



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new school year! It was lovely to see everybody back safe and well on Wednesday and eager to get started with their new teachers. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive year at Colmers Farm, I would like to extend a special welcome to all our new pupils and families who have joined us this week. We are incredibly impressed by how well everybody has settled back into school.



New Staff

I would like also to take this opportunity to welcome a few new members of staff who have joined the Colmers Farm family. Mrs Smith will be our new SENCO and Miss Levett has joined our Year 2 team.



Mrs Smith



Miss Levett

Introducing our prefects!

Just before we broke up for the summer holidays, the children now in Year 6 were invited to apply to become prefects. 28 children applied and Mrs Young had the difficult job of selecting just 16 pupils who were given their prefect badges to wear with pride (The other pupils have been asked to be OPAL play leaders – see below). They met with Mrs Young this week and are keen and eager to start their duties from Monday!



OPAL Play Leaders

This year we have introduced the role of OPAL play leader at lunchtime. As you know we have improved our outdoor play opportunities using the OPAL approach over the last year and now we have asked 12 Year 6 pupils to take a role in leading the play opportunities, supporting other pupils and being role models. We know they will do an excellent job at this – thank you!



Breakfast and After School Wrap Around

Please note that at Colmers Farm we have a breakfast club and an after-school wrap around provision for those parents who may need to use these.

Our breakfast club runs from 7:35 until the start of the school day. This costs £2.50 per day.

Our after-school wrap around provision runs from the end of the school day until 5:30. This costs £5 per day.

Both of these provisions are available to any pupil who attends Colmers Farm and they can be booked via the Arbor or the school office. Please ensure that all booking are made at least 24 hours prior to the provision you wish to use.

Uniform

It is always a pleasure and a source of pride to see pupils arriving at the beginning of a new term smartly dressed in their Colmers Farm Primary School uniform. Please ensure that your child wears our correct uniform. If you are unsure what this is please visit our school website:

School uniform policy:

<https://www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org/assets/Documents/Policies/Uniform-Policy-2024a-onwards.pdf>

School uniform key information:

<https://www.colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org/key-information/uniform/>

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality continue to be a high priority at Colmers Farm Primary School. The gates to the playground will be open between **8:30 and 8:45am**, and the doors to school will open between **8:35 and 8:45am**. The gates and doors will be **shut promptly at 8:45** and children arriving after this time will need to go in to school through the main school office and be signed in using the electronic sign-in system. This minimises the risk of children entering school late and not being marked present accurately. Learning starts promptly at 8:50 and it is essential that children are in and ready to start the day by this time. We thank you for your support with this.

And finally...

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. This is a great way to raise money for our school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

What's new on the Website?

- Netball club letter
- No Outsiders letter
- Asda Cashpot letter
- Whole school attendance letter

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
Friday 13 th September	Swimming – 4J only	Every Friday for 7 weeks
Monday 16 th September	First Aid Training	Year 3 and Year 5
Thursday 19 th September	Houses of Parliament Trip	School Parliament members
Thursday 26 th September	Speak out, Stay safe assembly	Whole school
Thursday 3 rd October	Harvest Festival Assembly	
Monday 14 th October	EYFS open day & evening	9:30am – 10.30am 5pm – 6pm
Monday 21 st October – Friday 25 th October	Big Arts Week	Whole School
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
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
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:



We will be starting our Hot Chocolate nominations from Monday so watch this space to see who is selected next week as the Hot Chocolate winner in each year group.



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



We will be starting our Celebration Assemblies next week.



House Points

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This week				

	Daley	Ennis-Hill	Farah	Thompson
This term's total				

Which house will take the lead next week!

S **Stay Safe**
Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.

M **Don't Meet Up**
Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.

A **Accepting Files**
Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.

R **Reliable?**
Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?

T **Tell Someone**
Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

Please follow us on Twitter!
Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!
@Colmers_FarmPS

Happy Birthday Messages

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

Gracie-May	4HN	9
Daniel	5E	10
Wyatt	RJ	5
Mariam	6G	11
Amy	3P	8
Logan	1W	6
Emily	5F	10
Zoe	5E	10
Sophie-Mae	6B	11
Elijah	2L	7
Safaa	3S	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 in order to further develop their understanding, learning and ORACY skills around the topics they are currently learning about in school.

Reception: What have you enjoyed most during your first day in your new class?

Year 1: What is your favourite thing about Year 1 and why?

Year 2: Tell me about your first week in Year 2.

Year 3: What are you most looking forward to in Year 3?

Year 4: Can you name one fact about your new class teacher?

Year 5: How have your first week been and what are you looking forward to?

Year 6: What is a microorganism?



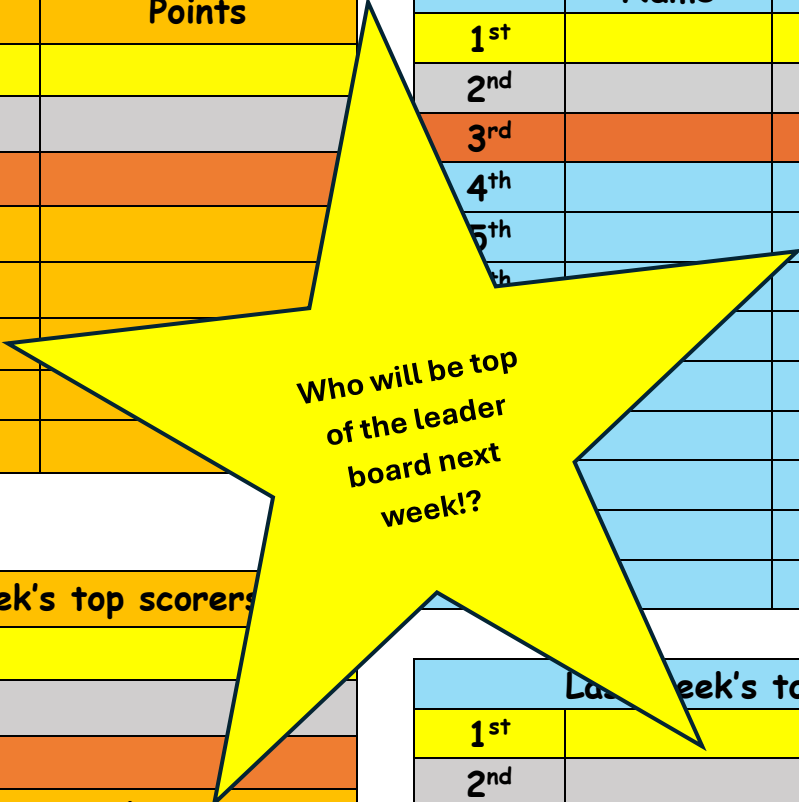
AcceleratedTM
Reader

Spelling Shed 

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st		
2 nd		
3 rd		
4 th		
5 th		
6 th		
7 th		
8 th		

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Last week's top scorers	
1 st	
2 nd	
3 rd	
Highest score this year	

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	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	4J	1,552
2 nd	3P	1,162
3 rd	6B	1,040
4 th	4HN	210

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Isbah (4J) 1,652
2 nd	Is-Haq (3P) 1,162
3 rd	Lucas (6B) 1,040
Pupil With The Highest Total Points 2024-2025	
Scarlet (4J) 6,360	

Safeguarding at Colmers Farm Primary School

Please see the safeguarding page on our school website:
[Safeguarding - Colmers Farm \(excelsiormat.org\)](http://www.excelsiormat.org)

At Colmers Farm Primary School safeguarding children is of paramount importance. We have 4 Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) who can be contacted by parents should they have a safeguarding concern. **If you have safeguarding concerns about a child, please email school using the following email address: safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org.** Our 4 DSLs are:



Mrs Young
DHT
Lead DSL



Mrs Taylor
Pastoral Care
Deputy DSL



Mrs Smith
SENCO
Deputy DSL



Mr Williams
Headteacher
Deputy DSL



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.

We want to keep all children and young people in Birmingham safe from harm. If you are concerned about a child please contact us. We will listen, assess your concerns, and can take action if a child is at risk.

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, don't hesitate to contact us



It doesn't have to be an emergency — you might be looking for guidance and support on issues affecting children. Whatever it is you're worried about, our dedicated child protection specialists will be able to advise and take any necessary action.

Whatever your worry — call us on [0800-800-5000](tel:0800-800-5000), email help@nspcc.org.uk, or [submit our online form](#) — we can help. We also have advice about [spotting the signs of abuse](#).

Due to an increase in demand across our service, our voice Helpline is currently operating between the hours of 10am-4pm on Monday to Friday. However, you can email help@nspcc.org.uk at any time. It's free and you don't have to say who you are. If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on [999](tel:999) straight away.

