



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 4th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a lovely week.

Harvest Assembly and Food collection.

We welcomed Birmingham City Mission into school on Thursday to deliver an assembly to pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. This assembly was about the Harvest Festival and gave children time to reflect and to be grateful for all they have and



how we can share what we have with others. The lady who delivered the assembly commented that "the children sat beautifully, were engaged and were a pleasure to speak to." Well done everyone! Alongside this children brought in donations for Birmingham City Mission to take with them. Thank you as always for your generous donations. If you need support accessing a foodbank, Mrs Taylor is able to issue vouchers to families. Please do not be afraid to reach out and ask for help in confidence.

School Trips.

We have listened to parent feedback about spreading the cost of trips/workshops across the year and being able to pay via smaller instalments which is why we will be trying our very best to send out notification of trips/workshops with as much notice as possible this year.

In the 'Trips' tab on the Arbor app, smaller regular amounts (even £1) can be added to your child's account, in increments up to the full cost. These smaller amounts can also be paid in the school office using our card machine at any time.



The law around school trips is very clear – we are unable to only take children who pay, and we can only ask for voluntary contributions. Therefore, if we do not get enough payments for a trip to be financially viable, we will have no option other than to cancel it for all children.

In a further attempt to reduce costs of school trips, Excelsior have bought brand new minibuses. A cost for a coach for a school trip is around £600 for the day, which would be approximately £10 per pupil on top of



any trip cost. Using the minibuses will ensure costs are kept to a minimum in the hope that all trips can go ahead this year.

Year 5 and 6 Football

This week our Year 5 and 6 Football team entered a competition at the Blues Training ground, Wast Hills and came 2nd out of the 6 teams. The boys played so well, and their sportsmanship was excellent. A special shout out to Oliver for his excellent goalkeeping skills.

Donations



If you have any old Duplo / Lego or board games or puzzles (complete) that may be suitable for wet playtimes, please consider donating them to school.

National Poetry Day

Yesterday was National Poetry Day, this also falls within Oracy October and reminds us of the importance of having good communication skills in everything we do. To recognise both events, each child will soon be coming home with a copy of a class poem, which we would like you to help them learn. Poems will be performed for our judging panel and the winning class will be chosen by The judges who will be looking for performance qualities such as, facial expressions, actions or gestures as well as clarity of voice. Children will also spend time practising these in school, but every little bit of practise will help their class be the winners!



And finally...

Now we are in October it feels 'OK' to talk about wet and wintery weather! Wherever possible (in light rain or drizzle) we encourage children to go out during morning and lunchtime play as this gives them valuable space and fresh air. Please can you send children to school with coats, ideally with hoods, so that they stay warm and dry in this weather.



Thank you as always for your support,

E Young

Mrs Young
Head of School

What's new on the website...

- OPAL electrical item donations letter

As part of our commitment to broadening our children's cultural experiences, we are excited to introduce a "Composer of the Week" in school. This will cover a diverse range of musical styles, from modern-day artists to legendary classical composers. Each week, we will share the featured composer with you through our newsletter, giving you the chance to enjoy and explore their music with your children at home. We encourage you to listen, learn, and appreciate the music together as a family.

This week's Composer of the Week is: Medieval music



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Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
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:



Hannes	1K
Olivia	2L
Amelia	3S
Maria-Mae	4HN
Emily	5F
Jax	6G



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...




Matilda	RJ	Ariella	RL
Nellie	1W	Lucian	1K
Manuel	2M	Kyrie	2L
Hudson	3S	Isla-Rose	3P
Dhrisha	4J	Louise	4HN
Demi-Lea	5E	Ella-Mae	5F
Millie	6B	Rio	6G







HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Coffon
This week	367	405	406	347

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Coffon
This term's total	1012	975	1022 	879



<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> <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:

Ocean-Bleu	2L	7
Marcello	1K	6
Ella-Mae	5E	10
Wayne	4J	9
Khadija	1W	6
Brandon	5E	10
Ada-Rose	1W	6
Meghan	1W	6



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 who the characters are in *The Gruffalo*?
- Year 1:** What is a fish, reptile and amphibian?
- Year 2:** What advice would you give to the Worrysaurua?
- Year 3:** How many 10s make 100? What about 700?
- Year 4:** Was Julius Ceasar right to try to invade Britain?
- Year 5:** When is it good to have air resistance and when is it bad?
- Year 6:** What is a multi-clause complex sentence?

**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	92.9%	96.8%	★
RL	97.5%	94.3%	
1K	91.3%	92.0%	★
1W	93.4%	95.2%	★
2L	87.9%	86.9%	
2M	88.3%	95.7%	★
3P	93.1%	91.0%	
3S	91.5%	89.2%	
4HN	93.3%	97.3%	★
4J	95.2%	96.9%	★
5E	94.4%	88.5%	
5F	92.8%	94.1%	★
6B	94.1%	94.8%	★
6G	88.5%	91.5%	★

CLASS AWARDS:

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



RJ – 96.8%

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



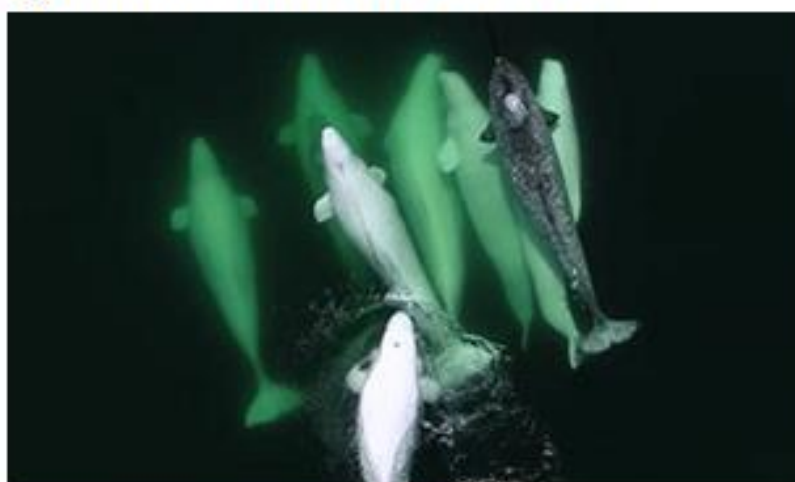
4HN – 97.3%

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.

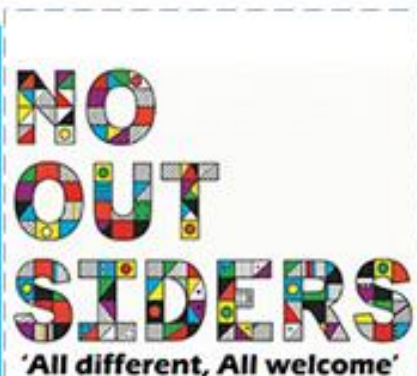
Look at the article below and talk about what the article means.



Article 2



All children have these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what their parents do, what language they speak, what their religion is, whether they are a boy or girl, what their culture, whether they have a disability, whether they are rich or poor. No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.





AcceleratedTM
Reader



	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	239,326
2 nd	6B	136,018
3 rd	4J	86,823
4 th	5S	70,122
5 th	5E	48,335
6 th	3S	16,564
7 th	4HN	15,159
8 th	3P	9,923

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	4HN	75,258,394
2 nd	5E	72,424,754
3 rd	4J	67,738,515
4 th	6G	56,848,664
5 th	6B	23,508,122
6 th	5F	4,556,512
7 th	1K	4,385,555
8 th	2L	4,136,538
9 th	3S	2,395,800
10 th	3P	407,070

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	4HN	15,232
2 nd	4J	14,017
3 rd	6B	11,635
4 th	6G	8,142

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (6G) 97,993
2 nd	Lucas (6B) 58,684
3 rd	Betty (5E) 36,056
Highest score this year	
Tim (6G) 490,913	

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Arash (5E) 67,786,548
2 nd	Godpower (4J) 58,626,000
3 rd	Makonnen (4HN) 45,282,719
Highest score this year	
Godpower (4HN) 3,759,030,451	

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Lucas (6B) 9,360
2 nd	Scarlet (4J) 8,020
3 rd	Jacob (4HN) 2,750
Pupil With The Highest Total Points 2024-2025	
Lucas (6B) 30,530	

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.

The logo for the National Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse (NSPCC), featuring the letters 'NSPCC' in white on a green square background.

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](#).