



Summer Term 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Scholastic Book Fair. We have bought over £230 worth of books with commission from the sales.

Well done to the KS2 children who are participating in the FOHS Fiver Challenge and who came along on Tuesday after school to showcase their wares. There was lots of hard work and creativity in evidence at the Fiver Fair, and it seemed like lots of spending was taking place!

On Tuesday morning we had a Lockdown practice. It is now a statutory requirement for schools to have a Lockdown Policy detailing how they will lockdown in the event of an external danger. We had an assembly in the morning so that the children were pre-warned about what was going to happen. Staff were clear about what they needed the children to do, and they all sat on the floor quietly whilst the adults turned off the lights and pulled down the blinds. The children were great: sensible and quiet just like they are when we practice the fire drill. It was simple and quick, but I was very proud of them as it was a very new experience. In the same way that our Fire Drills are practised regularly, our Lockdown Drill will need to be too, but we won't be practising again this term.

On Thursday a group of our KS2 children went to Chenderit School for a cricket festival. They did very well and will be retuning for the playoff in July.

#### **FOHS Summer Fair - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 3.15-5pm**

A reminder that we'll be holding our summer fair on the field straight after school on the last day of term. There will be a bouncy castle, tombolas and lots of games as well as plenty to eat and drink - barbecue with hotdogs and burgers; bar with beer and wine, tuck shop and ice cream van. We're asking for your support stocking the tombolas (see items below) and would also be grateful for volunteers to help on the stalls so do let us know if you could spare half an hour (you can speak to any of the committee or email [friendsofhelmdonschool@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofhelmdonschool@outlook.com).) Many thanks.

#### **Mufti Day for Bottle Tombola - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

We're inviting the children to come to school in mufti on the last day of half term to get them in the mood for the summer fair. In exchange, we're asking for contributions to the bottle tombola - children can bring in a bottle of anything from champagne to shower gel!

#### **Teddies Wanted!**

If you have any teddies that are ready for a new home, please dig them out as we'll be collecting pre-loved soft toys for the teddy tombola. We'll set a date to bring them in to school in the last week of term so that the office is not overrun.

#### **Sweetie Jars**

We're asking the children to fill a jar with sweets (or anything else if they prefer) for the jar tombola and it would be great to get as many as possible as it's always a very popular stall! We'll ask for them to be brought in during the last week but would really appreciate it if you could start hunting out empty jars and some goodies to fill them. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend,

Amanda Zdyrko

Headteacher

**Upcoming events at a glance:**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank Holiday, school closed
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 9.45am to 12pm, Cross Country at Brackley Junior School, everyone welcome to come along and watch
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 3.15pm FOHS Summer Fair, all welcome
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May School Closes for half Term
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June Staff Training Day, school closed
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June School re-open to students
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June As part of the Let's Shine Festival the whole school will be performing, everyone welcome 2pm.
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day, Reception and KS1 in the morning, KS2 in the afternoon
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June Reserve Sports Day

**Chenderit Sports Events for the rest of the term:**

- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May Yr 5/6 Quadkids Athletics (75m sprint, 600m run, vortex throw & st. long jump), 4-5.30pm, 6 boys & 6 girls. Entry deadline 5<sup>th</sup> May, please sign up on ParentPay.
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May Yr 3/4 Quadkids Athletics (75m sprint, 400m run, vortex throw & st. long jump), 4-5.30pm, 6 boys & 6 girls. Entry deadline 11<sup>th</sup> May, please sign up on ParentPay.
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May KS1 Striking Games festival, 4-5pm, cricket/rounders mini games/activity stations, come and have a go, it is non-competitive as children will be rotated around a carousel, everyone in Reception and KS1 welcome. Entry deadline 18<sup>th</sup> May, please sign up on ParentPay.
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June KS2 Orienteering, 4-5pm, teams of 3 or 4 children, mixed, competitive. Entry deadline 2<sup>nd</sup> June, please sign up on ParentPay.
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June KS2 Rounders, 4-5.30pm, 9aside, mixed. Entry deadline 8<sup>th</sup> June, please sign up on ParentPay.
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June Yr 5/6 Dodgeball, 4-5pm, 8aside and mixed, competitive. Entry deadline 15<sup>th</sup> June, please sign up on ParentPay.

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

Please contact Lucy Allott if you would like any second-hand uniform through Friends of Helmdon School. This link to the google form can also be found on our website underneath the Friends of Helmdon School section.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfb50IjR456PJvuFZUAWZiE\\_PP8F5dvRi0I26B6WQ5yf7wcvA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfb50IjR456PJvuFZUAWZiE_PP8F5dvRi0I26B6WQ5yf7wcvA/viewform)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:s.castle@helmdon.org) and [bursar@helmdon.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:m.felce@helmdon.org) and [head@helmdon.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:head@helmdon.northants-ecl.gov.uk)