



Colmers Farm Primary School



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that your week has gone well.

School Attendance

At our school, we believe that every day counts! Regular attendance is essential for children to make the most of their learning opportunities and to feel part of the school community. When pupils attend school every day, they build strong friendships, develop confidence, and keep up with their learning. Missing even a few days can make it harder to catch up and can affect progress. Let's work together to ensure our children are in school, on time, every day—because every lesson matters! Thank you for your continued support with this.

If you require any support or advice with attendance, please speak to Mrs Taylor or our new attendance lead Miss Hooper.

Our Current Attendance

Our Attendance

Difference

This Time Last Year

94.03%

92.57%

+1.46%

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

- 1W (95.87%)
- 1RW (95.84%)
- 6F (95.81%)

£20 Attendance Aldi Vouchers

At the end of next week, we will be drawing out the names of two children who have either 97% or higher attendance for November or who have improved their attendance compared to last month. Will you be in the draw?



Year 2 Showcase assembly

On Monday, Our Year 2 pupils delighted parents with a fantastic showcase assembly on the theme of *Travel and Transport*. The children impressed everyone with their confident singing and lively acting, bringing history and imagination to life. They shared fascinating facts about penny farthings, Herbert Austin, and the Titanic, as well as their ideas about future transport. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and knowledge shine through in such a creative performance. A big thank you to all the families who joined us to celebrate their hard work.



BBC 500 Word Competition

At Colmers Farm, we have lots of fabulous writers and one of the ways we get our pupils to showcase their skills is by encouraging them to enter competitions, such as the BBC 500 words competition. Congratulations to Rory in 4J for entering this competition and for gaining this certificate.



Year 5 and 6 Residential Video

A video of the photos from the Year 5 and 6 residential to Condover Hall will be appearing in the school news section, on the home page of the school website, very early next week. I hope that you enjoy watching this.

UNICEF World Children's Day

To celebrate UNICEF's World Children's Day, all of the children and staff at Colmers Farm dressed in blue. As well as having some special lessons in the afternoon to raise our pupils' awareness of children's rights, we also had two special blue competitions – 'guess the name of the blue teddy bear' and 'guess how many blue sweets are in the jar'. The winners will be drawn and announced next week. We managed to raise £128.25 for Unicef. Thank you to Mrs Greep for organising this day.



e-safety Quiz Question

Use the question below to test what your children know about the internet and keeping safe online.

Artificial Intelligence, such as Chat GPT and Microsoft Copilot, is being used more by pupils, but does Artificial Intelligence always tell the truth when it's asked a question?

- (a) Yes
- (b) No
- (c) Depends on the one you are using

This week's answer = (b) No – Artificial Intelligence (AI) doesn't know everything and it can make mistakes. You should always check any information that it creates to make sure that it is accurate.



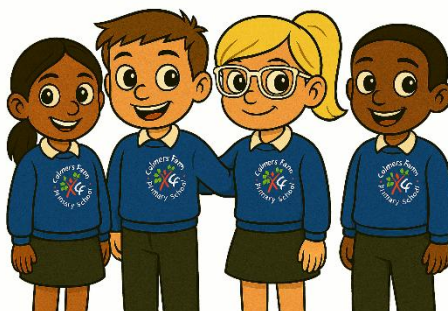
Contact details

If you have recently changed your address, phone number or email address, please contact the school office to check that we have your most current contact details. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support. On behalf of everybody at Colmers Farm, I hope that you have a great weekend.

Mr Williams

Headteacher



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
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-11.15am
Thursday 11 th December	KS2 Carol Concert	2.30pm
Friday 12 th December	Santa Dash	TBC
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

What's new on the school website

- Year 5 Open Morning letter
- Pre Ordering Meals letter and menu



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Harper-Mae	RJ
Riley	1W
Micaiah	2L
Kade	3S
Louis	4J
Gracie-May	5HN
Anieva	6G
Alex	6F – Lunchtime Award



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Diyara	RJ	Delilah	RL	Narin	1W
Keyla	1RW	Kenisha	2K	Everly	2L
Ivy	3M	George	3S	Ava-Grace	4J
Adrial	4B	Sophia	4B	Riley	5E
Theo	5HN	Betty	6F	Isabelle	6G







HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	77	85	77	124

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	1276	1442	1420	1527



<h1>S</h1> <h2>Stay Safe</h2> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p> 	<h1>M</h1> <h2>Don't Meet Up</h2> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p>	<h1>A</h1> <h2>Accepting Files</h2> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p> 	<h1>R</h1> <h2>Reliable?</h2> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p> 	<h1>T</h1> <h2>Tell Someone</h2> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p>	<p>Please follow us on Twitter!</p> <p>Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!</p> <p>@Colmers_FarmPS</p> 
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Happy Birthday Messages

For this week we would like to wish Happy Birthday to:

Kyro-Rain	6G	11
Jaylen	4B	9
Oscar	RJ	5



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 retell the story of 'Room on the Broom'?

Year 1: What do we know about Christians?

Year 2: What does it mean to forgive?

Year 3: Can you tell me three things you have learnt about Brazil over the last several weeks?

Year 4: What electrical components are needed to create a working circuit?

Year 5: What is the purpose of a 'blurb' at the back of a book?

Year 6: Can you find 10%, 5% and 1% of a whole number?

**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 **94.03%** - 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	89.23%	84.2%
RL	86%	84.4%
1RW	94.64%	92.1%
1W	95.17%	90.3%
2K	96.54%	95.4%
2L	93.23%	96.5%
3M	84.83%	79.3%
3S	97.24%	95.5%
4B	86.67%	88.0%
4J	94.33%	96.3%
5E	93.55%	94.8%
5HN	96.9%	94.1%
6F	93.21%	99.6%
6G	93.33%	93.3%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2L – 96.5%

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



6F – 99.6%



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=Z86aaeTSzUuzA9K74rm78UtsZJS1sGdFip4igifYn11UMFZQRJpEUUJKNUJDTVBVRkE5NM3OUFXSC4u> 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



Birmingham
City Council

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](#).