



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 25th October 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Basketball.



7 children from Years 5 and 6 played basketball on Thursday night. The children played 5 games, winning 3 and losing 2: coming 4th place. The children were lucky enough to receive coaching from Birmingham Bears Elite Basketball. Thank you to Miss McCarron and Miss Hughes for taking the children.

Parking on Belton Grove.

Please remember that Belton Grove is a residential road and to respect the road markings when dropping or collecting your children from school. We continue to have an agreement with Morrisons for parents to use the car park at both drop off and collection – please make the most of this generous offer.



Book Fair:

Thank you to everyone who visited the Book Fair this week. Reading is a huge priority for us here at Colmers Farm and seeing the children choose books with such excitement has been wonderful. It has also meant we have been able to get lots of new books for school too with over £200 raised from the sales of the books!



House point winners.

Hawkesley have won our first half term prize for collecting the most house points- well done! They managed to collect a huge 2433 house points this half term, with Frankley coming second with 2103. All the children in Hawkesley



were invited to come to school in their own clothes today and enjoyed an extra play time this afternoon.

Oracy poetry performance class winners.

Well done to 2M and 6G who were the winners of our class poetry performance competition. Thank you for supporting your children to learn their class poems at home as part of our National Poetry Day and Oracy October activities.

Halloween and Bonfire Night

The children thoroughly enjoyed our Spooky Halloween meals on Thursday with a huge thank you to the kitchen staff for making this such a fabulous event with ghostly pizzas and worm filled puddings.



Over half term I am sure many of our families will be celebrating both Halloween and Bonfire Night, but we ask that you do so safely.

We'd encourage you to attend an organised display instead of having fireworks at home. If you do choose to have a display at home, please make sure you follow the firework code.

It's a fact that many accidents are caused by improper use of fireworks and by carelessness. Figures show that more children than adults get hurt by fireworks.

For more detailed information about how to keep you and your family safe this Bonfire Night please visit the West Midlands Fire Safety website:



[Have a safe Bonfire Night! - West Midlands Fire Service](#)

And finally....


Safeguarding and the school holidays


Please remember that if you have any concerns with regards to the safety or welfare of children over this and any school holiday, Birmingham Children's Trust AND the NSPCC are always contactable.

Thank you as always for your support,

E Young

Mrs Young
Head of School

 BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S TRUST	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.
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	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 <u>take action</u> if a child is at risk.

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	Call 0800 800 5000 (10am-4pm Monday to Friday) or email help@NSPCC.org.uk at any time. Alternatively submit an online form .

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
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 November	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

What's new on the school website

- Anti-Bullying Week – Odd sock Day letter
- Year 1: BCLM trip letter
- Family Christmas Photo's letter
- Data Collection 2024/2025 letter
- EYFS Animal Man visit letter
- Poppy Appeal Letter
- Christmas Fundraising letter

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Charlie	RL
Willow	1K
Aiman	2L
Abeerah	3S
Kade	4J
Louie	5F
Robin	6B



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Riley	RJ	Harriet	RL	Kaisley	1W
Conor	1K	Jaxson	2M	Olivia	2L
Luckie	3S	Troyzier	3P	Umar	4J
Lacey	4HN	Zoe	5E	Spencer	5F
Niamh	6B	Alfie	6G		








HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Coffon
This week	274	311	307	295

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Coffon
This term's total	2433	1940	2103	1876



<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:

Zach	1K	6		Kade	4J	9
Ethan-George	RJ	5		Robin	6B	11
Harvey	6B	11		Freya	RL	5
Alfie	6G	11		Lucas	6B	11
Ella	3P	8		Aurora	2M	7
Brayden	1K	6		Lydia	RJ	5
Autumn	3P	8		Ruby	4HN	9
Darcie	6G	11		Oliver	4HN	9

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: Tell me about what you made this week during Big Art Week.

Year 1: Who is Barbara Gihooly?

Year 2: How did you make your fish?

Year 3: Can you summarise the story that you've recently written at school?

Year 4: What was the most important thing that the Romans left behind in Britain? What impact has it had on us today?

Year 5: What techniques did you use to create your piece of recycled art?

Year 6: How do we compare numbers using the greater than and less than symbol?

**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	94.6%	93.2%
RL	93.8%	95.2% ★
1K	91.3%	93.3% ★
1W	97.2%	97.9% ★
2L	89.0%	88.3%
2M	92.0%	96.3% ★
3P	92.4%	90.7%
3S	89.3%	83.2%
4HN	96.3%	98.0% ★
4J	94.5%	94.8% ★
5E	91.9%	97.0% ★
5F	97.0%	98.9% ★
6B	97.9%	97.2%
6G	89.3%	91.1% ★

CLASS AWARDS:

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



1W – 97.9%

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



5F – 98.9%



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

Bakes cakes or a handmade thank you card and deliver it to a local fire station/police station or hospital

Litter picking in a local area

Help a neighbour with their shopping or make them a card or even help them put their bins out.

Aiming for Higher Things

Enter and take part in a competition outside of school

Try to achieve over 3000 points on Mathletics

How many books can you read during half term? Set yourself a challenge

Getting Active

Take part in a new sport that you might enjoy

Make a healthy meal with your parents/guardians

Explore the Arts

Learn a poem off by heart and video the performance. This is a great opportunity to practice your ORACY skills

Visit and explore a museum of your choice

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



**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 5



Your family has the responsibility to help you learn to exercise your rights, and to ensure that your rights are protected.





AcceleratedTM
Reader



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6B	257,228
2 nd	6G	214,460
3 rd	5F	34,133
4 th	4J	23,863
5 th	4HN	15,769
6 th	5E	5,890
7 th	3S	2,095
8 th	3P	1,928

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	39,194,526
2 nd	6B	8,830,448
3 rd	2M	6,576,520
4 th	1W	4,504,854
5 th	5F	4,230,084
6 th	2L	3,814,404
7 th	4J	3,492,124
8 th	4HN	2,267,276
9 th	1K	1,353,092
10 th	3S	982,832

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	4J	11,839
2 nd	6B	9,534
3 rd	6G	7,197
4 th	4HN	4,199

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Evelyn (6B) 156,207
2 nd	Tim (6G) 88,178
3 rd	Amelia (6G) 60,935
Highest score this year	
Tim (6G) 659,738	

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Jensen (6G) 12,498,344
2 nd	Tiegan (6B) 4,789,352
3 rd	Manuel (2M) 4,785,576
Highest score this year	
Godpower (4J) 3,768,630,451	

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Bogdan (4J) 10,004
2 nd	Lucas (6B) 8,060
3 rd	Esshac (2M) 1,840
Pupil With The Highest Total Points 2024-2025	
Lucas (6B) 73,790	

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



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