



Colmers Farm Primary School



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week.

School Attendance

For our first monthly supermarket voucher draw we had 252 pupils entered. 158 of these pupils had 100% attendance and 94 pupils had improved their attendance from last month. Well done to our first two winners of our supermarket vouchers, who were drawn out in our KS1 assembly. They were:

- Bean Hession (2L)
- Harrison Wakelam (2K)

We will be holding our next draw at the end of November.

Our current school attendance is still above where we were last year.

Our Current Attendance

Our Attendance

Difference

This Time Last Year

94.33%

92.99%

+1.34%

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

- 1W (96.75%)
- 1RW (96.43%)

Deputy Headteacher Position

As I wrote in last week's newsletter, we unfortunately are saying goodbye to Mrs Young today after her 13-year stay at Colmers Farm as she takes up her new position as Headteacher of Turves Green Primary School. We wish her the best of luck with this and we know that we will still fortunately see lots of her as she is staying with our multi-academy trust.

On Wednesday, we interviewed for an interim deputy headteacher. We are delighted to announce that Miss Hooper will be taking on this role. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing her the greatest of success in her new role.

As Miss Hooper will be our new interim deputy headteacher, we have a new teacher who will be teaching 5HN with Miss Nazir. Her name is Mrs Akhtar and I am sure that you will make her feel most welcome. 5HN, I know that Miss Hooper will still be coming in watching your progress eagerly.

New Building Site Supervisor

This week we have welcomed our new building site supervisor, Mr Windsor, who has taken over from Mr Brooks. I am sure you will make him feel most welcome in our school.

Parents' Evenings

This week we have been holding our parents' evenings and it has been great to see so many parents attending to look at the wonderful learning their children have been producing and to talk about their progress. As a school, we aim to meet with all our parents. If you were unable to attend a meeting this week, please contact the school office and they will organise a meeting between you and your child's teacher.

I am aware that some meetings over ran, which led to some meetings taking place later than their original booking times. Please accept our apologies for this.

Breast Cancer Awareness Day

It was great to see so many pupils and staff today dressed in pink to recognise Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast Cancer Awareness focuses on early detection, raising funds for research, and supporting those affected. You can find out more or donate towards this charity online: www.breastcancernow.org



Safeguarding

The safety, welfare and care of our pupils is always paramount to us as a school at all times of the year. If you have any safeguarding concerns about any of our pupils, or any children generally, during the holiday period, please contact Birmingham City Council Children's Trust on: 0121 303 1888 - Monday to Thursday: 8:45am to 5:15pm and Friday 8:45am to 4:15pm.



Outside of these hours please telephone 0121 675 4806.

Sporting Events

Well done to our Year 5/6 basketball team who finished 3rd overall against other Excelsior schools on Thursday.



We also had some children participating in a cross country run on this day. Well done in particular to Daisy-Lynne (6G), who finished a very impressive 3rd overall.



Poppy Appeal

Once again, we will be selling poppies in school in November to support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

Paper poppies (50p), poppy keyrings (£1), poppy wrist bands (£1.50), and poppy toggle bands (£2) will be on sale from November 4th – 14th at break and lunch time as well as after school. Please can children bring money in a named envelope to the school office if they wish to buy items.

Swop shop

We have a large number of unclaimed lost property items in school, which have been sorted through and the remainder will be donated to Rubery Swop Shop at half term.

Many items were not labelled which results in them not being returned to their owners.

Please ensure you write your child's name in every item they bring to school. Alternatively, you can order stick in labels from Stikins, using our school code 4825, which not only stops items being lost but generates fundraising for us as a school.

You can find out more and buy your Stikins labels here: www.stikins.co.uk

Christmas templates

The school Christmas fundraising templates have been sent out with all children and the deadline for orders is Tuesday 18th November. All orders will arrive in school in time for Christmas break.

The link to order items is detailed on all children's templates. If you have misplaced the template or require another one, please contact the office and it can be resent.

Training Day

Please note that school is closed to pupils on Monday 3rd November for a school training day.

We hope that you all enjoy the half term break with your families and we look forward to welcoming everybody back to school, safe and well, on Tuesday 4th November.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Williams

Headteacher

What's new on the school website

- Absence Reporting for 2025/2026
- Christmas Fundraising Templates
- Bookmark competition



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 27th – Friday 31st October	Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Friday 31 st October	Deadline for Y6 parents to apply for secondary school places	
Monday 3rd November	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 4 th November – Friday 14 th November	Poppy sales	Break, lunch and afterschool
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!
Monday 1 st December	Nasal Flu Immunisations	
Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 1 open morning	
Friday 5 th December	Year 2 Film Night	3.45pm-6pm
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	Year 5 Redhill Care Home visit	5HN – time tbc
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:

Maya
Ellizaye
Rian

RJ
1W
2K



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Jyana
Aayden

RJ Millie
1RW Declan

RL Hunter
2K Khadija

1W
2L



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	144	130	185	188

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	894	1043	1073	1094



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:

Zach	2K	7
Ethan-George	1W	9
Jilani	RL	5
Ella	4J	9
Brayden	2K	7
Autumn	4J	9
Kade	5E	10
Irella	RL	5
Freya	1RW	6
Aurora	3M	8
Lydia-James	1W	6
Ruby	5HN	10
Oliver	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:** **What do you find inside a pumpkin?**
- Year 1:** **When do we use an exclamation mark? Tell me a sentence with an !**
- Year 2:** **What have you done this week for big arts week?**
- Year 3:** **What are the features of a fact-file?**
- Year 4:** **What did the Romans believe? How did this influence their way of life?**
- Year 5:** **What is your favourite piece of art that you created during Art Week?**
- Year 6:** **What is pointillism and who is Paul Signac?**

**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 **94.33%** - 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	89.62%	83.58%
RL	89.6%	89.6%
1RW	95.71%	96.43%
1W	93.45%	97.67%
2K	93.33%	88.15%
2L	95.48%	95.81%
3M	90.71%	88.28%
3S	94.67%	91.67%
4B	95.86%	91.72%
4J	89.67%	96.33%
5E	90.97%	91.61%
5HN	93.67%	91.67%
6F	95.67%	91.675
6G	89.33%	95.67%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



1W – 97.67%

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



4J – 96.33%



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!



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:



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

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