



Colmers Farm Primary School



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you've had a good week.

Well done!

Our school attendance is currently at 95.1%. At this point last year, it was only 93.86%. Well done! Although our target is 96%, this is a very promising start to the year, which hopefully we can build upon.



A special well done to our top three classes for attendance so far who are:

1st 1W – 98.03%

2nd 4J – 97.24%

3rd 6F – 96.85% (1RW are 4th, only 0.01% behind this)

Please remember that as we edge closer to the sniffles and coughs season, that children should still be sent into school with these. If in doubt, send your child into school. We will always contact you if we feel they are not well enough to be in school.

Sporting Adventures

This week has been a busy week for competitive sports at Colmers Farm, with after school competitions and activities for football, rugby and basketball.

Our Year 5 and 6 boys' football team were in action on Monday evening at Kings Norton Rhinos. They played seven games in total. They won one game, drew four and lost two games. Overall, we finished a respectful fifth out of eight schools. Well done boys!



On Wednesday, twelve Year 3 and 4 boys and girls developed their rugby skills by taking part in drills and applying these skills in game-based activities against other school. They had lots of fun and demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout. Well done and thank you for representing our school so well.



Basketball was the game of the day on Thursday as our Year 5 and 6 boys and girls took part in games against local schools. All of them enjoyed this and they did very well. A special well done to the boys' team in particular though who managed a second place finish.

Thank you for Miss McCarron, Miss Jennings and Miss Evans for giving up your time to provide our pupils with these opportunities.

Nut Free School

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school and as such no nut products should be brought into school. Thank you for your support with this.

PE Kits

This year we have changed our PE uniform, with pupils now wearing t-shirts representing the colour of their houses. Thank you for embracing this change. This has gone very well, our pupils look great and it is very much helping in PE lessons when the children are in teams.



Maths Online Learning

Within this newsletter, you will find some information about two of the exciting maths homework apps we encourage our children to use regularly at home - Mathletics (Years 2-6) and Times Tables Rockstars (Years 3-6). A small amount of time, on a regular basis, will enable your children to grasp and embed the basics within maths, such as number bonds and times tables recall. Knowing these, quickly develops the confidence of children within this subject.



Whatever you are up to on the weekend, I hope that you enjoy it.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Williams

Headteacher

What's new on the school website

- BBC 500 Words competition letter
- EYFS: Wordless Reading Books letter



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Thursday 2 nd October	Theme Day – Films	Themed lunch
Thursday 2 nd October	Harvest Festival	Food donation
Monday 13 th October	EYFS Open Day for September 2026 applicants	9am – 5pm
Tuesday 14 th October	Residential Trip – parents meeting	3:30pm
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parents Evening	
Thursday 23 rd October	Parents Evening	
Monday 27th – Friday 31st October	Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Monday 3rd November	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 6 th – Friday 8 th November	Residential Trip	Year 5 and 6
Thursday 13 th November	School Photo Day	Whole School
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	
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	
Wednesday 11 th January 2026	Young Voices Concert	
Wednesday 11 th February 2026	Parents Evening	
Thursday 12 th February 2026	Parents Evening	
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:

Mason	RJ
Paul	1RW
Margot-Rose	2K
Olivia	3M
Logan W	4J
Wayne	5E
Tyler	6G
Freya	1RW – Lunchtime Award



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Morrigan	RJ	Eylize	RL	Isla	1W
Iziah	1RW	Lowki	2K	Zach	2K
Archie	2L	Rayne	3M	Elijah	3S
Jude	4J	Louis	4J	Elijah	4B
Amelia	4B	Rowan	5E	Evelyn	5HN
Annabelle-Rose	6F	Spencer	6G		



HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	60	94	106	80


	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	96	170	164	103



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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:

Julian	4B	9
Aliyah	2K	7
Paul	1RW	6
Hudson	4B	9
Lilah	1RW	6
Betty	6F	11
Matilda	1W	6
Myah	5HN	10
Ava	3S	8
Kealan	6F	11
Freddie	2L	7



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 tell me about Forest School?**
- Year 1:** **How do we find one less?**
- Year 2:** **Why do we need to wash our hands?**
- Year 3:** **What is the definition of the word 'landmark'? Can you use it in a sentence?**
- Year 4:** **What do you know about the Punic Wars and what impact did they have on the Roman Empire?**
- Year 5:** **What can you remember about 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'?**
- Year 6:** **Can you write a set of instructions so that you can solve a long division calculation?**

**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 **95.5 %** - 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	96.5%	95.0%
RL	93.8%	92.3%
1RW	98.6%	96.1%
1W	98.6%	97.9%
2K	95.2%	94.3%
2L	98%	95.5%
3M	92.3%	87.0%
3S	93%	93.3%
4B	95.5%	91.0%
4J	97.7%	99.3%
5E	89.4%	93.9%
5HN	97.3%	95.0%
6F	96%	96.7%
6G	90%	89.7%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



1W – 97.9%

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



4J – 99.3%

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



A community bookshop in Southampton had to move because the rent went up and they could not afford to stay in their building. They managed to raise funds to buy an old building 150 metres away but had to find a way of moving their 2000 books.

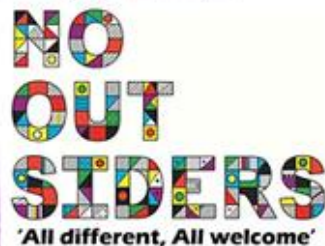
How would a shop usually move 2000 books?

Key Stage 2



Last week a man attached a union jack to railings outside a Mosque in Manchester. He was seen on CCTV; he did it at night and didn't ask the Mosque first.

Why do you think someone did that?



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 4 

The government has the responsibility to make sure your rights are protected. They must help your family to protect your rights and create an environment where you can grow and reach your potential.



1. Why do you think it's important for governments to help make sure children's rights are protected?
2. How can grown-ups help make life better for children everywhere?
3. What could happen if people didn't try to protect children's rights?





What is Mathletics?

An online maths resource which children can access anytime, anywhere.

Allows pupils to practise maths concepts learnt in school and become quicker at mental maths.

Problem solving, videos, times tables, games and more.



How is it used?

Children can access this resource at home to practise with fun activities.

Your teacher will set you homework tasks.

Teachers will monitor your child's progress.

Your child will be rewarded with medals for school and a certificate to take home.



How can you help?

Encourage your child to access Mathletics 3 times a week, 20 minutes each time.

Explore the different apps and games to vary their use and keep their interest high.

Celebrate your child's awards and certificates.



What is Times Tables Rock Star?

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations.



Why encourage your child to use it?

Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help your child master the times tables, learning them to automaticity.

They form the basis of so much maths learning!



How can you help?

Keep practise regular, tailor settings for comfort, and celebrate progress to boost motivation.

They will see a tremendous difference in their maths learning and confidence!

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 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](#).