



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 28th June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that this newsletter finds you well and that you have had a good week. Weather wise, the summer seems to finally have arrived and also ended this week. It was fun while it lasted. 😊

School Reports

As this school year races to an end, this week I have been reading many of our pupils' school reports that you will be receiving in a few weeks' time. It has been such a pleasure reading about how our pupils have worked this year and about the progress they have all made. I am sure that there will be many proud parents when you get these.

Year 5 boys visit to Turves Green Boys School

On Wednesday our Year 5 boys spent an insightful morning getting a taste of what life could be like at Turves Green Boys School. This engaging experience certainly captivated the attention of our pupils, as they participated in both a science and PE session. Highlighting the value of inclusivity and accessibility for all, the PE session saw the boys partake in a new sport called Tchoukball. It was fantastic hearing about how our boys threw themselves into this challenge and how much they enjoyed taking part in this. Then, switching from Tchoukball champions to Crime Scene Investigators, the science session allowed our pupils to investigate 'The Missing Biscuit' crime, by undertaking practical science experiments to identify the criminal. It was a fantastic morning for all involved and I am certain that this trip will have sparked the interest of our Year 5 pupils who will soon be considering their secondary



**Turves Green
Boys' School**

Year 5 girls visit to King Edward VI Northfield Girls' School

Also on Wednesday, our Year 5 girls attended a secondary workshop at King Edward VI Northfield Girls' School. They were given the opportunity to take on the roles of musicians and forensic scientists. During the first session, the girls were taught to play the keyboard and they learned to play "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and "Ode to Joy," with some of them impressively showcasing their "Ode to Joy" guitar skills in an impromptu performance, much to the teacher's delight. Following the music session, they moved to the science lab, where the girls took on the roles of forensic scientists to solve the untimely murder of Bob. Unfortunately, the evidence was circumstantial, and the murderer remains at large. The girls represented the school beautifully throughout the morning and were complimented on their musical confidence, oracy skills, and general behaviour. Well done girls!

Year 5 Bikeability

It has been a busy week for Year 5. At Colmers Farm we think that riding a bike as safely as possible is an important skill for our pupils to possess. This is why annually we have Bikeability (which is very much like the old cycling proficiency which some of you may remember) in school to work with our Year 5 pupils. Here the children are taught how about how to look after their bike and how to ride it safely. Our Year 5s learnt a lot and demonstrated increased confidence on their bikes, especially when riding on the road. Well done everybody!

Summer Fair Raffle

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets via our LetsLocalise link below – we have had more prizes that have been added just this week. All money raised from the sale of raffle tickets will be used to update our sensory room and go towards our end of year celebrations. We really appreciate your support with all our fundraising efforts.

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

Material World Exhibition 2024

Our spring term art club attendees produced some craft work for a competition called "Material World" which is organised by the Crafts Council.

Although we did not have any winning entries from Colmers Farm, the work produced by some of our pupils is currently on the Crafts Council website. You can click on the link to view work submitted by Nazila A in Year 6, Evelyn W in Year 5, Evelyn S in Year 3, Oliver P in Year 3 and Robin C in Year 5.

All of the children demonstrated excellent resilience, problem solving skills and creativity throughout the project, and I am incredibly proud of them all.

[Material World Exhibition 2024 \(craftscouncil.org.uk\)](https://craftscouncil.org.uk)

Pupil's will be awarded with their participation certificates in assembly this week.

And finally...

On Thursday, we welcomed into school our new EYFS pupils for next year again. This was the first time they have been in our reception provision without their parents. Although some of their parents were a little apprehensive about this, the children just happily got on with it. We are very much looking forward to welcoming these children and their families full time to our school in September.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
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	1W	6
Savannah	4V	9
Paityn	3B	8
Kayla	4J	9
Rory	2P	7
Conor	RL	5
Archie	RJ	5
Moonshine	5S	10
Ethan	4V	9

What's New on the Website?

- Year 6 playtime arrangements letter
- Year 5 finance awareness workshop letter



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:

Year 1: Who is Neil Armstrong?

Year 2: Why are oceans important?

Year 3: What impact did the Cadbury brother have on Birmingham?

Year 4: What different ways were used to attack castles? How did noblemen protect and defend their castles?

Year 5: What are the arguments for and against a reduced Summer holiday?

Year 6: What is the difference between a conductor and an insulator?

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Hollie	RJ
Leighton	1K
Abeerah	2M
Szymon	3F
Emily	4V
Lilah	5S
Gracie-Mae	6H



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Logan	RG	Aliyah	RL	Kenisha	RJ
Hailee	1W	Kelsey	1K	Isabella	2M
Jackson	2P	Jacob	3F	Nevaeh	3B
Sophie-Mae	4V	Daniel	4J	Louis	5S
Ryker	5E	Blake	6H	Piper V	6H
Gabriella	6B				



House Points

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This week's total	40	54	105	21

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This term's total	4902	5057	5104	5286



**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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Multi Academy Trust



Our whole school attendance target remains at **96%** and this year we are determined to reach it!

Our current school attendance to date is **92.6%** - let's get this up to **96%**!

Can you beat this % next week?

We will soon be looking at which of our pupils have an attendance of 96% or above for this term, ready to award our third set of **attendance badges** this year. Children can earn a badge each term they have been at school **96% attendance or above** so we will be handing out bronze, silver and gold badges on the final week of term. The dates for this term will be from **Monday 8th April until Friday 12th July inclusive**. Any children that have had less than 3 days off this term will earn a badge – **make the most of the next 2**

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	91.1%
RJ	91%
RL	88.4%
1K	90.4%
1W	★ 96.3%
2M	89.3%
2P	★ 97.9%
3B	96%
3F	95.3%
4J	90.8%
4V	92.9%
5E	91.1%
5S	86.1%
6B	92.5%
6H	92.7%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2P – 97.9%

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



3B – 96%

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 background.

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](#).

Help your child become a better **READER**

Questions to ask your child while reading
fiction text.



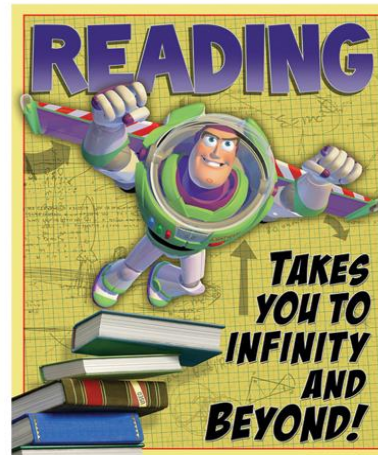
- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in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



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5S	206,814
2 nd	3B	143,071
3 rd	3F	84,114
4 th	4V	71,250
5 th	5E	60,209
6 th	4J	21,177
7 th	6B	1,594
8 th	6H	390

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Bogdan (3F) 34,035
2 nd	Lucas (5E) 24,156
3 rd	Reignn (4J) 15,094
Highest score this year	
Timothy (5S) 1,566,410	

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5E	9,321,612
2 nd	3F	4,595,727
3 rd	5S	1,931,472
4 th	3B	661,360
5 th	6H	384,000
6 th	4V	266,538
7 th	2M	203,170
8 th	1K	42,608
9 th	4J	0
10 th	6B	0
11 th	2P	0
12 th	1W	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Tiegan (5E) 9,265,252
2 nd	Theo (3F) 2,120,360
3 rd	Martin (3F) 2,073,283

	Class Name	Number of Points this week
1 st	5E	48,470
2 nd	3B	17,314
3 rd	5S	7,544
4 th	6H	2,137
5 th	4V	1,556
6 th	2P	1,029
7 th	2M	946
8 th	3F	294
9 th	6B	153
10 th	4J	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Lucas (5E) 48,150
2 nd	Scarlet (3B) 15,460
3 rd	Timothy Hunt (5S) 2,108
Pupil with the highest total 2023-2024	
Lucas (5E) 495,946	