



Spring Term 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Everybody looks so different in red... we have raised a total of £200 on Parent pay. Thank you for your generous donations, we will send these off to Comic Relief and for those who haven't yet made a contribution, please do so over the weekend

On Monday, at GymTastics Club, we invited the parents to watch to see what progress their children have made during this term. Thanks go to Sam Carter for running this club. There is no Gymnastics Club on Monday and it will start again on Monday 20th April.

Thank you to Mrs Hurcombe who has been running our wildlife club this term. Mrs Hurcombe has been busy planting up the raised bedding areas. The plants were generously donated by David Wilcox of Greatfield Plants at Greatworth. (He can be found at the plant stall on Brackley Market on Friday mornings.) If you get the opportunity, please take a look and admire the planted areas.

We have a uniform as we are proud to belong to Helmdon Primary School but we have unfortunately noticed that standards of uniform have slipped with some children. FOHS have a range of second-hand uniform if you would like branded items and you can purchase these items for a small donation, or you can wear unbranded but within our guidelines. Caroline Rushton is coming in after the Easter holidays to take class photographs, so this is an ideal time to review the uniform information which is published on the Helmdon School website and give everything a refresh ready for the summer term. Please note wearing brightly coloured trainers is not acceptable except in PE lessons.

FOHS Fiver Challenge

Thank you to all the children who have submitted applications to start their own business with a £5 loan. The money, and further details will be issued on Tuesday. Good luck everyone and thank you!

FOHS Easter Draw and Mufti Day for Hampers - Monday 23rd March

Children are invited to come to school in mufti on Monday in exchange for a chocolate donation for the Easter hampers.

Please make payment for raffle tickets to the FOHS account, with RAFFLE as the reference, and return your ticket stubs by Monday ready for the draw in celebration assembly next Friday.

If you have a basket from previous raffles, or a basket at home that you would be willing to donate, we would be very grateful to take them on Monday too as we're a bit short! Many thanks.

FOHS Easter Bonnet/Cap/Egg Decorating Competition

It's back for the fourth year running! We'd like to invite the children to decorate an egg or a bonnet/cap and there will be prizes for the winning entries given out at the celebration assembly on the last day of term. It's only £1 to enter and you need to bring your entry and payment into school with you on Thursday 26th March ready for judging. Good luck!

Bags2School Collection - Friday 17th April

The next collection will be the Friday after the Easter holidays. If you have any unwanted clothes, paired shoes or accessories, please put them in any bag and leave under the tree by the shed by 9am.

Have a lovely weekend.

Amanda Zdyrko
Headteacher

Upcoming events at a glance:

- Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th March - **Online** Parents Evenings
- Friday 27th March Celebration Assembly 9am, all welcome
- Friday 27th March End of Term
- Monday 13th April Summer Term Starts
- Tuesday 14th April – Caroline Rushton Class Photographs

Community News and Attachments (these can be found in the Community section of our school website)

- Culworth Junior Cricket Club: We are a friendly club based in Culworth. We are also very welcoming to girls, and our best player currently is a girl. Our training nights are Tuesdays, and we start on Tuesday 21st April at 6pm. We run Under 9s, and Under 11s teams in the South Northants Junior Cricket League. Please see the attachment.
- Sporty Scholars Easter Club at Silverstone Primary School
- Lambing at Lillingstone – Open weekends March and April
- Saturday 11th April - Something for the grown-ups – Freddie's Future Ball

Safeguarding and Child Protection

If you have any concerns about the health, welfare or safety of a child in the Helmdon Primary School community please come and see me or email me at head@helmdon.northants-ecl.gov.uk I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead at school and I access my emails regularly. The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Samantha Castle and Clare Hedley and they can be contacted via email: s.castle@helmdon.org and bursar@helmdon.northants-ecl.gov.uk. However, if you think a child is in immediate danger, please call Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0300 126 7000 and/or call 999.

Online safety

The school's online safety team are myself (as DSL) and Michael Felce as the subject co-ordinator. Please speak to either of us if you have any concerns about e-safety. We can also be contacted by email: m.felce@helmdon.org and head@helmdon.northants-ecl.gov.uk.