



Summer Term 2026

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Helmdon Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have enjoyed a visit from Mrs King at Chenderit School who came in to work with our Year 5 6 class yesterday, focusing on cricket. The children honed their skills and played some mini games for the morning.

Well done to the Reception and KS1 children who represented Helmdon School at the Striking Games event at Chenderit yesterday afternoon. We hope you all had a great time, well done everyone!

Thank you for those of you who were able to join us for Open Classrooms on Wednesday, it really is a good opportunity for the children to share their work with you. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Celebration Assembly this morning too. I was very impressed with the 44 children who took part in the Fiver Challenge. It is incredible that their 25 enterprises raised over £1700 in profit, so a huge thank you again to them and their families who supported them and made it possible. All the money raised goes directly back into school and we would like to thank Friends of Helmdon School for donating 20 refurbished I pads to us recently. These will be really beneficial to the children and have already been used in several classes.

The Cross-Country event at Brackley Junior School has been rescheduled for Thursday 11th June. We will be taking the same children who were signed up on Parent Pay, before it was postponed. If you have a replacement lunch ordered through Fresh Start for trips and if you order a meal for that day, your child will be provided with a packed lunch. If a meal is not ordered through Fresh Start, they will require a packed lunch.

Sand-Based Toys, Craft Products and Play Sand, product recalls due to risk of contamination with asbestos

We are following the latest West Northamptonshire Council position on national OPSS recalls affecting some sand-containing toys, craft, hobby, decorative and sensory products. The recalls identified to date mainly relate to specific packaged products and do not mean that all sand is contaminated. We have checked our sand-based resources and supplier information. Our ordinary play sand is from an assured supplier that supplies schools, early years or educational settings, and is not linked to a recall or safety notice, so it will continue to be used.

Please check the attachment sent out this week on ClassDojo for the list of products that have been recalled if you are concerned about anything you have purchased.

FOHS Cake Sale - Friday 5th June

There'll be a cake sale on the first Friday back after half term and it is Emus turn to support. If your child is in year 4, we'd be very grateful for contributions, bought or made, especially as we ran out of cakes at the last sale and we don't want any disappointed children! Many thanks.

Wraparound Care

Please be aware, there will be no After School Club on the final Friday of the term, 17th July.

Finally, this is a polite reminder to park considerately for our neighbours. You can always park further away from school at busy times and take a short walk.

Have a lovely half term, we will see you on Tuesday 2nd June,

Amanda Zdyrko
Headteacher

Upcoming events at a glance:

- Monday 1st June Staff Training Day, school closed
- Tuesday 2nd June School re-open to students
- Thursday 4th June As part of the Let's Shine Festival the whole school will be performing, everyone welcome 2pm. **This event will be outside if the weather is dry so please bring a chair or blanket.**
- Thursday 11th June Brackley Cross Country, gates at Brackley Junior School open at 9.45am, everyone welcome
- Monday 15th June Bags 2 School Collection
- 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)

- May Half Term Holiday Club poster & discount code letter – The Radstone Primary School

Please be reminded that we are a Nut-Free school, as there are people within our community that have nut allergies. Please do not provide nut products as part of the packed lunches.

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