



Henleaze Infant and Junior School Bulletin



11th September 2026

Headteacher update:

It has been a really wonderful start back to school with pupils and children pleased to see friends and settling back into school with such enthusiasm. There has been a real buzz of happiness filling the spaces and we had a lot to celebrate in our assemblies today

At the start of the week it felt strange seeing the children in their new classes, particularly those where teachers have also moved year groups, but by the end of the week Years 2 and 6 have grown into their positions as top of school role models and we now have our Reception children in and the schools feel back to business as usual.

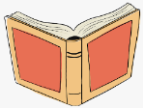
It was great that so many parents were able to make our 'Back to School' meetings this week. For those who were unable to, teachers will be sharing the slides via Blogs (Years 1&2) or google Classroom (Years 3-6). We have had some messages from parents to say that there is a clash with Secondary school open evenings dates with our planned Henleaze curriculum meeting on Thursday 24th September. As we are very keen for as many people as possible to come in to find out about what we do here, we have decided to change the date to **Thursday 8th October** from 6:30-7:30.

The move to new caterers this week at the Junior School has gone comparatively well (we had some families who needed reminding to order online but other schools had so many more!) so thank you for your cooperation. Both schools now use AiP and the Swift kitchen app and share the same menu. Yesterday I had lentil cottage pie and mixed greens. I really enjoyed the lentil pie, but the highlight for me was the greens that were fresh, vibrant and with a bit of crunch-just as we would want. I write this to reassure you that food in our schools today is not what you may remember from your time in school and well worth choosing for your child.

On the subject of food, please support us in our mission to keep our schools a healthy eating environment by providing healthy snacks for junior breaktime and any after school clubs. We would prefer fruit to crisps or sugary snacks and do not allow sweets as snacks. Please also remember, we have asked that the trend for bringing sweet as birthday treats to stop. We need everyone to commit to this as it puts pressure on others to follow and the children can sometimes end up with a birthday sweet treat every day of the week!

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,
Gemma Fricker



Volunteers desperately needed to help in our school libraries!

The Infant School library is used in class time, so we need a volunteer to help keep it organised and return books to shelves

The Junior School library is open during lunchtime so we need volunteers to support children and organise books from 12pm - [1.pm](#) any day of the week. We have someone who can show you the ropes if you are interested.

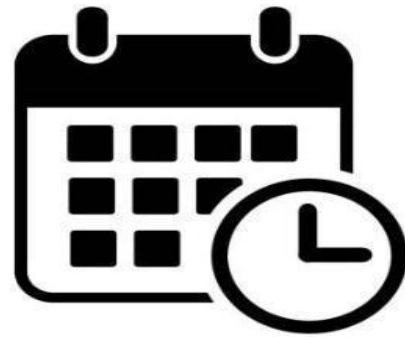
Volunteers need to be DBS checked, so we need people who can commit to a regular session/s.

Please email the school office with the subject line Infant library or Junior library volunteer (or both!) if you can help



Reminder. In accordance with our Mobile Phone and device Policy, any Year 5 or 6 child who brings a mobile phone or device to school must have completed and submitted a parent and pupil acceptable agreement form. Phones must be named so that we can check them against our register each day.

No children in other year groups are permitted to bring a phone or internet/camera accessible device into school.



Coming up:

Both Schools:

Thurs 8th October: Curriculum (and behaviour) Information evening 6:30-7:30 Junior Hall

Friday 9th October: INSET (Schools Closed)

Infant School:

Weds 7th October 9-10: Reception phonics learn-a-long and reading meeting – in classrooms

Fri 16th October 9-9:30 Year 1 and 2 phonics learn-a-long

Junior School:

Thurs 1st Oct 5:30-6:15 Year 5 parents Dean Field Information Evening

See our [website calendar](#) and [key dates](#) section for more events this term.

[Online planned absence request form](#)

Community spotlights



FHIS (Friends of Henleaze Infant School) would like to offer a warm welcome to all new parents and carers who have joined the school this academic year, as well as a big hello to all returning families.

For those that are new to the school community, the FHIS committee is a small group of parents who work together throughout the school year to raise much needed additional funding for Henleaze Infant School. Historically this has included supporting the update of the school library, purchasing new books for use in school and supporting the ongoing and much needed provisions that SHINE provide during the school day to our children.

Our next FHIS meeting will be held at **7:30pm on Monday 21st September in the Infant School** - all are welcome. We are a friendly bunch and are always looking for new members to join our committee, or one of the subcommittees that organise each of the different events held across the year. You can also contact us directly via email if you would like to find out more:

Fhisinfo@gmail.com

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After School Art and Craft Club

Creative, Nature-Inspired Art Club at Henleaze Infants!

We're excited to bring **Goldfinch After School Art Club** to **Henleaze Infant School**. Each week, children will explore a different nature-inspired theme, discovering fun facts about the natural world while creating beautiful artwork to take home. Our sessions are designed to spark imagination, build creative confidence and give children the freedom to explore their own ideas.

Children will experiment with a wide range of exciting art materials and techniques, all guided by our experienced art teachers in a calm, supportive and creative environment.

When: Tuesdays 3:20pm – 4:30pm
Who: Reception – Year 2
Cost: £10 per session (book per term)
Now taking bookings: Sept/Oct



Spaces are limited and must be booked in advance

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Bristol Parent Carer Forum September booklet linked [here](#)

Henleaze Infant School **HENLEAZE JUNIOR SCHOOL** **Tours for September 2027**

Tuesday 29th September 9:30-10:15
 Tuesday 13th October 11:00-11:45
 Thursday 22nd October 9:30-10:15
 Tuesday 17th November 1:30-2:15
 Friday 4th December 11:00-11:45
 Thursday 7th January 1:30-2:15

We are also offering a Stay and Play session for families who are new to our school community on **Thursday 12th November 9:45-10:30**.

Tours and play session are by appointment only.
 Get in touch to book.

www.henleaze schools.org office@henleaze infantschool.org 0117 377 2442

School Tours for September 2027 starters
 This tour is for new Reception starters and are bookable via the school office



www.henleazeschools.org

Contact us at office@henleazejuniorschool.org or office@henleazeinfantschool.org Phone: 01173772442