



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 27th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a lovely week despite the wet weather.

House re-launch.

This week all children have had an assembly re-launching our school house system. Mr Williams and I found an entry in an old school journal. It said:

In February 1947, the House System was introduced, with the purpose of developing and fostering a corporate spirit in the School.
The names given to the Houses were Cofton, Frankley, Hawkesley and Tessall, names connected with local history.

It continues to be important that children feel a sense of belonging in school and as such we have adopted these for our new house names. We have also used the shields that were originally hand drawn for our new house emblems.



Hawkesley (red), Tessall (yellow), Cofton (blue) and Frankley (green).

All children have been told which house they are in (Years 5 and 6 are in the same colour house as before due to their ties) and children have been enthusiastic about earning house points. Children can earn purple house points when they are in class and gold house points at other times – ask them to explain the difference to you! Members of the winning house each half term will be invited to come to school in their own clothes for a day at the end of term as well as enjoying an extra afternoon playtime on this day! Look out for house point scores on the newsletter.

School website and social media updates.

This week the KS2 School Council have been excitedly telling their classmates about the trip to London last week. Please make sure that you check our school website regularly for pictures and information about what we have been up to. We also have an 'X' page (formally Twitter) to keep you updated @Colmers_FarmPS

School trips

Following feedback from parents we have decided to notify parents as far in advance of any educational visits (school trips) where possible. As a school we are mindful that the expense of school trips can often be unaffordable, especially at the last minute, and we would like to give parents the opportunity to make regular, smaller contributions via Arbor. School trips will not be able to go ahead without sufficient contributions and we hope that, with enough notice parents/carers will be able to contribute, and all year groups will be able to enjoy trips this academic year. Please ask to speak to Mrs Taylor or Mrs Young if this is something you would like support with.

Uniform.

We have been really pleased with how the children have come back to school in uniform and with school shoes – THANK YOU to all parents for your support with this. The children look great, and this is mirrored in their attitudes to learning. We work closely with Rubery Community Swop Shop – please let us know if there is anything you need as we can get it for you with no judgement.

And finally...

If your child takes part in any out of school activities, such as football, gymnastics or non-sports-based clubs, we would love to celebrate their achievements with them. In KS2 these can count towards their SAGE award as well as acting as motivation for their peers. Please send information into school (photographs or medals etc...) for us to celebrate.

Thank you as always for your support,

Mrs Young
Head of School



What's new on the website...

- EYFS Phonics Workshop letter
- Year 6 CBSO & Library of Birmingham Trip letter
- Year 6 Professor McGinty Workshop letter
- Year 4 Professor McGinty Workshop letter
- Year 6 Leavers Hoodies letter
- EYFS Milk letter
- Panto for Year 1, 2 and 3 letter
- Year 2 Phonics workshop letter

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Friday 4 th October	EYFS Phonics Workshop	2:15pm – 3pm
Monday 7 th October	Year 2 Phonics Workshop	2:15pm – 3pm
Thursday 10 th October	Mental Health Awareness Day – wear YELLOW	Whole school
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:



Meghan	1W
Ava	2L
Jackson	3P
Martin	4HN
Kayla	5E
Euan	6G



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...




Meleko	1W	Daisy-May	1K
Tey'Sean	2M	Ava-Leigh	2L
Desmind	3P	Mard	3S
Riley	4J	Nonso	4HN
Noah	5E	Kataleya	5F
Robin	6B	Regan	6G







HOUSE POINTS

	Cofton	Tessall	Hawkesley	Frankley
This week	267	329	323	334

	Cofton	Tessall	Hawkesley	Frankley
This term's total	532	570	645 	616



<h1 style="color: #FF00FF;">S</h1> <h2 style="color: #FF00FF;">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 style="color: #008000;">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 style="color: #0000FF;">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 style="color: #FFA500;">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 style="color: #FF0000;">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>	<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>@Colmers_FarmPS</p> 
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Happy Birthday Messages

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

Lilah	RL	5	Nevaeh	4J	9
Betty	5E	10	Ariella	RL	5
Matilda	RJ	5			
Myah	4HN	9			
Ava	2L	7			
Kealan	5F	10			
Freddie	1W	6			
Juno	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 in order to further develop their understanding, learning and ORACY skills around the topics they are currently learning about in school.

Reception: Can you tell us some of the colour monster's feelings?

Year 1: What is a verb?

Year 2: 72 is greater than 89. Is this true or false? Explain how you know.

Year 3: What foods should you eat for a balanced diet?

Year 4: In your opinion, what is the most important reason that Romans came to invade Britain?

Year 5: What do you know about friction?

Year 6: How can animals be classified?

**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 **92.8%** - 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	95.0%	92.9%
RL	97.1%	97.5% ★
1K	94.0%	91.3%
1W	88.4%	93.4% ★
2L	89.3%	87.9%
2M	94.0%	88.3%
3P	92.8%	93.1% ★
3S	89.6%	91.5% ★
4HN	94.4%	93.3%
4J	96.5%	95.2%
5E	89.5%	94.4% ★
5F	88.5%	92.8% ★
6B	89.3%	94.1% ★
6G	93.0%	88.5%

CLASS AWARDS:

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



RL – 97.5%

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



4J – 95.2%

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'





AcceleratedTM
Reader



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	281,741
2 nd	5F	103,782
3 rd	5E	99,141
4 th	4J	49,921
5 th	6B	24,012
6 th	4HN	16,563
7 th	3S	3,415
8 th	3P	1,167

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	4J	29,041,704
2 nd	4HN	21,581,585
3 rd	6G	21,099,092
4 th	6B	11,020,029
5 th	5E	9,345,694
6 th	2L	5,135,153
7 th	3P	3,429,894
8 th	3S	3,203,160
9 th	2M	2,778,964
10 th	5F	2,528,778

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	4HN	13,269
2 nd	4J	8,211
3 rd	6B	6,301
4 th	6G	5,850

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (6G) 129,736
2 nd	Amelia (6G) 46,316
3 rd	Reignn (5E) 40,010
Highest score this year	
Timothy (6G) 392,200	

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Godpower (4J) 27,685,592
2 nd	Moonshine (6G) 11,308,850
3 rd	Martin (4HN) 9,565,867
Highest score this year	
Godpower - 4J - 3,672,745,859	

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Scarlet (4J) 2,890
2 nd	Arnold (5F) 2,531
3 rd	Martin (4HN) 2,113
Pupil With The Highest Total Points 2024-2025	
Scarlet (4J) 22,450	

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](#).