



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been another busy week at school and this week marked 'Anti-Bullying Week'. In line with the Anti-Bullying Alliance, the children came to school in odd socks on Tuesday and spent the afternoon doing activities whilst learning about this year's theme 'Choose Respect'. As respect is one of our three school rules (Ready, Respectful, Safe) this was an excellent opportunity to reflect on our school behaviour expectations.



Children in Need



Children in Need supports children in the communities where we live and across the UK. Children in Need funds amazing people in family centres, community spaces, youth clubs and refuges; homeless shelters, hospices and helplines.

[Donate to BBC Children in Need](#)

Alongside Children in Need, we have also collected foodbank donations for B30 Foodbank today – thank you as always for your generosity. If you ever find yourself in need of support, Mrs Taylor can issue vouchers for the foodbank, please do not hesitate to ask Mrs Young or Mrs Taylor about this, in confidence.



Learning with external visitors



Cadent
Your Gas Network

On Monday Y2 and Y5 had sessions delivered about gas safety. Year 2 learnt with Safety Seymour and Year 5 learnt with The CO Crew.

This term, we welcome Warwickshire Cricket Foundation into school on a Monday to coach cricket. He will coach 5E, 5F and 4J as well as running an after-school club for children in Year 6.



On Thursday 14th November Lloyds Banking Group staff came into school to deliver a Finance Awareness Workshop to our Year 5 children. This was organised by one of the Excelsior MAT Governors.

Celebrating achievements out of school.



I love to hear about the children's achievements out of school and celebrating with them. Niamh Yr 6 and Enah Yr 3, along with 3 other pupils from Colmers Farm are members of Excels Dance Academy.

Last week was comps week 1 and here is a picture of Niamh and Enah wearing their medals with pride! Well done Enah for your gold medal and Niamh for your bronze medal! Keep dancing!

Residential video

The Year 5 and 6 children who went on the Condoval Hall residential appear to have finally re-charged! I have enjoyed listening to them talk about the fun and adventures they had whilst they were away. You can find a short video of lots of photos on our school website, or via this link: [Condoval Hall Residential - Colmers Farm](#)

And finally....

Well done to Year 3 for their fantastic Diwali assembly on Monday! The children performed with confidence and clearly told the story of Rama and Sita as well as sharing the meaning of Diwali. Thank you to all parents who came along to watch and support the children.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

E. Young.

Mrs Young
Head of School

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Tuesday 19 th November	The Oaks Residential Home visit	5F
Wednesday 20 th November	The Oaks Residential Home visit	5E
Wednesday 20 th November	Nasal Flu Immunisations	
Wednesday 20 th November	Phonics Workshop – Year 1	2:15pm – 3pm
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
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 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 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

- Morrisons car park letter
- Year 2 Open morning letter
- Geography homework competition letter
- Children in Need Day letter
- Condoover Residential Photos
- Big Arts Week photos



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Alivia	RL
Alanah	1K
Chase	2M
Jaylen	3S
Owen	4J
Isabelle	5F
Darcie	6G



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...




Luna	RJ	Iziah	RL	Ada-Rose	1W
Natasha	1K	Dylan	2M	Leighton	2L
Julian	3S	Toby	3P	Duaa	4J
James	4HN	Betty	5E	Oliver	5F
Wanny	6B	Evelyn	6B	Ellis	6G
Louie	6G				








HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	212	225	223	189

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	3028 	2642	2662	2482



<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> <p style="color: #008000; font-weight: bold;">Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p>	<h2 style="color: #0000FF;">Please follow us on Twitter!</h2> <p>Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">@Colmers_FarmPS</p> 
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Happy Birthday Messages

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

Eden	4HN	9	Reece	RL	5
Louis	3P	8	Lucia	6B	11
Reggie	RJ	5			
Sophie-Mae	5F	10			
Euan	6G	11			
Elizabeth	RL	5			
Romie	RJ	5			
Reggie	2L	7			



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:** Who did the witch fit on her broom?
- Year 1:** What is a climate? Explain what the climate is like around the world.
- Year 2:** Subtraction is commutative. True or false? Explain how you know.
- Year 3:** Can you share 5 tips for staying safe online?
- Year 4:** What did the Romans leave behind in Britain?
- Year 5:** What is carbon Monoxide and how can we keep ourselves safe from it?
- Year 6:** How can we show respect?

**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	90.2%	89.3%
RL	95.2%	92.4%
1K	88.8%	93.3% ★
1W	92.4%	92.8% ★
2L	90.1%	92.8% ★
2M	93.8%	96.0% ★
3P	90.3%	90.6% ★
3S	85.3%	88.2% ★
4HN	91.3%	93.2% ★
4J	87.8%	94.0% ★
5E	98.2%	94.8%
5F	98.6%	95.9%
6B	95.3%	95.5% ★
6G	90.8%	93.5% ★

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:



5F – 95.9%



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

Litter picking in the local community. Remember to take photographs

Aiming for Higher Things

Can you get to the top of the leaderboard in Spelling Shed this week?

Getting Active

Create a healthy meal at home that you have prepared from scratch

Explore the Arts

Have you created your leaf around RESPECT after our Antibullying lesson on Tuesday?



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.

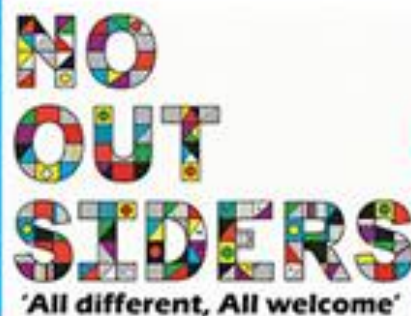
Look at the article below and talk about what the article means.



Article 7



You have the right to a name, and this should be officially recognized by the Government. You have the right to a nationality (to belong to a country).



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	169,082,081
2 nd	6B	75,921,904
3 rd	4HN	9,215,876
4 th	3P	7,393,150
5 th	1W	5,905,354
6 th	4J	5,826,245
7 th	5F	4,496,752
8 th	1K	2,190,390
9 th	2M	2,093,034
10 th	5E	1,977,254

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Moonshine (6G) 48,588,018
2 nd	Ellis (6G) 35,235,128
3 rd	Wanny (6B) 26,904,528
Highest score this year	
Godpower (4J) 3,768,630,451	



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5E	4,536
2 nd	2L	4,347
3 rd	6B	4,134
4 th	4HN	2,310

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Hollie (5E) 4,183
2 nd	Lucas (6B) 3,200
3 rd	Aiman (2L) 2,969
Pupil With The Highest Total Points 2024-2025	
Lucas (6B) 78,170	

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](#).