



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school

Friday 14th June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that this newsletter finds you well and that you have had a good week.

Women in maths winners

We had lots of entries for our Women in Maths Day competition and Miss Hill (Mrs Haslam as she now is) and Mrs Platt had a very difficult job choosing our winners and runner ups. Well done to the children below.

- Key Stage 1 Runner-up- Ayaana 1W
- Key Stage 1 Winner- Liliana 2M
- Lower Key Stage 2 Runner-up- Evelyn 3F
- Lower Key Stage 2 Winner- Valentina 4J
- Upper Key Stage 2 Runner-up- Regan 5S
- Upper Key Stage 2 Winner- Chelsea 6H

These children will all receive an Amazon voucher as a prize.

Year 5/6 Boys Football Team

On Wednesday, our Year 5 and 6 boys football team were in action against two schools - St Edwards and St Mary. I was fortunate to be at these matches and I was treated to two great end to end games. Both games finished 1-1, but I was so impressed with just how competitive these games were, and more importantly with the great sportsmanship shown throughout and at the end of the games. Well done boys! A big thank you to Miss McCarron who led



Reception Trip to The Wythall Transport Museum

On Thursday, our Reception children enjoyed a fantastic day out to 'The Wythall Transport Museum'. Their day was filled with all things old and new and lots was learnt about how transport has changed over the years. They started their day with an exciting ride on the miniature railway before learning all about how the delivery of milk to our homes and shops has changed. They were also treated to a ride on the old fashioned 'Red Route' double decker. The children loved spotting different things along the way. Before their return to school, they had time to have a look around and play on some more of the old buses. They had a great time role playing driving their friends to different places. Last, but not least, they got to explore an old-fashioned fire engine and took great delight in ringing the fire bell. Throughout the day all the children displayed excellent listening skills and super manners, with the museum volunteers commenting on how wonderful they were. They were excellent role models for our school.



Summer Fair Raffle

Our annual Summer Fair this year will be on Thursday 4th July after school. This week we launched our Summer Fair raffle online with the **LetsLocalise** link which has been sent out to all parents via email. There are some fantastic prizes up for grabs including Go Karting tickets, Laser Tag tickets, Afternoon Tea, F1Arcade tickets amongst other great prizes. All money raised from the raffle will be used to update our sensory room and pay for end of year celebrations for all our children.

<https://www.letslocalise.co.uk/entertainment-details-view?eventId=13960>

Tesco Stronger Starts Grant

We recently applied for a grant of up to £1500 via Tesco Stronger Starts to help fund the installation of a large sandpit out on our playing fields for all the children to enjoy and we are delighted to announce that our application has been successful and will be put to a customer vote inside the Rubery Tesco store (next door to Farmfoods). We are asking all parents to please help support this by visiting this store and voting for our project. Voting opens during the first week of July and closes at the end of September.

Year 6 Leavers Performance and Disco

The Year 6 Leavers Performance will be on Thursday 18th July from 9:30am until approximately 11:30am. Letters have been sent out via email to all parents and we are very much looking forward to seeing as many parents there as possible. The Year 6 Leavers Disco tickets are also available to book, via your child's Arbor account. Please note that your child will only be able to attend if they have purchased a ticket. If you are having any issues purchasing a ticket via Arbor, please speak to the school office.

Book Fair – 1st – 4th July

The Book Fair will be back in school from Monday 1st July until Thursday 4th July and there will be a 3 for the price of 2 event on so please do come along after school during these days to take advantage of this great offer. All purchases made help to raise money for the school to buy new books for our children.

Student Doctors in School

This week we have been hosting a group of student doctors in school from Birmingham University. This has been part of their university course to better equip them with the skills that they will need to interact with young children. As part of their course, they have also delivered some basic first aid training to our pupils, which is always useful for our pupils to find out more about. We have thoroughly enjoyed having these students in school, and we wish them the greatest success with the rest of their studies.

And finally...

On Wednesday after-school, we were delighted to welcome the parents of our 2024/2025 reception children to our school. It was wonderful to meet so many of these parents to tell them about our school and specifically about our reception. We look forward to seeing more of them (and their children) in the near future.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Wednesday 19 th June	Sports Day	All years
Friday 21 st June	Cystic Fibrosis Day – Wear Yellow	Year 2
Monday 24 th June	School councillor trip to Heath Mount	
Wednesday 26 th June	Visit to Kings Edward VI Northfield School for girls	Year 5
Wednesday 26 th June	Visit to Turves Green Secondary School for Boys	Year 5
Wednesday 3 rd July	In school transition day	All years
Wednesday 3 rd July	Secondary school transition day	Year 6
Thursday 4 th July	Graduated approach to speech, language and communication needs parent workshop	9:15 – 10:30am
Thursday 4 th July	Summer Fair	3:15pm – 4:30pm
Monday 1 st July – Thursday 4 th July	Book Fair	3:30pm
Monday 8 th July	Cadbury World Trip	Year 3
Tuesday 9 th July	SeaLife Centre Trip	Year 2
Thursday 11 th July	Year 6 Leavers events – cinema, bowling and disco	Year 6
Friday 12 th July	End of year reports go home	All years
Tuesday 16 th July	Careers Fair	Year 6
Friday 19 th July	Break up for Summer	All years
Monday 22 nd July	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Monday 2 nd September	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Tuesday 3 rd September	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Wednesday 4 th September	School re-opens	All years
Monday 4 th November	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Friday 15 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccination	All years
Monday 6 th January 2025	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	
Monday 21 st July 2025	Teacher Training Day – school closed to pupils	

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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.



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



Jayden	RG	5
Oliver	6B	11
Ava	RL	5
Sujaan	6H	11
Thomas	RJ	5
Abel	1W	6
Michelle	5E	10

What's New on the Website?

- Year 5 Bikeability letter
- Tesco Stronger Starts Grant letter
- Sports Day letter
- Year 6 Leaving performance letter
- Summer Fair Raffle letter
- Cystic Fibrosis Wear Yellow Day letter – Year 2
- End of year parental questionnaire responses



ORACY Questions to ask your child.

To further develop our pupil ORACY skills at Colmers Farm, we would encourage all parents to ask their child their year group questions below to further develop their understanding, learning and ORACY skills around the topics they are currently learning in school.

- Reception:** Can you tell me what you enjoyed most at the Transport Museum?
- Year 1:** Can you count in 5s up to 50?
- Year 2:** What is the purpose of a pictogram?
- Year 3:** Can you name significant people from the Midlands?
- Year 4:** What was the purpose of a coat of arms and why was it important to a knight?
- Year 5:** Can you explain and show me how to write my birthday in Roman numerals?
- Year 6:** Why do mosques not have pictures in?

**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 92.8% - let's get this 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.

For the rest of this term we are setting the children a challenge to see whether their class's attendance can

'BEAT LAST WEEK!'

Class	% present	
RG	92.6%	★
RJ	92.1%	
RL	91.6%	★
1K	91.1%	
1W	94.7%	
2M	96%	★
2P	94.7%	★
3B	98%	★
3F	93.7%	
4J	91.6%	
4V	97.3%	★
5E	92.5%	
5S	88.5%	★
6B	93.9%	★
6H	93.7%	★

The children have just one more half term left to try and earn an attendance badge. Remember these can be earned for the first time each term so keep trying!

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2M – 96%

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



3B – 98%

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Lowki	RL
Harper	1K
Isabella	2M
Jacob	3F
Robyn	4J
Sophie	5E
Thomas	6H



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Lily-Mae	RG	Lowki	RL	Meghan	RJ
Blake	1W	Ava-Leigh	1K	Ruby	2P
Avira	2M	Scarlet	3B	Makonnen	3F
Demi-Lea	4J	Kaydi-Anne	4V	Evelyn	5E
Lincoln	5S	Maria	6B	Mason	6H



House Points

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This week's total	119	146	133	150

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This term's total	4783	4830	4857	5062



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:



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.

The logo for the National Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse (NSPCC), featuring the letters 'NSPCC' in white on a green square background.

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](#).

Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading fiction text.



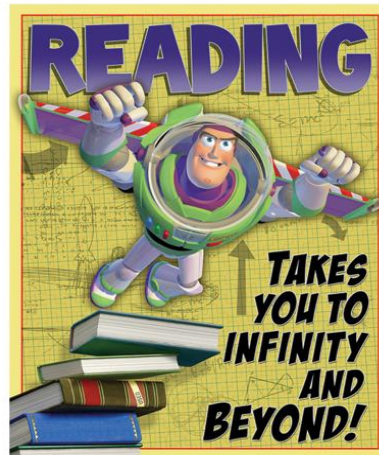
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in 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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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.



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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Questions to ask your child when listening to them reading



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	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5S	119,045
2 nd	3B	61,528
3 rd	4V	45,601
4 th	5E	31,501
5 th	3F	30,293
6 th	4J	7,912
7 th	6B	1,594
8 th	6H	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Tim (5S) 93,851
2 nd	Tahmid (5E) 25,590
3 rd	Sean (4V) 12,213
Highest score this year	
Timothy (5S) 1,515,709	

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3B	20,417,926
2 nd	3F	2,628,518
3 rd	5S	2,628,518
4 th	5E	1,292,634
5 th	4V	673,762
6 th	6B	353,814
7 th	1W	322,590
8 th	2M	224,402
9 th	4J	99,666
10 th	2P	16,588
11 th	6H	7,212
12 th	1K	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Theo (3F) 17,838,596
2 nd	Riley (3B) 9,947,466
3 rd	Godpower (3B) 9,360,000

	Class Name	Number of Points this week
1 st	5E	40,480
2 nd	3B	13,075
3 rd	5S	2,780
4 th	2M	1,362
5 th	4J	1,300
6 th	2P	960
7 th	4V	510
8 th	3F	172
9 th	6B	0
10 th	6H	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Lucas (5E) 40,020
2 nd	Scarlet (3B) 11,600
3 rd	Lucas (4J) 1,300
Pupil with the highest total 2023-2024	
Lucas (5E) 407,116	