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Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 31st January 2025

Dear parents / carers,

Young voices.



Yesterday, a group of 26 children from Years 4 – 6 visited BP Pulse Live Arena to take part in Young Voices, the largest children's choir concert in the world! The children were very excited, along with Miss Jennings, Miss Kent, Miss Brenwald and Miss

McCarron who kindly accompanied the children for the afternoon and evening. Great fun was had by all and there are lots of sleepy children in school today!

Blocking access to school.

This week, a member of staff was stuck outside of the school gate waiting to get in for 15 minutes. The gate had been blocked by a parked car. Leybrook Road is single car width and the only vehicular access to the school. Had an emergency vehicle, such as an ambulance needed to gain entry this would have been a very long delay.

Please do not park in front of the gate at any time.

Road Safety.

As I am sure you are aware, there was a road traffic accident on the main Bristol Road, just outside the senior school on Thursday afternoon. We would like to take this opportunity to share the following reminder:



Congratulations!

In assembly today the Head Pupils were announced! A huge congratulations to Tiegan and Niamh who received the most votes. All the candidates did extremely well to get into the top 5 and should be incredibly proud of themselves. I look forward to having lunch with them next week to find out what ideas they have for Colmers Farm!



Parents Lottery

Don't forget to sign up to our Parent Lottery! Every ticket sold helps us provide the enriching education experiences our children deserve.

There will be various prizes up for grabs each week including the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot. 60% of each ticket you purchase goes to us as a school to help with our ongoing fundraising.



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Residential Trip

For those children in Year 5 we still have places available on the residential trip to Condover hall in November 2025 when they will be in Year 6. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn new skills, build their confidence and make some fantastic memories. If you would like to reserve a place for your child, please speak to the school office.

[Condover Hall, Shropshire | JCA Adventure](#)

Thank you as always for your continued support.



Mrs Young
Head of School

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Wednesday 5 th February	Open morning	Year 4
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
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day	
Tuesday 11 th February	Ancient Greece Showcase	Year 5
Wednesday 12 th February	Mosque Visit	5F
Thursday 13 th February	Mosque Visit	5E
Wednesday 12 th February	Parents Evening	Whole school
Thursday 13 th February	Parents Evening	Whole school
Mon 17 th February - Fri 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 6 th March	World Book Day	Whole school
Monday 10 th March	Parents Maths Workshop	Year 2
Monday 17 th March	Open Morning	Year 6
Tuesday 18 th March	West Midlands Fire visiting	Year 4
Wednesday 19 th March	Poetry Workshop with Spoz	Year 4 and 5
Monday 24 th March	Open Morning	Year 1
Tuesday 25 th March	Open Morning	Year 5
Wednesday 9 th March	Parent Maths Workshop	Year 1
Wednesday 2 nd April	Open Morning	EYFS

Thursday 3 rd April	Pee, Poop and Paper Assembly	Whole School
Monday 7 th April	Open Morning	Year 2
Tuesday 8 th April	Open Morning	Year 3
Tuesday 8 th April	Year 4 Showcase	2pm
Thursday 10 th April	Governor Award Assemblies	
Thursday 1 st May	Gurdwara Trip	4J
Thursday 8 th May	Gurdwara Trip	4HN
Monday 12 th May	International Women in Maths Day	
Mon 14 th April – Fri 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 18 th June	Sports Day	Whole School
Monday 23 rd June	Selly Manor Trip	Year 5
Wednesday 25 th June	Animal Man	EYFS
Wednesday 25 th June	Beach Trip	2M
Thursday 26 th June	Beach Trip	2L
Mon 30 th June – Thur 3 rd July	Book Fair	
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

- TTRS Competition for KS2 letter
- Match Funding letter

This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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

Frankie	RJ
Ava	1W
Olivia	2L
Enah	3P
Bogdan	4J
Chris	5E
Rainy	6B



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Harrison	RJ	Isa-Lily	RL	Teddie	1W
Conor	1K	Camille	2M	Sawyer	2L
Hazel	3P	Syeda	3S	Rowan	4J
Martin	4HN	Zoe	5E	Kaydi-Ann	5F
Rainy	6B	Lincoln	6G		







HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	261	242	309	346

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	1088	1133	1208	1097



<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>	<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:

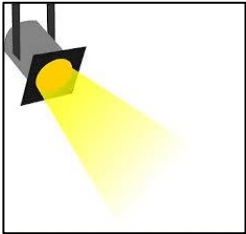
Meadow	2L	7
Jack	3P	8



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:** **What happened to little red riding hood?**
- Year 1:** **What happened during the Great Fire of London?**
- Year 2:** **What is an adjective?**
- Year 3:** **What type of rock would be best to use for a roof? Why?**
- Year 4:** **What do you know about thunder and lightning?**
- Year 5:** **What might we use thermal insulators for?**
- Year 6:** **Can you give me an example of a casual conjunction?**



SPOTLIGHT PUNCTUALITY

WHY IS PUNCTUALITY SO IMPORTANT?

It's a GREAT START to the day, putting your child in a positive frame of mind to make the most of the day's learning and activities. Punctuality is linked to good attendance, and as we know, good attenders have more opportunities, more support and therefore achieve more!

AND... It sets your child up for their future – whether it is college, work or university, they could lose their place or lose their job if they think it's ok to be late!

TYPES OF LATENESS

1. Late before register closes at 9:15 am - Your child is a few minutes late – They are likely to feel unsettled and embarrassed as they start morning lessons.
2. Late after register closes at 9:15 am - This counts as an unauthorised absence and will show on your child's attendance record. Your child is likely to have missed the start of lessons and could feel unsettled, embarrassed and much less confident than their classmates as the lesson moves on.

Class	% present	
	Last week	This week
RJ	94.3%	91.1%
RL	97.2%	93.1%
1K	96.0%	93.7%
1W	91.6%	93.7% ★
2L	94.4%	91.5%
2M	96.3%	95.0%
3P	93.3%	97.0% ★
3S	92.5%	88.6%
4HN	99.0%	98.1%
4J	93.3%	94.7% ★
5E	92.5%	93.6% ★
5F	92.0%	95.7% ★
6B	98.9%	92.5%
6G	82.3%	88.8% ★

CLASS AWARDS:

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



2M – 95%

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



4HN – 98.1%

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.

Years 1-4



Jamarion Howard was eating a meal with his friends in a restaurant in Alabama, USA when he noticed an elderly woman sitting on her own at a table. Jamarion says, "I don't ever want to eat alone, so I decided to talk to her."

Year 5



Last week Donald Trump was inaugurated as the 47th President of the United States. He was also the 45th President.



**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 16



*You have the right to
privacy.*



RIGHTS
RESPECTING
SCHOOLS

unicef
UNITED KINGDOM

SILVER – RIGHTS AWARE

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Excelsior
Multi-Academy Trust

	Class Name	Number of words this year
1 st	4J	123,538
2 nd	6G	29,573
3 rd	5E	9,239

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3S	201,779,759
2 nd	6B	166,352,916
3 rd	6G	92,043,306
4 th	5F	74,545,362

	Class Name	Number of Points This Week
1 st	6B	17,590
2 nd	4J	8,710
3 rd	5F	7,880
4 th	6G	7,613

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Skye (4J) 95,784
2 nd	Timothy (6G) 17,858
3 rd	Lucas (5E) 6,228
Highest one week score this year	
Michael (6G) 87,413	

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Lucas O (6B) 111,463,096
2 nd	Shea W (3S) 92,003,569
3 rd	Ethan M (5F) 66,804,946
Highest total score this year	
Godpower (4J) 3,768,630,451	

Top 3 Pupil Scores This Week	
1 st	Lucas (6B) 16,810
2 nd	Wayne (4J) 5,670
3 rd	Ava-Grace (3P) 1,950
Pupil With The Highest Total Points 2024-2025	
Lucas (6B) 134,450	



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](#).