



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our nurturing school



Please can I remind all parents to be mindful of their parking on Leybrook Road. Parking inappropriately here could lead to emergency services being unable to access the school grounds or the allotment area and could cost somebody their life. We thank you for your support with this.



Friday 8th July 2022

Dear Parents

At Colmers Farm we are very proud of our playleaders who work with and facilitate play with younger children at our school. On Tuesday, we had more of our children trained to be playleaders. We look forward to seeing them in action from September.

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 football team who played on Tuesday. After losing the first game they came back to draw the next two, before beating West Heath in their final game. Well done girls for showing such great teamwork and resilience. We are all proud of you!

Tuesday this week was Year 6 SATs test results day. Our Year 6s (and their teachers) have waited very patiently for these results. Our children have all worked so hard towards these tests and they did incredibly well. As a school and in spite of the pandemic, we achieved our highest ever SATs results! We also achieved higher than the national average in all areas. We are so proud of each and every child in Year 6. We are going to so miss you all next year! Thank you to all of our staff for your work in getting our children ready for these tests. You have been amazing!

KS2	% at expected standard or +			
Assessed areas	2017	2018	2019	2022
Reading	62	53	58	78
SPAG	60	54	53	83
Writing	71	65	42	71
Maths	41	56	60	76

KS2	% at greater depth			
Assessed areas	2017	2018	2019	2022
Reading	16	12	8	28
SPAG	19	14	19	31
Writing	5	7	3	10
Maths	17	11	6	19

We have also achieved highly in our other national tests this year. Please view our results on the school website. (Test Results Section).

School transition day is always an exciting annual event and ours happened on Wednesday. Our current Year 6s spent the day at their new secondary schools, which was really exciting for them. The rest of the school got to meet and spend some quality time with their new teachers. During this event we were pleased to welcome one of our new teachers for next year to our school Miss Caghey (who will be Mrs Platt after the holidays) who will be teaching in Year 2.

DIARY DATES

12/07/22
Year 1 topic showcase assembly

13/07/22
Sports day
KS1 a.m.
KS2 p.m.

13/07/22
Governors Award Assemblies

15/07/22
Year 6 Speak Up Speak Out Competition Final

15/07/22
Year 6 Pride House Video Event

Do you have a safeguarding concern about a child?

Contact:

safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

Alternatively contact
Birmingham City Council
Children's Trust on 0121 303 1888

Emergency out-of-hours
number: 0121 675 4806

What's new on our website this week?



- Medicines Policy (Policies)
- Look after children policy (Policies)
- Assessment results (Test Results)

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Unfortunately, next Wednesday will be Mrs Aulton's last day at Colmers Farm. Mrs Aulton is going to be Headteacher of another school in Birmingham. We thank her for all her hard work with us and we wish her the greatest of success in her new role. I am sure that she will come back to visit us in the future.

We are running a summer club at Colmers Farm over the summer holidays. Please see the end of this newsletter for further information and details on how to register.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.
Mr Williams (Headteacher)

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Please follow us on Twitter!

Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!



@Colmers_FarmPS



M&S Longbridge have just launched a brand new school section instore, including a huge back to school area and a personalised shoe fit service. For a limited time period, from July 5th, they are offering a 20% discount on all clothing.

Please note that other school clothing providers are available and we do not have a preference of suppliers for our non-branded school uniform items.

Happy Birthday Messages

For last week and next week, we would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Liliana	RF	5	Kayla	2B	7
Noah	2B	7	Ethan	2H	7
Moonshine	3H	8	Luana	3T	8
Ryker	3T	8	Louie	3T	8
Phoebe	4G	9	Gabriella	4J	9
Rocco	5T	10	Tyson	6D	11



e-safety – Keeping your children safe online.

Does your child know these rules?

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!

Pupil e-safety challenge



What is spam?

- computer code that includes virus and worms than can infect your computer.
- Unwanted, persistent or scam emails.
- Software which runs when your computer starts, designed to take control of your computer.
- Security Prevention and maintenance (S.P.A.M.)



This week's answer = B. If you receive unwanted, persistent or scam emails, forward the emails to report@phishing.gov.uk. This government site tracks spam emails and tries to stop them.

Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading
nonfiction text.

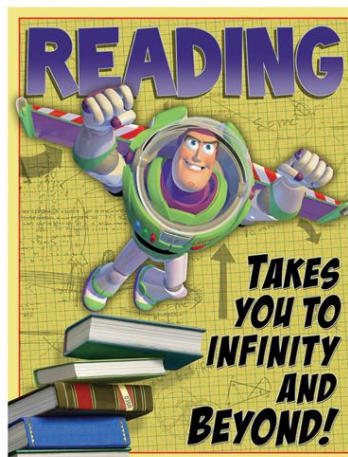
- What is the main idea of the text?
- Can you tell me something you already know about this topic?
- What did you learn from reading the text?
- Are there any words that you do not know what they mean?
- What are some new words that you learned?
- Do you have any questions after reading this?
- Were there any features (diagrams, charts, pictures) that were important?
- Where could you find out more information about this topic?
- What questions would you ask the author about this topic?
- What would be a good title for this text?
- Can you think of another book that you have read about this topic? How was it similar? How was it different?
- Did you like the text? Why or why not?

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READ, READ, READ!

Reading is a key skill which is so important to any child's development at any age. Please try to listen to your child read at least once a day (for 10-15 mins ideally). It's also great for children to listen to you reading aloud as well.

As you know, our children in Years 1-6 have access to thousands of books online via myON. If you need help accessing this, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.



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Questions to ask your child while reading
fiction text.

- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in the story?
- Why do you think the author chose this title for the story?
- Do you like the title of the story? Why or why not?
- Can you think of a different title for the story?
- Which character from the story would you choose to be your friend? Why?
- Which part of the story was the most exciting? Why?
- Did you like the end of the story? Why or why not?
- Which parts in the story could really happen? Which parts could not really happen?

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Questions to ask your child when listening to them reading.



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	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6B	1,467,959
2 nd	3T	191,461
3 rd	6D	175,192
4 th	3H	41,285
5 th	5A	36,612
6 th	4G	25,243
7 th	4J	13,876
8 th	5T	219



Spelling Shed 

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6D	250,926,237
2 nd	3T	93,366,325
3 rd	6B	69,025,949
4 th	4G	31,921,816
5 th	3H	12,671,996
6 th	4J	10,106,350
7 th	2B	4,285,138
8 th	5T	2,843,357
9 th	1K	2,531,176
10 th	5A	2,017,782
11 th	1F	1,306,138
12 th	2H	775,871
13 th	1W	362,680

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3T	9,606
2 nd	6B	5,390
3 rd	5T	4,846
4 th	3H	4,496
5 th	4G	4,250
6 th	2H	3,240
7 th	6D	2,721
8 th	4J	1,610
9 th	2B	1,328
10 th	5A	251



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Mathletics

Top 3 pupils - last week's top scorers

1 st	Demi (6B) 636,807
2 nd	Ruby (6B) 420,949
3 rd	Timothy (3T) 137,651

Record Score

Kamran (6B)
916,862 words



Top 3 pupils - last week's top scorers

1 st	Cameron (6D) 68,505,532
2 nd	Niamh (3T) 41,571,902
3 rd	Jake (6D) 30,697,956

Record Score

Cameron (6D)
68,505,532



Top 3 pupils - last week's top scorers

1 st	Stefania (5T) 3.880
1 st	Harvey (6B) 2,310
3 rd	Kayleigh (3T) 2,082

Record Score

Khaleesi (2B)
12,770

ATTENDANCE



1K



4J

This year's best attendance so far! Well done!

We are now halfway through the academic year. The table below shows the current attendance percentage to date for each class.

Remember: our school target is 96% or above!

Our whole school attendance to date is: **91.8%**

Class	% attendance this week	Number of lates this week
RC	91.7	2
RF	94.6	3
1F	95.2	4
1K	97.6	2
1W	87.9	2
2B	95.9	2
2H	91.8	1
3H	96.7	2
3T	96.9	2
4G	91.3	1
4J	99.3	3
5A	91.2	3
5T	84.2	3
6B	92.8	3
6D	94.6	0

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Syeda	RF
Harry	1K
Lucas	2B
Michael	3T
Haolin	4J
Kennedy	5A
Jeffrey	6D



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Shea	RF	Elijah	RC	Oscar	1W
Shy'loh	1F	Theo	1K	Betty	2B
Spencer	2H	Zachary	3T	Rainy	3H
Olivia-Rose	4G	Evie	4J	Salman	5A
Thomas	5T	William	6B		



You have all demonstrated the key quality of resilience this week.

This week's house point results

527

Farah

501

Thompson

562

Daley



548

Ennis-Hill

School Uniform

At Colmers Farm Primary School, we place a high priority on our children wearing the correct school uniform. Please note that our children are not allowed to wear trainers in school unless this is short term with prior agreement.

For details about our school uniform requirements, please see the uniform section on our school website.

Thank you for your support with this.

Help with School Uniform



Rubery Community Swap Shop is a fabulous organisation which helps families by providing pre-loved school uniform, PE kit and footwear to them **FOR FREE**. Please visit www.ruberyswapshop.co.uk or ruberyswapshop@outlook.com for more information.



Healthy Kids, From Head-to-Toe



Brain

- * **Essential nutrients:** DHA, zinc, B vitamins, especially folate, and phosphatidylcholine.
- * **Good foods:** Fish (salmon, tuna, and trout), beef, eggs, chicken, citrus fruits, turkey, nutritional yeast, beets, and Brussels sprouts.
- * **Healthy tip:** Turn up the music. Studies show music helps calm anxiety, enhance attention, and boost the release of endorphins.



Eyes

- * **Essential nutrients:** Vitamin A, lutein, and zeaxanthin.
- * **Good foods:** Kale, sunflower seeds, chia seeds, papaya, Brazil nuts, and egg yolks.
- * **Healthy tip:** Take kids 5 and up for yearly eye checkups.



Teeth

- * **Essential nutrients:** Vitamins A and C, and calcium.
- * **Good foods:** Cottage cheese, Parmesan cheese, tofu, broccoli, kiwi, and strawberries.
- * **Healthy tip:** Use a toothpaste or toothpaste tablet with xylitol, a natural substance that helps prevent tooth decay.



Heart

- * **Essential nutrients:** Omega-3s, magnesium, and potassium.
- * **Good foods:** Wild salmon, walnuts, black beans, avocado, watermelon, and potatoes.
- * **Healthy tip:** Take a "quiet time" break—meditation has been shown to promote heart health.



Muscles

- * **Essential nutrients:** Protein, potassium, magnesium, and iron.
- * **Good foods:** Red meat, bananas, coconut water, dark chocolate, lentils, white beans, and spinach.
- * **Healthy tip:** Ease kids' sprains and strains with topical magnesium (lotion, oil, or bath flakes).



Bones

- * **Essential Nutrients:** Calcium, vitamins D and K, and magnesium.
- * **Good foods:** Dairy products, soy milk, leafy greens, almonds, pumpkin seeds, chicken, and green beans.
- * **Healthy tip:** Whip up a tasty green smoothie—it helps keep calcium in the bones.



Respiratory Health

- * **Essential nutrients:** Zinc, vitamins A, C, and D, and iron.
- * **Good foods:** Quinoa, pumpkin seeds, edamame, red bell pepper, kefir, and kimchi.
- * **Healthy tip:** Add decongestant essential oils such as eucalyptus and grand fir to a diffuser.



Digestive Health

- * **Essential nutrients:** B vitamins, zinc, vitamin C, and magnesium.
- * **Good foods:** Fatty fish, dairy products, leafy greens, meat, nuts and seeds, and dark chocolate.
- * **Healthy tip:** Adopt a non-GMO diet—toxins may trigger digestive issues in kids.

What should I do if I have any concerns about my child's mental health?

Please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of our school's pastoral team (Mrs Taylor, Miss Evans or Miss Storer).





This summer, children aged 4—11 can visit Northfield Library from Saturday 9th July and join the science and innovation themed Summer Reading Challenge. The Gadeteers Summer Reading Challenge combines **FREE** access to books with fun and creative activities during the summer holidays.

How the Challenge Works

Children sign up through their local library and receive a Gadeteers collector poster.

Children aim to borrow and read 6 library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their poster and extra incentives along the way.

Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal.

If children wish to they can also go to the official Challenge [website](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadeteers-intro) which hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer.

Northfield Library has had lots of lovely new books that children might want to choose from. We also have a programme of activities for children to take part in during the summer holidays.

Official Website Link

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadeteers-intro>

FREE SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP

We are pleased to inform you that we will be running our Holiday Activity Camp at Colmers Farm Primary School providing children with the opportunity to experience some great new activities.

FREE PLACES FOR FREE SCHOOL MEAL (FSM) CHILDREN

We are offering free places on both weeks to any FSM children. Please book using the link below and ensure you upload your FSM code which will have been sent by your school

Where: Colmers Farm Primary School, Rednal, Birmingham, B45 9PB

Time: 10am – 2pm

What: From Arts and Crafts to Dodgeball, kite making to Archery, Football to Dance we have plenty of activities in store for everyone!

Who: Reception - Year 6 with activities for all abilities

When: Mon 22nd Aug - Fri 2nd Sept (9 days)

<https://fit4schoolspremier.coordinate.cloud/project/32702>

Additional information: lunches are provided by us so only a water bottle and lots of energy required!

Excellent



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SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP

We are pleased to inform you that we will be bringing our Holiday Activity Camp back to Forestdale Primary School providing children with the opportunity to experience some great new activities.

Where: Forestdale Primary School, Rubery, B45 0JS

Time: 10am – 2pm

Price: £15 per day (you can book single days or full weeks to suit)

What: From Arts and Crafts to Dodgeball, kite making to Archery, Football to Dance we have plenty of activities in store for everyone!

Who: Reception - Year 6 with activities for all abilities

When: Mon 25th July - Friday 5th August (10 days)

Booking link: <https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/773937>

Additional information: Please bring a packed lunch, water bottle and appropriate clothing for activities. Sun Cream would also be advised for any sunny weather!

FREE PLACES FOR FREE SCHOOL MEAL (FSM) CHILDREN

We are offering free places on both weeks to any FSM children. Please book using the link below and ensure you upload your FSM code which will have been sent by your school

Booking link: <https://fit4schoolspremier.coordinate.cloud/project/32704>

Additional information: lunches are provided by us so only a water bottle and lots of energy required!

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TO 16

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CLUB DATES

(ALL AUGUST DATES)

WEEK 1
15TH - 18TH

WEEK 2
22ND - 25TH

WEEK 3
30TH - 2ND OF SEPTEMBER

CLUB TIMES
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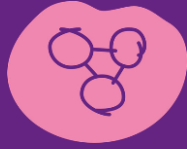
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