



Colmers Farm Primary School



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

94.65%

### Our Attendance

#### This Time Last Year

92.84%

### Difference

+1.81%

## 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.



To mark this festival, our wonderful Year 3 pupils delivered a showcase assembly to their parents/carers. Here they retold the story of Rama and 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.

You want to make a new online account for a game. The website asks you to create a password. What is the best thing to do?

- (a) Use your name or birthday, so it's easy to remember.
- (b) Use the same password that you use for everything else.
- (c) Make a password with letters, numbers and symbols.
- (d) Use password as your password.



This week's answer = C. The strongest passwords always contain letters, numbers and symbols.

## 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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October           | Big Art Week                         |                                    |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                                          | Parents Evening                      |                                    |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October                                           | Parents Evening                      |                                    |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October                                             | Breast Cancer Awareness              | Turn the School pink!              |
| <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 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November                 | Yr 5/6 Residential Trip              | Year 5 and 6                       |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November                                          | OPAL stay and play                   | 3.30pm – 4.30pm                    |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November                                            | Big Art Week exhibition              | After school                       |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November                                         | Brazilian Drumming workshop          | Year 3 and 5                       |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November                                          | School Photo Day                     | Whole School                       |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November                                          | Family Christmas photoshoot          | 2.30pm onwards                     |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November                                            | Year 2 Showcase                      | Time TBC                           |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November                                          | World Children's Day                 | Turn the School Blue!              |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December                                          | Year 1 open morning                  |                                    |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December                                             | Year 2 Film Night                    | 3.45pm-6pm                         |
| <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> |                                    |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2026                                      | Young Voices Concert                 |                                    |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2026                                    | Parents Evening                      |                                    |

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|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026     | Parents Evening             |                                    |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026         | EYFS Farm Trip              | RJ                                 |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026       | EYFS Farm Trip              | RL                                 |
| <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> |

# This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

|           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| Tommy-Lee | RL                   |
| Eva-Rose  | 1W                   |
| Lowki     | 2K                   |
| Ayaana    | 3M                   |
| Enah      | 4J                   |
| Aisha     | 5E                   |
| Savannah  | 6F                   |
| George    | RL – Lunchtime Award |



## This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Casper  
Harriet  
Jayden  
Amir  
Alex

RJ  
1RW  
3M  
4B  
6F

Alicja  
Aliyah  
Ramaya  
Scarlet  
Scarlett

RL  
2K  
3S  
5E  
6G

Ellizaye  
Cleo  
Amy  
Bryn

1W  
2L  
4J  
5HN



## HOUSE POINTS

|           | Hawkesley | Tessall | Frankley | Cofton |
|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|--------|
| This week | 107       | 131     | 122      | 155    |

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



## 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:

|           |     |    |
|-----------|-----|----|
| Marigold  | 2L  | 7  |
| Lilliemai | 4B  | 9  |
| Ivy       | 3M  | 8  |
| Regan     | RJ  | 5  |
| Scarlet   | 5E  | 10 |
| Joshua    | 4J  | 9  |
| Regon     | 3M  | 8  |
| Evelyn    | 5HN | 10 |
| Casper    | RJ  | 5  |
| Tyler     | 6G  | 11 |



### 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?**

**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<br>Last week | % present<br>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?
3. What do you think every child needs to feel safe and happy?



# 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:



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