



Summer Term 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I'd like to start with some staffing news: Mrs Pearson has decided that she will be leaving Helmdon School at the end of this academic year. She has worked at Helmdon for almost twenty years and during that time has brought a great deal of expertise and change to the school. She has led English for most of the time and has worked tirelessly to improve the way the subject is planned and taught. She has championed the teaching of phonics and encouraged the love of reading throughout the school. She has taught Year 6 for many years and has ensured that children leave Helmdon School with the very best results in their final assessments. We will miss Tracey a great deal but wish her the very best in whatever she decides to do next.

As a side note, classes do not get sorted until June and you will be notified in due course about the staffing structure for next year.

Yesterday, 10 children attended a racket sports event at Chenderit School, where they were given the opportunity to take part in a range of activities including table tennis, tennis and badminton. Throughout the event, they showed fantastic enthusiasm, a willingness to try new skills, and great sportsmanship when working with others. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and valuable experience for everyone involved, and the students left the event with smiles on their faces and a real sense of achievement. Well done all who attended!

Thank you to those who have made an effort to improve adhering to the uniform policy at school. We hope to continue to see improvements so that we can all be proud of belonging to Helmdon School.

Happier news, one of our parents, Rebecca Mount, has written a children's book and it's being published next week. It's called *Scarlett and Me* and is aimed at 8-12-year-olds. Rebecca will be coming in to school during the summer term to do an author event with KS2 and will sign any copies brought in. There's no pressure to buy the book but, if you'd like to, it's available from [PegasusPublishers](#), [Waterstones](#) or [Amazon](#) and Rebecca will donate to school the royalties from any copies pre-ordered by school families, which will be £4 per book. So if you are interested, get your order in before 30th April and let school or Rebecca know so she can work out the donation amount.

Scholastic Book Fair

This will be open after school on Monday and Tuesday next week. There are large cases full of new, high quality books for sale and there is also novelty stationery too. Sales will be cashless via a QR code which will take you to the Scholastic website or you can pay here: [Parent payments - Scholastic Book Fairs](#)



FOHS Fiver Challenge reminder

We launched the Fiver Challenge before the Easter Holidays and hopefully all our participants have been busy. To help them promote and sell their goods or services there will be a Fiver Fair next Tuesday after school in the hall. Please come along as there will be games and activities, a range of edible treats for sale and opportunities to buy non consumables such as bird food, firelighters and candles.

Cake Sale - Friday 1st May

It's the cake sale next Friday and we'd be grateful for contributions and help on the stall from Owls class. If your child is in year 5 or 6, please let Rachel know if you can support. Many thanks.

FOHS Summer Fair - Friday 22nd May 3.15pm

Hopefully you've got the date in your diary for the summer fair. It's straight after school on the last day of half term so a great way to start the holidays! We'll have lots going on - stalls, bbq, bar, bouncy castle, ice cream van and games - and to make it a success we need plenty of helpers as we don't have enough of us on the committee to run all the activities! If you're planning to come and could do a shift on a stall, please let anyone in FOHS know.

Have a lovely weekend,

Amanda Zdyrko
Headteacher

Upcoming events at a glance:

- Wednesday 22nd April until Tuesday 28th April inclusive, Scholastic Book Fair open every day after school in the hall
- Tuesday 28th April 3.15pm in the hall, Fiver Fair, everyone welcome to come along to browse and spend
- Monday 4th May is a Bank Holiday, school closed
- Tuesday 19th May, 9.45am to 12pm, Cross Country at Brackley Junior School, everyone welcome to come along and watch
- Friday 22nd May 3.15pm FOHS Summer Fair, all welcome
- Wednesday 17th June Sports Day, Reception and KS1 in the morning, KS2 in the afternoon
- Wednesday 24th June Reserve Sports Day

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

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