



Colmers Farm Primary School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th March 2025

Dear parents / carers,

World Book Day!



World Book Day at Colmers Farm was a fantastic celebration filled with excitement and creativity. We kicked off the day with an assembly where everyone came dressed in comfy and cosy clothes or showcasing their favourite book characters. After that, we enjoyed the engaging World Book Day Story Makers show, which inspired us all. Following the show, we participated in various activities linked to the three new books we were introduced to, allowing us to dive deeper into the stories.



The highlight of the day was the book swap shop partnership, which ensured that every child went home with at least two books, fostering a love for reading.



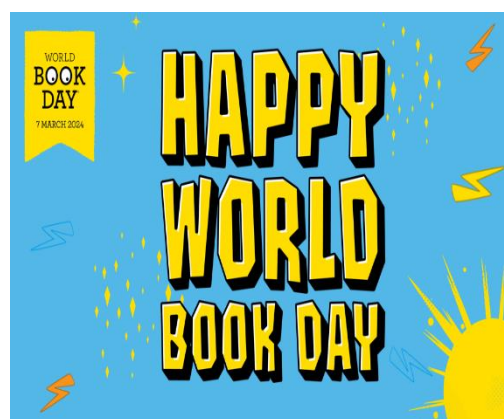
Year 1 and Year 5 buddied up and enjoyed some time reading together.



This year's theme truly encouraged the children to discover how to read their way. We hope that this will spur them on for the last few days of the Read-a-thon.



Visit to Aitwell Farm Park Reception.



EYFS – Farm Visit



On Wednesday and Thursday this week the children in Reception visited Attwell Farm Park as part of their Growing and Changing Topic. The children saw lots of different animals and were able to feed and pet them. The children also enjoyed playing on the play area – as did the staff! The children were very well behaved and a teacher from another visiting school said she wished her children were as fantastic - well done Reception!



Social media usage and children.

Unfortunately, we are having more frequent reports of significant unkind behaviour taking place on social media apps such as Whatsapp. With more children having access to their own mobile phones comes more problems. Apps such as Whatsapp have a user minimum age of 13 years old – too young for anyone in primary school. Although children can physically access this app and communicate on it without problems in one respect, their emotional immaturity leads to it being used inappropriately. There has been evidence of discriminatory language, sexualised language, sharing of inappropriate pictures and extreme bad language and bullying behaviours. This often then comes into school causing upset in the classroom or on the playground. Whilst we do not tolerate such behaviour, we must ask for parents' support by not allowing your children to access age-inappropriate apps. Please check and monitor closely your child's mobile phone use.



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

Fab Bricks

Don't forget to send back your Fab Brick order form back to school by Friday 14th March. Payment for your order needs to be on Arbor. All orders will help us raise money for our next project!



Mother's Day Orders

The online shop for Mother's Day orders closes today. Thank you to all those who have ordered – your gifts will be delivered very soon. All orders have again helped us to raise money for our next project.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

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Mrs Young
Head of School

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Additional Information
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
Wednesday 19 th March	Maths Workshop	Year 1
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day	Whole School – 80's theme
Monday 24 th March	Open Morning	Year 1
Tuesday 25 th March	Open Morning	Year 5
Thursday 27 th March	Turves Green Boys workshops	Year 4
Wednesday 9 th March	Parent Maths Workshop	Year 1
Wednesday 2 nd April	Open Morning	EYFS
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 
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday	School closed
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

- Year 6: open morning letter
- Year 5: open morning letter
- Year 3: open morning letter
- Year 2: open morning letter
- Year 1: open morning letter
- EYFS: open morning letter
- The Dog Mentor Programme letter
- Comic Relief letter



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

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



Ethan	RJ
Declan	1K
Bella	2M
Isabella	3S
Skye	4J
Sophie	5F
Sophie	6B



This week's congratulations assembly recipients...



Dexter	RJ	Aayden	RL	Freddie	1W
Aria	1K	Ayaana	2M	Kaya-Rose	2L
Richard	3S	Ryan	3P	Jayden	4J
Szymon	4HN	Khaleesi	5E	Phoebe	5F
Jake	6B	Regan	6G		








HOUSE POINTS

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This week	152	146	160	89

	Hawkesley	Tessall	Frankley	Cofton
This term's total	1731	1762	1862	1511



<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; border: 1px solid #008000; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p>	<h2>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:

Blake	2M	7		Arhaan	2M	7
Ryan	2M	7		Desmond	3P	8
Dexter	RJ	5		Elijah	RL	5
Ezra	1W	6				
Gabriel	RJ	5				
Isabella	6G	11				
Alexander	5E	10				
Hannes	1K	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 to further develop their understanding, learning and ORACY skills around the topics they are currently learning about in school.

Reception: What was your favourite part of our trip to the farm?

Year 1: Where do you live?

Year 2: Why is it important to help others?

Year 3: What are the features of a fairytale?

Year 4: Which has a higher melting point – chocolate or cheese? How can you prove your ideas?

Year 5: What do you like about your World Book Day book?

Year 6: How do you find 75% of a number?



This week the children have been enjoying the new racetrack using wheelchairs, scooters and bikes.

Mrs. Greep really enjoyed spending a lunchtime outside with the children and delved into the mud in the digging area!



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Your child/ children may come home a little bit dirty! Please remember that your child/children have had fun and have learnt new skills along the way!



Outside play and learning

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.

Whole School



The biggest ever football session is about inspiring and empowering the next generation of girl's football. It's about inclusivity in sports, showing that girls belong in football.

The aim is to get as many girls as possible in school all playing football on the same day.



**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 20



You have the right to special care and help if you cannot live with your parents.



	Class Name	Number of words this year
1 st	4J	154,523
2 nd	5E	134,810
3 rd	5F	123,240

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	3S	17,445,622
2 nd	5F	14,970,236
3 rd	6G	12,068,082
4 th	4HN	3,795,730

	Class Name	Number of Points This Week
1 st	3S	42,396
2 nd	6B	39,921
3 rd	4J	14,276
4 th	2L	8,715

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Paige (5F) 39,530
2 nd	Tahmid (6B) 21,385
3 rd	Mariam (6G) 19,525
Highest one week score this year	
Valetina (5E) 60,944	

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Kian (3S) 153,935,019
2 nd	Lucas O (6B) 39,410,176
3 rd	Godpower (4J) 36,426,448
Highest total score this year	
Godpower (4J) 3,876,312,753	

Top 3 Pupil Scores	
1 st	Lucas (6B) 36,630
2 nd	Shea (3S) 24,409
3 rd	Wayne (4J) 13,840
Pupil With The Highest Total Points 2024-2025	
Lucas (6B) 210,480	

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](#).