



# FUN AND FAITH

## Hempsted Children and Families Newsletter

Hello and happy July and August



It was real pleasure to welcome Hempsted school children from Class 2 and Class 4 to the churchyard in June for the Churches Count on Nature. Everyone recorded the species of plants and animals they spotted and wrote some really thoughtful poetry and prayers. We will soon be publishing the full list of species found during our nature count week, but for now here are a couple of photos and a poem from the school visits. The full photo gallery can be viewed on the school and church websites [www.hempsted.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.hempsted.gloucs.sch.uk) or [www.swithunandmary.org.uk](http://www.swithunandmary.org.uk)

Enjoy the summer! Hope to see you soon *Rachel*

Hempsted Children and Families worker

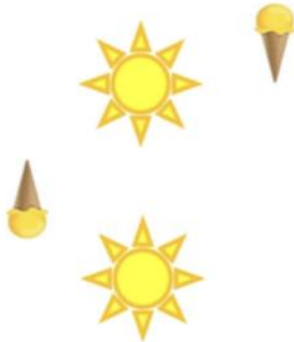


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### Dates to look forward to

Sunday 11th July at 10am

St Swithun's Day Celebration



Please look out for publicity about events during the summer holidays on our parish website:

[www.swithunandmary.org.uk](http://www.swithunandmary.org.uk)

and Hempsted Messy Church Facebook page

### Puzzles

How many ice-creams can you count on this page?

Can you unjumble these ice-cream flavours?



**C**reation is fantastic, beloved and amazing  
**H**appiness is finding something natural  
**U**nderstanding underground activity of moles, badgers and rabbits  
**R**ustling leaves and roots of the sycamore  
**C**hattering jackdaws.....a language we don't understand  
**H**earing a robin sing in the peaceful air  
**Y**ellow buttercups growing in the green, itchy grass  
**A**mazing animals, nature and creatures  
**R**emembering  
**D**isintegrating in winter and returning in spring

Churchyard Acrostic written by Class 4 Hempsted C of E Primary School



### A Prayer for our Year 6 Leavers



Dear God

Thank you for all the learning, fun and friendship we share. For teachers, friends and all who support and care at school.

Please be with our year 6 leavers as they finish primary and begin their new secondary school adventure.

Help them to take with them all the values they have learnt at primary school and know that you love them always.



Amen



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# Happy Holidays