



Henleaze Infant and Junior School Bulletin



2nd October 2026

Headteacher update:

Thank you for bearing with us as we grapple with various contingency plans in school. We have been grateful for your understanding around the necessity for us to pause any non-essential activities during this time. Most things in school are taking staff twice as long as we work without any connectivity, teachers in particular are having to work at home outside hours to make sure they can download and print resources and leadership and office staff have been reduced to working from less-than-reliable mobile data. Despite the challenge, pupils are still receiving the curriculum as intended- teachers are a creative and resourceful bunch!

The update today from the LA was that the impact of the security incident has been minimised and they aim to start rolling out alternative network connectivity over the next week. There has yet to be any assurances around when this might be. Our Trust, Amplify, are trying to support by providing wireless alternatives and looking into further contingencies, but due to the size and scope of need, this has limitations.

For next week, please assume that we need you to continue to email essential messages to the school offices and note the phone messages are not being received, so if you do not get a live response from a call, please email or ring back. We still can't call out from school phones, so we will call from personal phones with withheld numbers in an emergency.

In more positive news, School Council elections took place today, with both Infants and Juniors engaging in this democratic process following campaigns from class mates during the week. I also had a moment of joy as I walked through a weekly Year 4 Ukulele session seeing Mr Noakes (a keen musician himself) and Year 4 with smiles on their faces as they strummed together with the Bristol Plays Music specialist teacher.

Kind Regards,
Gemma Fricker



Important Messages

Please pass around class WhatsApp groups

No sweets as treats in school for birthdays-following our healthy eating policy and parent/carer voice we will not allow children to give out sweets/sweet treats after school. It makes it very difficult for us if parents/carers don't follow this rule as we then have to disappoint a child on their birthday.

Pokemon/football/trading cards are not permitted in school-Children have all sorts of difficulties managing trading cards and for some are valuable

Car Park near miss-Parents/Carers must not use the staff car park for Breakfast Club or After School Club for safety reason. A parent had to pull a toddler out of the way of another parent reversing in the carpark this week. This should not have happened as the carpark is not permitted for anyone other than staff, official visitors or those with a Blue Badge

Cyclists and Scooters to dismount at school gates:

Parents have voiced concerns as children have been cycling around playgrounds before and after school, sometimes doing laps of the infant playground very close to younger children, risking an accident. Children have been told that they are not to ride bikes past the gates, so please reinforce this message with your child.





Class of the Week:

Daisy Class for playing calmly and kindly together in the classroom and for their beautiful 5 Star Lines as they walk around the school.

6H for their consistent good manners and respectful behaviour.



We're really proud of Elea in Year 1 who has raised £106.28 for our school through her involvement participation in a triathlon in Birmingham.

New social media pages for HJS

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

Reception Parents: information about the statutory Reception Baseline Assessments taking place in school:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>



Coming up:

Both Schools:

Thurs 8th Oct Parent Information Evening: Curriculum and Behaviour

Friday 9th October-INSET (Schools Closed)

Infant School:

Friday 16th Oct Year 1 and 2 Phonics Learn-a-long 9:00-9:30

Junior School:

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

[Online planned absence request form](#)

Community spotlights



Halloween Disco



It's 2 weeks until the kids' spooktacular Halloween disco, on Friday 16-October. Entry is £3 on the door.

Year groups have different times:

6:00 - 7:00 pm Years 3 and 4

7:15 - 8:15 pm Years 5 and 6



This is a phone-free event

Volunteers on the night

We'll need your help on the night - links to sign-up will be shared in early October.

HENSA Christmas design project - for cards and gifts



Between 28-Sept and 12-Oct your child can submit a design to be printed on cards and gift items. Please read the attached letter with instructions for your child's design and support this great fundraiser for the school.

HENSA Christmas Bazaar



The volunteer committee urgently need extra volunteers - please [use this link to join the Christmas Bazaar planning group](#).



Bristol Parent Carer Forum January booklet linked [here](http://www.bristol-sen.org.uk)



Budding footballers ...Shine are on the look out!



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