



Summer Term 2026

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Helmdon Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past couple of weeks we have been very fortunate to receive a donation of plants from Waitrose in Brackley. This will be a lovely addition around school and will also be really useful for the year 2 Science topic of plants this term. We look forward to seeing how well they grow and a big thank you to Waitrose for their generosity.

This morning we had a visit from a NMPAT (Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust) who came to give us a Woodwind recital. They were excellent and it was lovely for the children to see and hear real musicians play, including lots of well known pieces. As a school we are part of a pilot scheme where a member of the recital team will come back to school on Friday (22<sup>nd</sup> May) to give any interested children a free trial session on a woodwind instrument. The team will bring a selection of clarinets, flutes, saxophones, oboes etc. to try out with any children who sign up. Please use the link below:

[Pilot scheme for Woodwind lessons at Helmdon Primary School – Fill in form](#)

#### **Cross Country at Brackley Junior School on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Please log onto Parentpay by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May to give consent for your child to attend. There is no charge and we will transport the children there and back. Parents are welcome to come and watch. Admission will be at 9.45am.

#### **FOHS Summer Fair - Helpers Needed!**

All the details of our summer fair, which will be held after school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, are on last week's newsletter.

The main thing we need to sort out now is getting enough helpers to run all the brilliant stalls!

If you're able to support, please let anyone on the committee know or email [friendsofhelmdonschool@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofhelmdonschool@outlook.com).

Have a lovely weekend,

Amanda Zdyrko

Headteacher

#### **Upcoming events at a glance:**

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Fiver Challenge money to be returned to school
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 9.45am to 12pm, Cross Country at Brackley Junior School, everyone welcome
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2.45-3.15pm Open Classrooms
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9am Celebration Assembly, all welcome
- 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

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

- **SYNE Table Top Sale Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**
- **Wappenham Village Fete Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**
- **NMAT Open Morning Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**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)