



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 29th November 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Open Mornings.

It has been great to welcome parents of pupils in years 2, 3 and 4 into school this week to learn alongside their children. The partnership between school and home is so important, we hope that this insight into their day was useful.

SATs Information Evening.

On Wednesday evening parents of pupils in Year 6 were invited to attend a presentation about SATs preparation and supporting their children over this year. If you have any further questions about SATs or would like additional support, please ask.

Sports Trips.

On Thursday, 8 children from Years 3 and 4 went to West Heath Primary School to enjoy a gymnastics festival. The children got the opportunity to try out lots of different gymnastic activities and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. As always, the children's behaviour was outstanding.

Whole School Attendance.

Our current whole school attendance is 92.5%, which is below our target of 96%.

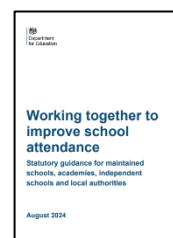
As we enter the season of colds and the joys of coughs and runny noses, the temptation may be to keep your child off school if they are 'feeling a little under the weather'. Being ill may prevent your child from coming to school, but if they can get out of bed and play or enjoy TV, they normally should be in school. Coughs and sneezes generally are not an excuse to miss school. You will find some useful information here [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)



If in doubt, please send your child into school, we can always contact you if they are struggling. Every day in school counts. Thank you.

Term Time Holidays.

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Christmas Raffle

Christmas Raffle tickets are now available to purchase on Arbor under the School Shop section. We have some wonderful prizes up for grabs. If you have any issues purchasing tickets, please speak to the school office.



Rags 2 Riches

Don't forget to drop your donations into school by Monday 9th December. Your donations of unwanted clothes, shoes, bags and accessories will help to raise money for our school. You can put items into the Rags 2 Riches bags sent home with the children or any other bag you may have.



Cash For Kids

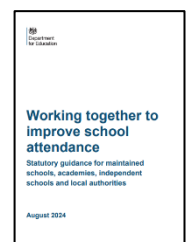
We have already managed to raise £509.60 towards our target on the Cash For Kids fundraising page. We have the Christmas Cake sale coming up soon with all funds raised going towards our fundraising challenge and the Christmas Raffle tickets are already on sale with the proceeds again going towards our total.

We would be so grateful if you could share our page with your friends and family who may be able to donate and help us reach our target.

<https://www.cashforkidsgive.co.uk/campaign/cash-for-kids-schools-challenge-midlands-2024/fundraisers/colmers-farm/>

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Colmers Farm in the community.

Lucas, Chris and Harvey visited the Canal and River Trust on Thursday where they learnt about the history of canals, water safety and whilst they were there, they also did some litter picking – well done boys.



Thank you as always for your continued support.

E. Young

Mrs Young
Head of School

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 2 nd December	EYFS open morning	08:55am – 10am
Thursday 5 th December	Panto	Year 1, 2 and 3
Monday 9 th December	Rags 2 Riches final day to donate	
Monday 9 th December	Year 6 Open Morning	8:50am – 12pm
Wednesday 11 th December	Cake donations drop off	
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Thursday 12 th December	School Christmas Dinner	
Thursday 12 th December	Cake Sale	3:30 – 4:30pm
Monday 16 th December	The Oaks visit	Year 5
Monday 16 th December	EYFS Eye Screening	
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

- Year 6 Open Morning letter
- Christmas Raffle letter
- EYFS Eye tests and leaflet
- Year 5 Open Morning letter
- EYFS Open Morning letter
- SATs Booster Club letter



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Ellizaye	RJ
Zach	1K
Meadow	2L
Logan	3P
Isbah	4J
Hollie	5E
Alfie	6G



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...




Wyatt	RJ	Charlie	RL	Kerry-Lyn	1W
Olivia - Lili	1K	Freya	2M	Charlie	2L
Safaa	3S	Amy	3P	Kade	4J
Makonnen	4HN	Hollie	5E	Harley	5F
Michelle	6B	Mariam	6B		








HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	425	434	413	319

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	3868 	3534	3496	3243



<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>	<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:

Ruby	3S	8
Stephen	2L	7
Logan	3P	8
Ava-Rae	5E	10
Everly	1W	6
Maria-Mae	4HN	9
Tey'Sean	2M	7
Icy	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:

Year 1: What type of house do you live in?

Year 2: What does is mean to be an upstander?

Year 3: When are inverted commas used in writing?

Year 4: What are you most looking forward to learning in our Extreme Earth topic?

Year 5: Can you give me an example of a sentence with a model verb?

Year 6: How do we carry out long division?

**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%**!

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	83.7%	90.7%	★
RL	86.9%	91.4%	★
1K	81.0%	92.7%	★
1W	90.0%	96.2%	★
2L	80.0%	87.6%	★
2M	87.3%	92.0%	★
3P	88.7%	92.9%	★
3S	83.4%	81.0%	
4HN	93.2%	96.5%	★
4J	92.7%	93.3%	★
5E	88.1%	91.4%	★
5F	92.2%	91.1%	
6B	93.5%	90.0%	
6G	87.5%	90.0%	★


CLASS AWARDS:

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



1W – 96.2%

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



4HN – 96.5%



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

Regularly supporting a younger sibling with their homework or listening to them read

Aiming for Higher Things

Entering an external competition e.g. poetry, story writing etc

Getting Active

Visit a nature site e.g. Kingsbury Water Park, Lickey Hills, Wyre Forest etc

Explore the Arts

Designing, creating, and sewing a puppet or knitting an item of clothing such as a scarf

Remember to take photographs and send them in.

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



A mural has appeared near Waterloo Station in London of Paddington bear. The aim of the mural is to give visitors to London a warm welcome. The creator was Peruvian artist Gisella Stapleton whose task was to celebrate Paddington being London's first ever "Welcome Ambassador".



**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.

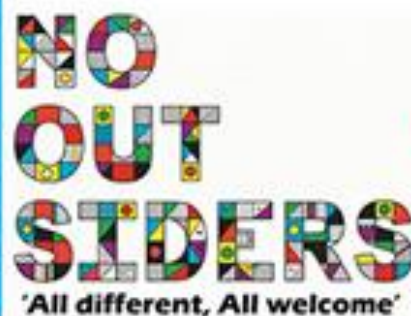


Article 9



You have the right to live with your parent(s), unless it is bad for you.

You have the right to live with a family who cares for you.



Spelling Shed

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	4HN	57,332,364
2 nd	6G	21,521,856
3 rd	6B	17,729,840
4 th	4J	12,273,311
5 th	5E	5,273,624
6 th	1W	3,163,802
7 th	1K	3,163,156
8 th	3P	3,004,978
9 th	5F	2,618,994
10 th	3S	1,417,85
11 th	2L	826,578
12 th	2M	0

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Theo (4HN) 44,699,302
2 nd	Wanny (6B) 12,553,552
3 rd	Alfie (6G) 8,990,738
Highest total score this year	
Godpower (4J) 3,824,822,305	



Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points This Week
1 st	6G	10,930
2 nd	4HN	7,233
3 rd	6B	5,066
4 th	4J	4,862

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 st	Lucas (6B) 3,880
2 nd	Jacob (4HN) 1,988
3 rd	Lilly (4HN) 1,500
Pupil With The Highest Total Points 2024-2025	
Lucas (6B) 85,510	

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](#).

Toy safety

“I would hate for any other child to go through what Becca suffered because of buying dangerous toys via online marketplaces.”

Mum of two-year-old Becca who swallowed magnets from a toy

Toys from reputable brands are made to be safe. But if they've come from an unknown seller on an online marketplace, a market or small discount store, they could be dangerous.

Buying safely

- 👉 Buy toys from brand names you know. If you've never heard of the seller or the brand and price is really tempting, it could be dangerous
- 👉 Watch out for cheap copies of popular toys. They may not be made to UK safety standards.
- 👉 Check if the toy has been removed from sale because it's unsafe. Visit gov.uk and search 'product recalls'
- 👉 If you buy something that looks unsafe, trust your instincts and send it back.

Under 3s most at risk

Babies and toddlers are curious and naturally put everything in their mouths. So dangerous toys can pose the biggest risk to small children. Be especially careful when buying for under 3s.

Watch out for missing or contradictory age warnings. If a toy is pictured with a toddler but marketed as unsuitable for young children, pick something else.

Which toys are most dangerous?

- 👉 Toys with:
 - accessible button batteries that can burn through your child's food pipe
 - super strong magnets that can rip through your child's belly
 - long cords that can strangle your child
 - small parts that can choke your small child
- 👉 Water beads that can block your child's bowel if swallowed
- 👉 Electrical toys with exposed wires or chargers that can catch fire.



Checking toys

If you're unsure about the safety of a toy, here are some checks you can do:

- 👉 Check battery compartments for accessible button batteries or loose spares in the box
- 👉 Check for any loose small magnets
- 👉 Give the parts on the toy a quick tug and check for small parts that come off
- 👉 Look for long cords or access to stuffing
- 👉 Check if there are any age restrictions or safety warnings on the product.

Report dangerous toys

If you spot or buy a toy you're concerned about:

- 👉 Citizens Advice consumer helpline: 0808 223 1133
- 👉 Citizens Advice consumer helpline (Welsh-speaking adviser): 0808 223 1144
- 👉 Advice Direct Scotland helpline: 0808 164 6000
- 👉 Northern Ireland Consumerline: 0300 123 6262

 capt.org.uk

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