



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 11th October 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and hopefully the sunshine stays out at the weekend even if it is a little chilly.

Sports Competitions.

The children have been busy this week taking part in 2 sports competitions. On Monday, Miss McCarron and Mrs Jones took 12 children to a bowling competition in Acocks Green. Although we didn't end up placing as a team, we managed to throw a few strikes and showed great determination and enjoyment. Jensen and Sophie-Mae both bowled over 100 points and received special recognition for this and collected their certificate in assembly.



On Thursday Miss McCarron and Miss Jennings went to West Heath with 6 Year 4 children for an indoor athletics competition. The children showed great sportsmanship and showcased a range of athletic skills – coming away with the team GOLD MEDAL! Well done!

EYFS 2025 starters.

Next Monday we have our Reception Open Day for children who will be starting Reception in September 2025. We have tours at 9:30am and 5pm. If you or anyone you know has a child due to start Reception (born between 1st September, 2020 and 31st August, 2021) please come along. If this date is not suitable, please contact the office to arrange a tour at another time.



RECEPTION 2024-2025 OPEN DAY

We will be hosting our reception 2024-2025 open day on Monday 14th October 2024. This is an ideal opportunity to find out more about our school, so you can make an informed choice about where you wish your children to start their school career. There will be two sessions on this date - 9:30-10:30 and 5:00-6:00. We look forward to meeting you then. Please contact the school office if you require any further information on (0121) 716 0444.

World Mental Health Day.

Mental Health Helplines - UK

Samaritans - 116 123 (free 24 hour helpline)

SHOUT - Text SHOUT to 85258 (free, confidential, open 24 hours)

CALM (for men) - 0800 58 58 58 (open from 5pm to midnight every day)

Papyrus (below 35) - Call 0800 068 4141 (young suicide prevention open 9am to midnight every day)

YoungMinds (young people & parents) - Crisis Messenger text YM to 85258 (available 24/7)
Parent Helpline 0808 802 5544 (Mon-Fri from 9.30am to 4pm)

Would you share? It could save a life.



On Thursday, children were invited to come to school wearing anything yellow to recognise World Mental Health Day. All classes took the time to think about mental health in an age-appropriate way and the importance of talking to someone if they don't feel OK. Please reach out to the pastoral team if you or anyone in your family needs support.



Attendance.

School attendance remains a priority at Colmers Farm Primary School. An attendance of 90% or below is recognised as Persistently Absent (PA) and equates to 19 days missed over a school year. Once a child has been absent for 19 days or more, they remain PA for the rest of the academic year. When a child accumulates 10 days absent, they are identified as 'Risk of Persistent Absence' As you know, to achieve their full potential a student must have regular high attendance and punctuality.

We understand that there are of course, genuine reasons (such as illness), which can make attendance at school difficult, therefore we would urge you to encourage your child to attend every day that they can. We value your support with this matter.

Thank you as always for your support,

E Young

Mrs Young
Head of School

What's new on the website...

- Digital Leader application form – Year 4 and Year 5
- Diwali Celebration letter
- Times Table Rock Stars letter

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 14 th October	EYFS Open Day & Evening	9:30am – 10.30am 5pm – 6pm
Friday 18 th October	Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness	Whole school
Monday 21 st October – Friday 25 th October	Big Arts Week	Whole School
Monday 21 st October – Thursday 24 th October	Book Fair	3:15pm – 4pm
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents Evening	Whole School
Thursday 24 th October	Parents Evening	Whole School
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	Half Term	School closed to all pupils
Monday 4 th November	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 6 th November – Friday 8 th November	Residential Trip	Year 5 and Year 6
Monday 11 th November - Friday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	Whole school
Monday 11 th November	Diwali Assembly	Year 3
Monday 11 th September	Safety Seymour & CO2 Workshops	Year 2 & Year 5
Friday 15 th November	Roman Britain Showcase	Year 4
Thursday 14 th November	Individual School Photos	Whole school
Thursday 14 th November	Christmas Family Photo's	3:30pm – 4:30pm
Wednesday 20 th November	Nasal Flu Immunisations	
Thursday 21 st November	Travel & Transport showcase	Year 2
Thursday 5 th December	Panto	Year 1, 2 and 3
Tuesday 17 th December	Governor Award Assemblies	

Wednesday 18 th December	Nativity Performance	EYFS
Thursday 19 th December	Nativity Performance	EYFS
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January 2025	Christmas Holidays	School closed to all pupils
Monday 6 th January	Teacher Training Day	School closed to all pupils
Thursday 30 th January	Young Voices	
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number Day	Whole school
Monday 10 th February	Ancient Greece Showcase	Year 5
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
Thursday 7 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 2 nd July	School Transition Day	Whole school
Thursday 3 rd July	School Summer Fair	3:15pm – 4:30pm
Wednesday 9 th July	Explores 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

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Ellis	6G
Hope	5F
Eden	4HN
Louis	3P
Harper	2L
Margot	1K



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...




Jaxon	RJ	Alex	RL
Lily-Mae	1W	Hannes	1K
Hailee	2M	Harper	2L
Shea	3S	Jack	3P
Zayn	4J	Bryn	4HN
Kayla	5E	Drew-Ryan	5F
Isabelle	6B	Georgie	6G







HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Coffon
This week	409	369	454	372

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Coffon
This term's total	1421	1344	1476 	1251



<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:

Declan	1K	6
Lily-Mae	1W	6
Marigold	1W	6
Amelia	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: Can you tell me who is in your family?

Year 1: What is a past tense verb?

Year 2: What happened to the Titanic?

Year 3: What's the difference between an exoskeleton and an endoskeleton?

Year 4: What is your opinion of Boudica? Do you think that she was right to rebel against the Romans? Why?

Year 5: What do you know about North America?

Year 6: What is a subordinate clause?

**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 **93.1%** - 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.

This year we will continue to challenge the children to see whether their class's attendance can

'BEAT LAST WEEK!' ★

Class	% present	
	Last week	This week
RJ	96.8%	90.7%
RL	94.3%	91.8%
1K	92.0%	88.7%
1W	95.2%	95.9% ★
2L	86.9%	93.1% ★
2M	95.7%	94.3%
3P	91.0%	95.2% ★
3S	89.2%	83.2%
4HN	97.3%	97.7% ★
4J	96.9%	93.1%
5E	88.5%	93.8% ★
5F	94.1%	97.8% ★
6B	94.8%	97.0% ★
6G	91.5%	94.4% ★

CLASS AWARDS:

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



1W – 95.9%

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



5F – 97.8%



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

Spend time with an elderly relative playing a board game, reading books or just helping out

Litter picking in your local area

Aiming for Higher Things

Visiting and joining a local library

Visiting a local museum or historic site

Getting Active

Try a new sport that you have not tried before- tennis, badminton or even chess

Help to prepare a healthy meal from scratch with your family

Explore the Arts

Create 2 quality pieces of artwork, which has not been set by the class teacher

Bake and decorate a cake

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



Key Stage 2



**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 3



All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.



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AcceleratedTM
Reader



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	235,315
2 nd	6B	187,508
3 rd	5F	124,691
4 th	5E	91,515
5 th	4J	87,586
6 th	4HN	50,375
7 th	3S	8,404
8 th	3P	0

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	137,024,532
2 nd	4J	16,946,260
3 rd	5E	16,500,450
4 th	6B	15,394,086
5 th	4HN	10,406,410
6 th	2L	5,328,664
7 th	2M	4,590,802
8 th	5F	4,136,590
9 th	1K	1,599,380
10 th	1W	1,254,570

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6B	25,134
2 nd	4J	17,696
3 rd	4HN	8,734
4 th	6G	4,005

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (6G) 63,674
2 nd	Lucas (6B) 60,043
3 rd	Tyler (5F) 30,644
Highest score this year	
Tim (6G) 490,913	

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Moonshine (6G) 85,633,048
2 nd	Arash (5E) 14,928,000
3 rd	Regan (6G) 11,453,134
Highest score this year	
Godpower (4HN) 3,768,630,451	

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Lucas (6B) 22,670
2 nd	Scarlet (4J) 10,530
3 rd	Bogdan (4J) 5,980
Pupil With The Highest Total Points 2024-2025	
Lucas (6B) 56,640	

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](#).