



Spring Term 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a lovely World Book Day yesterday. We started the day with an assembly and it was a great way to see all the fantastic costumes and the variety of characters and particularly the super homemade efforts – some of you are very creative! Thank you to all the staff for making this such a fun day and organising the events such as online author activities.

Yesterday some of our children went off to a Basketball event at Chenderit School. I was particularly impressed that they signed up to take part as neither Mr Felce or I was able to go with them. Well done, Team Helmdon, I hope you had a great time. There are no more Thursday afternoon sports events now until the Summer term.

Finally, we enjoyed World Engineering Day on Wednesday when our Key Stage 1 and 2 classes got very engaged building towers and bridges with just pegs and lolly sticks. The children worked together to build some very impressive structures.

Red Nose Day

The School Council met recently to decide how we could support Comic Relief on Friday 20th March. We would like to invite the children to wear red – anything from red socks to full on ladybird costume and anything in between! We will also have class joke competitions so get practising (or writing one down) and will be doing other things in school, e.g. one of the suggestions is a whole school conga around the track! You will be able to donate on Parent Pay nearer the time.

FOHS Film Friday - Friday 20th March

We're holding a movie night after school on 20th March and showing Tiddler, the BBC adaptation of the Julia Donaldson book. Tickets are £5 per child and include a pasta pot, drink, popcorn and a treat as well as the film. We'll take the children straight from class and you can collect them at 4.15pm. Please make payment to the FOHS account and complete the booking form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnMjX_vL0bX9fm8KkEMlebYw1sDuuQFxEWNETBsIYChX6iQ/viewform

FOHS Easter Hamper Draw

We'll be holding our Easter raffle as usual so look out for tickets in book bags next week. To be in with a chance to win one of the gorgeous chocolate hampers, simply return the ticket stubs and transfer payment to the FOHS account (Friends of Helmdon School, 30-97-77, 22367468) with RAFFLE as the reference. The draw will take place in celebration assembly on the last day of term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Amanda Zdyrko

Headteacher

Upcoming events at a glance:

- Friday 20th Red Nose Day, all donations welcome
- Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th March - Online Parents Evenings (more information to follow)
- Friday 27th March Celebration Assembly 9am, all welcome
- Friday 27th March End of Term

- Monday 13th April Summer Term Starts

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

- Castle Ashby Gardens Easter Egg Hunt
- Thursday 9th April – Wild Footprints by Judy Wise, Author Event
- Beachborough Easter Holiday Activities

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.