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Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th January 2025

Dear parents / carers,

Happy New Year to all our Colmers Farm Families! We hope that you all had an enjoyable break from school; it was lovely to welcome all the children back to school on Tuesday. The children have been excited to tell us about the fun they had over the holidays.



Reception – New Starters September 2025



Reminder - The final closing date for Reception places for entry in September 2025 is 11:59 pm on Wednesday 15 January 2025. If you, or anyone you know is applying for a place for their child to start in Reception in September 2025 please make sure all applications are submitted by the closing date. All the information parent/carers need to support them with making their application is available on the Birmingham Local Authority website:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you have any questions, please ask to speak to Mrs Young.

The Start of the School Day

Don't forget that the gates to the playground close promptly at 8:45am. Children arriving after this time will need to enter school via the main office and may receive a late mark. It is important that the gates are closed promptly so we can make sure that all children entering school are registered correctly and no children are missed for safeguarding purposes. Lessons start promptly at 8:50 and any minutes late will impact children's learning.



New Meal Provider

This week we moved to a new catering supplier, Coombs Catering Partnership, to provide our school meals as part of our ongoing efforts to improve the quality and variety of food offered to the children. The new menu has gone down very well with the children – especially the cake! Thank you to all parents for returning their meal choice forms.

Studybugs

54% of families are now signed up to Studybugs but we need more families to sign up!

Studybugs is an easy and efficient way of reporting your child/ children's absence from school. If you have not yet downloaded and signed up to Studybugs, please use this QR code:



And finally....

We are always keen to hear about children's achievements out of school, please share with us anything your child does – in KS2 this may even count towards their SAGE Award.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

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Mrs Young
Head of School

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Tuesday 7 th January	School re-opens to all pupils	
Wednesday 22 nd January	Nutritional Workshop	Year 5 and 6
Thursday 30 th January	Young Voices	
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number Day	Whole school
Monday 10 th February	Ancient Greece Showcase	Year 5
Monday 10 th February	CBSO and Library visit	Year 6
Wednesday 12 th February	Parents Evening	Whole school
Thursday 13 th February	Parents Evening	Whole school
Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February	Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 26 th February	Black Country Living Museum Trip	1K
Thursday 27 th February	Black Country Living Museum Trip	1W
Thursday 6 th March	Attwell Farm Visit	RJ
Friday 7 th March	Attwell Farm Visit	RL
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day	Whole school
Thursday 10 th April	Governor Award Assemblies	
Monday 14 th April – Friday 25 th April	Easter Holidays	School closed to all pupils
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday	School closed
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May	May Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 25 th June	Beach Trip	2M
Thursday 26 th June	Beach Trip	2L
Wednesday 2 nd July	School Transition Day	Whole school

Thursday 3 rd July	School Summer Fair	3:15pm – 4:30pm
Wednesday 9 th July	Explorer Showcase	Year 1
Friday 11 th July	School Reports Sent Out	Whole school
Wednesday 16 th July	Leavers Performance	Year 6
Wednesday 16 th July	Leavers Disco	Year 6
Thursday 17 th July	Governor Award Assemblies	
Monday 21 st July	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils

What's new on the school website

- Pharmacy First – NHS Service letter
- NSPCC Number Day letter
- Cadbury brothers: English unit Year 3 letter
- EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 Spring Newsletters



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Riley RJ
 Aliyah 1K
 Charlie 2L
 Is-Haq 3P
 Gracie-Mae 4HN
 Sean 5F
 Darcie 6G



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Our first celebration assembly of 2025
will be on Friday 17th January!








HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	272	285	314	283

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	4973	4781	4651	4337



<h1 style="color: #FF00FF;">S</h1> <h2>Stay Safe</h2> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p> 	<h1 style="color: #008000;">M</h1> <h2>Don't Meet Up</h2> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p> 	<h1 style="color: #0000FF;">A</h1> <h2>Accepting Files</h2> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p> 	<h1 style="color: #FFA500;">R</h1> <h2>Reliable?</h2> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p> 	<h1 style="color: #FF0000;">T</h1> <h2>Tell Someone</h2> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p> </div>	<p>Please follow us on Twitter!</p> <p>Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!</p> <p>@Colmers_FarmPS</p> 
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Happy Birthday Messages

For this week we would like to wish Happy Birthday to:

Harper	RL	5
Ella-Rose	RL	5
Ralph	RL	5
Kaya-Rose	2L	7
Ryan	3P	8
Chris	5E	10
Rio	6G	11



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 happens to Piper on the beach?

Year 1: What did you enjoy about Big Writing week?

Year 2: What happens in the story of 'Lava'?

Year 3: What are the features of a diary entry?

Year 4: If you were to explain something to Forky or Spooky, what topic would you choose?

Year 5: If you chose the topic of your motivational speech, what would you speak about?

Year 6: What is a front adverbial?



SAGE Award for KS2



Here are a few ideas as to how you can contribute towards your SAGE Award over the weekend.

Please email any evidence (photographs) to enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

Serving the community

This week we really want to focus on Serving the community as part of our SAGE award.

We are asking all children in Key Stage 2 to have a clear out of any unwanted role play costumes that they might have a home.

As part of OPAL, we would like to create a dressing up area next to the stage as role play is a vital part of play.

Any donations can be given to Mrs Greep and this will count towards your SAGE award as you are helping to improve activities at lunch time.

If you have any donations, please send them in by **Monday 13th January 2025**.



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 and Key Stage 2



People around the world celebrated New Year last week with huge gatherings and firework displays in major cities.



**NO
OUT
SIDERS**
'All different, All welcome'



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.

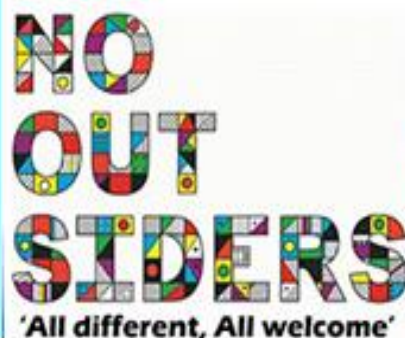
Look at the article below and talk about what the article means.



Article 13



You have the right to find out things and share what you think with others, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms or offends other people.



	Class Name	Number of words this year
1 st	6G	60,640
2 nd	6B	21, 531
3 rd	4J	28,091

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	5,980,552
2 nd	4J	5,107,568
3 rd	4HN	2,879,158
4 th	6B	1,204,600

	Class Name	Number of Points This Week
1 st	6G	5,900
2 nd	6B	4,103
3 rd	4J	4,049
4 th	2L	3,832

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Euan (6G) 23,843
2 nd	Lucas M (6B) 20,314
3 rd	Timothy (6G) 15,244
Highest one week score this year	
Timothy (6G) 1,291,407	

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Alfie (6G) 16,817,632
2 nd	Valentina (5E) 10,351,928
3 rd	Godpower (4J) 9,450,000
Highest total score this year	
Godpower (4J) 3,768,630,451	

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 st	Lucas (6B) 2,570
2 nd	Julie-Anna (2L) 2,063
3 rd	Wayne Wai In (4J) 1,430
Pupil With The Highest Total Points 2024-2025	
Lucas (6B) 104,190	



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.

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