94.52%	95.48%	
3M	90.71%	90.71%	
3S	92.58%	94.67%	
4B	90.0%	95.86%	
4J	94.0%	89.67%	
5E	92.26%	90.97%	
5HN	90.33%	93.67%	
6F	95.33%	95.67%	
6G	90.67%	89.33%	

CLASS AWARDS:

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



1W-95.71%

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



4B - 95.86%

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.



Article 7



You have the right to a name, and this should be officially recognized by the Government. You have the right to a nationality (to belong to a country).



- 1. Why do you think having a name is important for a child?
- 2. How does it feel to be loved and cared for by your family?
- What do you think every child needs to feel safe and happy?





UNITED KINGDOM

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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.

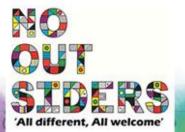
Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2



The photo shows David Volante outside his store in Handsworth, a part of Birmingham where there are many different ethnicities living together.

What does multicultural mean?
What is Diwali?
Do you think David celebrates Diwali?
Why does he have a Diwali sign in his shop?









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!





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



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.



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.