



Summer Term 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who was able to come and support our Sports Day on Tuesday. I know it was hot, but it was well worth doing: I was so impressed by the determination, effort and resilience shown by the children. There were some surprises and lots of smiles, I hope the children enjoyed it as much as I did. Thank you to FOHS for providing refreshments and much needed ice lollies for the children, also thanks to Mr Davies and Mr Kirkham for providing, erecting and tidying away the gazebos – we wouldn't have been able to do Sports Day without them. Thank you, also, to Dan Phillips for marking out the track twice because of our previous postponements. I added the points from KS1 and KS2 Field events together with KS1 and KS2 Sports Day track events and the overall winner was Venus House (yellow team) so they are welcome to come to school in Mufti on Monday!

On Wednesday morning we welcomed Niki Phillips into school to add a plaque to her apple tree. Please take a look if you get a chance.

Yesterday, Key Stage 2 were lucky enough to spend half of a very hot afternoon with Rebecca Mount, who came into school to talk to the children about being a published author. The children learnt about what inspired Rebecca to write; where her ideas came from and how they developed; how and when she actually wrote her book.

Rebecca then read a chapter from 'Scarlett and Me' and set each class a challenge: proof reading for Years 5/6 and unjumbling sentences for Years 3/4. The children were brilliant: they listened beautifully, asked some really interesting questions and tried very hard with the challenges. Thank you, Rebecca!

Rebecca's book, 'Scarlett and Me', is available from the Old Hall Bookshop in Brackley or can be ordered from [PegasusPublishers](#) or [Waterstones](#). (It's also available on Amazon but only shows when they have it in stock and it can take a long time to be delivered!).

Year 6 had great fun at their Pool Party on Wednesday, it was the start of the end for them as they build up for their final day next week.

On Monday we will be holding a small art exhibition to celebrate the work the children have completed inspired by William Morris. Doors will be open from 2:30pm. You can collect your child to view the exhibition with them, if you would like to. The exhibition will close at 3.45pm. Donations of any amount will be gratefully received to purchase your child's art.

Please be advised that we no longer use The School App as our communications platform. We have upgraded our website, and now use The Class Dojo for announcements, in addition to the weekly newsletters. Please let the school office know if you are having troubles accessing Class Dojo.

Please could we take this opportunity to remind all visitors to school, including family members to park considerately of our neighbours. We have had reports that farm drives have been blocked, the farmers always require access to their drives.

Fresh Start have sent a letter out which requires actioning before you order new meals for your children in September. Please see the letters section on the website, or the message that was sent out on Class Dojo.

I hope you can join us for our whole school concert next Tuesday afternoon and for our final Celebration Assembly on Friday morning.

Finally, your child should have brought their end-of-year report home today and we hope you enjoyed reading it. If you need any clarification, please email their teacher to let them know you will be dropping in on Wednesday morning 8.50 – 9.30am.

Have a lovely weekend,

Amanda Zdyrko

Headteacher

Upcoming events at a glance:

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

- Morrisons and Kelloggs free breakfasts throughout the Summer holidays

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